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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - PSALTER WEEK 4 – 14TH SUNDAY 2021

ST JOSEPH'S			THE ANNUNCIATION	
Sun	9.00am	<i>Mass: People of parish</i>	11.00am	<i>Mass: People of parish</i>
Mon		No Mass		No Mass
Tue		No Mass		No Mass
Wed		No Mass		No Mass
Thurs		No Mass		No Mass
Fri		No Mass		No Mass
Sat		No Mass		No Mass

LECTIONARY

Sun	2Chr 36: 14-16, 19-23	Psalm 136: 1-6	Eph 2: 4-10	John 3: 14-21
Mon	Is 65: 17-21	Psalm 29: 2-6, 11-13		John 4: 43-54
Tues	Ez 47: 1-9, 12	Psalm 45: 2-9		John 5: 1-3, 5-16
Wed	Jer 1: 4-9	Psalm 144: 8-9, 13-14, 17-18		Luke 10: 1-12, 17-20
Thurs	Ex 32: 7-14	Psalm 105: 19-23		John 5: 31-47
Fri	2Sm 7: 4-5, 12-14, 16	Psalm 88: 2-5, 27, 29	Rom 4: 13, 16-18, 22	Matthew 1: 16, 18-21, 24
Sat	Jer 11: 18-20	Psalm 7: 2-3, 9-12		John 7: 40-52

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL AT ST JOSEPH'S

Mike Gibbons and Olga, Julie Wood, Elizabeth Carr, Mary Evans, Rosemary Mabud, Aine Anderson, Mary Scully, Maggie, Janet Strong

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED ABOUT THIS TIME

David Ross, Francis Cluskey, Mary Bedford, Hannah Ford, John Stuttle

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL AT THE ANNUNCIATION

Fr. Richard Finn O.P. and family, Rebekah Hollingshead, Brendon Conboy, Della Cox, Barry Norris, Cynthia Stevens, Peggy Chapman, Barry Taylor, John Presland, Tony Thompson, Georgina Mazzone, Frances Little, Christopher Notley, Trese Hulbert, Elizabeth Lillinton, Chris Jay, Penny Gear

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED ABOUT THIS TIME

Henry Wilberforce, Thomas Horrocks, Sr. Mary Rose Killing, Philip Bathurst, Albert Cook, Margaret May, Agnus Kerr, Hannah Ford, Elizabeth Embling, Mother Francis Elizabeth Barry, Agnes Ratcliffe, Elizabeth Kerr,

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

That we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

DIOCESAN PRAYER LINK

Easton: St Nicholas of Tolentine; Fishponds: St Joseph; Redfield, Bristol: St Patrick

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE: WE ARE CURRENTLY OPEN FOR MASS AT 9AM AT STONEHOUSE AND 11AM AT WOODCHESTER. OBLIGATION IS REMOVED AT PRESENT.

IN GENERAL

EASTER HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

Last year as you know we were unable to celebrate any of the Holy Week Liturgies but we are now able to have the opportunity in 2021 to do so. A number of our stewards have now received their Covid-19 vaccinations at both parishes (as well as Fr Bill and Deacon Bogdan) and so some work has taken place to see how we can accommodate the Holy Week Liturgies this year. I would like to let you know a few details so that you can make an informed choice about whether to attend the Holy Week Triduum. Our guidelines have been: The Diocesan requirements for minimising the Covid-19 risks during public worship, the Liturgical requirements as detailed in the Roman Missal, and ensuring that any changes to the Liturgy work in practice. There will be no Altar Servers, Readers, Ministers and no singing.

Palm Sunday – Approx 50 mins; 9am at Stonehouse and 11am at Woodchester. No outside procession, no blessing of palms, Mass will start in church, a shortened Passion reading by Fr Bill and Deacon Bogdan.

Maundy Thursday – Approx 50 mins; 7.30pm at Woodchester. No washing of Feet, no procession for the transfer of the Blessed Sacrament to the Sacristy. No Watching until Midnight.

Good Friday – Approx 45 mins; 3pm at Woodchester (Father Bill will be Celebrant) and 3pm at Stonehouse (Deacon Bogdan will be Celebrant). A shortened Passion reading by Fr Bill and Deacon Bogdan. The Cross will be uncovered from the Sanctuary, the Cross will be held aloft for people to venerate from their seats – no kissing the wood.

Easter Vigil – Approx 1 hour; 8pm at Woodchester. No Easter Fire, no tapers for the congregation, Mass will start in church. Candle will be blessed at back of church, followed by procession to Sanctuary by Fr Bill and Deacon Bogdan.

“Christ our Light” and its response “Thanks be to God” to be said not sung. A shortened Exultet to be said not sung. The seven readings will be reduced to the bare minimum number to be read by Deacon Bogdan. Blessing of water will take place in the Sanctuary. Water may be sprinkled from the Sanctuary steps only, no walking around church. Normal mass after this point.

Easter Sunday – Approx 40 mins; 9am at Stonehouse and 11am at Woodchester. A normal mass with: Blessing of water will take place in the Sanctuary. Water may be sprinkled from the Sanctuary steps only, no walking around church.

Stewards will be on duty with the required temperature checks, hand gel, social distancing, and church doors still need to be open for ventilation so warm coats are strongly advised. To gauge interest we once again ask that if you feel you would be attending, then please could you ring the presbytery on 01453 822121 and leave a message indicating which mass and how many will be attending (no more than 6 persons in a social or family group). You may also email in to either: Stonehouse –

stonehouse.stjosephs@cliftondiocese.com or Woodchester - woodchester.theannunciation@cliftondiocese.com

I must remind you that this won't be a booking system so it will be first come – first served seating wise. The clocks will

have changed at the end of March so the evenings should be lighter and hopefully warmer too.

COUNTDOWN TO COP26 FOR CARE OF CREATION

Fourth week of Lent

Trust in providence; Luke 16-24

This passage begins with the man who had such a good crop he planned to build new barns to store and ends with the 'lilies of the field' in the Matthew version. This might be seen as a criticism of the culture that demands infinite growth in a finite planet. As David Attenborough said, the person who believes this is possible is either mad or an economist! Modern technology has, as the Pope says in *Laudato Si*, brought so many benefits and so much beauty, but has also led to our using up the resources of the planet quicker than they can be replenished. If that is where our treasure is, the planet will soon be exhausted, whereas if we live more like the lilies of the field in harmony with our surroundings and not depleting them, we will appreciate the riches, variety, and beauty of creation...Change really is possible. This is the year we need to make major change at COP26.

ST JOSEPH'S

REQUIEM FOR THERESA BEALES

We are saddened to learn that Theresa died on Friday 26th Feb. We offer her family and friends our heartfelt condolences. Her Requiem takes place at St. Joseph's on Wednesday, 24th March at 2.45pm followed by committal at Westerleigh Crematorium at 4.15pm. After a long life of nursing service and latterly of commitment to our church and local community, may she be richly rewarded and come to rest in peace in the arms of her risen Lord Jesus.

SPRING IS IN THE AIR

We may be struggling to live normal lives at the moment, but Mother Nature likes to remind us that the natural world carries on regardless. Last week we noticed and heard that our resident frogs had awoken from their winter sleep at the bottom of the pond. On Friday there appeared overnight clumps of frogspawn which you can see in the picture. Our nine resident frogs have been busy.



CAFOD BIG WALK FOR WATER

CAFOD are suggesting that we might want to 'Walk for Water' during Lent, turning a daily walk into something positive. Could we walk 10000 steps either on one day or everyday this Lent? The walk could be a sign of our solidarity with all those who do not have access to a safe water source and who have to walk for water each day. My wife Helene is taking part in this Challenge and walking 10 000 steps every day during Lent. She would welcome anyone who is willing to sponsor her at: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/helenemcd-in-stonehouse>.

- Richard McDermott

Item for the Bulletin? You can send items for the bulletin (by the Wednesday) to stonehouse.stjoseph@cliftondiocese.com or post them through the presbytery letterbox. For The Annunciation, email: woodchester.theannunciation@cliftondiocese.com or post in the church letterbox (by front gate) or leave a message on 01453 822121. Any financial matters for Stonehouse, please email admin.stonehouse.stjoseph@cliftondiocese.com. Any health and safety matters for Stonehouse, please email HS.stonehouse.stjoseph@cliftondiocese.com