

# ST JOSEPH'S, STONEHOUSE & THE ANNUNCIATION, WOODCHESTER

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### PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - PSALTER WEEK 2 – 28<sup>TH</sup> 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                           | 7.30pm           | The Sacred Paschal Triduum, Holy (Maundy) Thursday |
| Fri         | 3.00pm | Friday of the Passion of the Lord | 3.00pm           | Friday of the Passion of the Lord                  |
| Sat         |        | No Mass                           | 8.00pm           | Holy Saturday                                      |

### LECTIONARY

|       |                   |                                  |                 |                   |                      |                           |              |
|-------|-------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| Sun   | Is 50: 4-7        | Psalm 21: 8-9, 17-24             |                 |                   | Phil 2: 6-11         | Mark 14: 1-15: 47         |              |
| Mon   | Is 42: 1-7        | Psalm 26: 1-3, 13-14             |                 |                   |                      | John 12:1-11              |              |
| Tues  | Is 49: 1-6        | Psalm 70: 1-6, 15, 17            |                 |                   |                      | John 13: 21-33, 36-38     |              |
| Wed   | Is 50: 4-9        | Psalm 68: 8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34 |                 |                   |                      | Matthew 26: 14-25         |              |
| Thurs | Ex 12: 1-8, 11-14 | Psalm 115: 12-18                 |                 |                   | 1Cor 11: 23-26       | John 13: 1-15             |              |
| Fri   | Is 52: 13- 53: 12 | Psalm 30: 2, 6, 12-17, 25        |                 |                   | Heb 4: 14-16, 5: 7-9 | John 18: 1-19: 42         |              |
| Sat   | Gen 1: 1-2: 2-2   | Ps 103                           | Ex 14: 15- 15:1 | Ex 15: 1-6, 17-18 | Rom 6: 3-11          | Ps 117: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23 | Mark 16: 1-7 |

#### 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

Anthony Camilleri, Michael Kane, Helen Rice, Jimmy O'Grady, John Abela, Patricia Davies, Vida Dykes, Abigail Keenan

#### 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

V. Barrough Tristram, Sr. Mary Joseph O'Connor, Bill Milne, Ethel Hemming, James Jordan, Sr. Mary Elizabeth Webster, Jack O'Hara, Bernard Carroll, Catherine Waite, Wilfred Beckwith, David Lucarotti, Maida Harris, Renata Jezewska

#### 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

*Knowle: St Gerard Majella; Knowle West, Bristol: Christ the King*

**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.stjoseph@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:stonehouse.stjoseph@cliftondiocese.com) or Woodchester – [woodchester.theannunciation@cliftondiocese.com](mailto: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.

### CLIFTON DIOCESE TRUSTEES

The Diocese is currently looking for an individual to join the Board of the Trustees and to chair the new Safeguarding sub-committee. In order to enhance the skills of the Board, the suitable person should have a strong understanding of

safeguarding and ideally have experience as a leader in a safeguarding role. The individual should also have experience in finance and financial management, or in charity governance, or in commercial leadership in order to support the full activities of the main Board. The commitment is to one 3 hour meeting per month on a Wednesday from 9.30 am in Bristol along with other work on the Safeguarding sub-committee, and preparation for meetings. It is usual for a Trustee to give somewhere in the region of 6 hours per month plus travelling time. If you would like to be considered for this position, please send your details to the Bishop's Private Secretary, St Ambrose, North Rd, Leigh Woods, Bristol BS8 3PW by 16<sup>th</sup> April.

### BISHOP DECLAN: DON'T FORGET HOLY LAND AND MIDDLE EAST CHRISTIANS OVER EASTER

Ahead of Holy Week, Bishop Declan Lang, chair of the Bishops' International Affairs department, has issued a reminder that the Christians living in the lands of Christ should be held in prayer. Starved of pilgrim visitors to the Holy sites, and facing the daily realities of conflict and occupation, the Christians, as Pope Francis puts it, are suffering “the economic inequalities and regional tensions that threaten the stability of these lands.” Bishop Declan is asking Christians to reaffirm their commitment to justice and peace in Middle East.

### MILLION MINUTES – 10<sup>TH</sup> 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](http://millionminutes.org/silent).

## ST JOSEPH'S

### PSALMS: INTRODUCING MORE THAN PILATES – A PILATES CLASS COMBINED WITH A BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> April and 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> May from 9:15-10:30am on Zoom. Open to all ages and abilities with no cost. Take some time for your body, mind and spirit and get to know some new people! To book your place and to access the zoom link please email Emily: [emily.twigg@psalms.uk.net](mailto:emily.twigg@psalms.uk.net). If there is demand and in line with government restrictions easing, there is potential for this class to move in person after these 4 weeks.

*Item for the Bulletin? You can send items for the bulletin (by the Wednesday) to [stonehouse.stjoseph@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:stonehouse.stjoseph@cliftondiocese.com) or post them through the presbytery letterbox. For The Annunciation, email: [woodchester.theannunciation@cliftondiocese.com](mailto: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](mailto:admin.stonehouse.stjoseph@cliftondiocese.com). Any health and safety matters for Stonehouse, please email [HS.stonehouse.stjoseph@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:HS.stonehouse.stjoseph@cliftondiocese.com)*