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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - PSALTER WEEK 1 - 21ST MARCH 2021

ST JOSEPH'S			THE ANNUNCIATION	
Sun	9.00am	Mass: <i>People of parish</i>	11.00am	Mass: <i>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	Jer 31: 31-34	Psalm 50: 3-4, 12-15	Heb 5: 7-9	John 12: 20-30
Mon	Dn 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62	Psalm 22		John 8: 1-11
Tues	Nm 21: 4-9	Psalm 101: 2-3, 16-21		John 8: 21-30
Wed	Dn 3: 14-20, 24-25, 28	Dn 3: 14-20, 91-92, 95		John 8: 31-42
Thurs	Is 7: 10-14, 8: 10	Psalm 39: 7-11	Heb 10: 4-10	Luke 1: 26-38
Fri	Jer 20: 10-13	Psalm 17: 2-7		John 10: 31-42
Sat	Ez 37: 21-28	Jer 31: 10-13		John 11: 45-56

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL AT ST JOSEPH'S

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

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED ABOUT THIS TIME

Francesca Talbot, Sr. Teresa Agnes Pash, Jacob White, Ian McIver, Walter Holmes, Robert Wilson, Constance Niblett, Marguerite Breach, Patrick McKee, Hilda Hook, Sally Roberts, Julia Bowring, Michael Cowley

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, Agnes Hutchinson

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

Filton: St Teresa of the Child Jesus; Southmead, Bristol: St Vincent de Paul

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.

NATIONAL DAY OF REFLECTION

Evening Mass on Tuesday 23rd March at St Joseph's. The Presidency of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has written: “We welcome the designation of Tuesday 23rd

March as a National Day of Reflection to mark the anniversary of the first national lockdown with a minute's silence at midday and doorstep vigils of light at 8pm. In response, we are encouraged to reflect and pray on the year of the pandemic. (There are people who have suffered, people who have died, families who have been affected both directly and indirectly, and there are the people in the caring professions – notably the NHS, for whom we want to pray). It has been suggested that we have the churches open that day but we have the requirements for stewarding and cleaning etc, so I have decided to have an evening Mass (at the time as the Vigil of Light) at 8.00pm on 23rd March at St. Joseph's.

LGBT+ MASS CELEBRATION

Our next monthly celebration of the Eucharist for the LGBT+ community, family, friends and allies will take place at St Nick's at 3pm on Sunday 21 March. All are welcome.

MILLION MINUTES – 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF SILENCE

The world has changed this year – and we know that Generation Z will be some of the worst-affected by the impact of Covid-19. Their education, employment and future prospects are all suffering. Their future hopes are being crushed. Yet young people's voices are not being heard.

They are not in the rooms where choices about the future are made. As a Church we can stand together and look to the future with hope and include all our voices. We can support young people to be prophets of hope and restore our world. This Lent, to mark ten years of Million Minutes, we are creating 1,000,000 minutes of silence:

- a deafening 'noise' as an act of solidarity with young people
- reflecting on and praying for young people
- raising money to help young people be the change they want to see in our world

A 'Million Minutes of Silence' is a simple idea - each minute is sponsored to raise money for social action projects supporting young people. Throughout Lent schools, parishes, and individuals will help clock up a million minutes! We want this year to be the biggest year yet, to show our collective support for young people, and to raise at least a million pennies (which is £10,000!) to help young people restore our world. Explore our website and resources at: millionminutes.org/silent.

ST JOSEPH'S

ROSEMARY MABUD

We have discovered that Rosemary has died. She spent the latter part of her life at the Cotswold Care Home on the Ebley Road. We are very grateful for the regular visits that Tony Ryan made to bring her communion. After quite a testing time in her latter years, may she rest in peace.

REQUIEM FOR THERESA BEALES

For Theresa's Requiem on Thursday 24th at 2.45pm, the family will require 19 places (some are bubbles, so they will be able to be seated together in their bubbles).

The maximum permitted for a funeral is 30 (excluding priest and those assisting), which means that there are some 11 places available for parishioners. If you would like to come, please phone the presbytery and let us know. It is not a 'booking system' per se, but it enables us to let you know when we reach capacity. I write this, not to make you hesitant to come, but to pre-warn you. Please don't 'give up your place in case there is someone else,'

- Fr Bill

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