

ST JOSEPH'S, STONEHOUSE & THE ANNUNCIATION, WOODCHESTER

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – PSALTER WEEK 1 – 2ND MAY 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	Acts 9: 26-31	Psalm 21: 26-32	1Jn 3: 18-24	John 15: 1-8
Mon	1Cor 15: 1-8	Psalm 18: 2-5		John 14: 6-14
Tues	Acts 7: 55-60	Psalm 144: 10-13, 21		Matthew 10: 17-20
Wed	Acts 15: 1-6	Psalm 121: 1-5		John 15: 1-8
Thurs	Acts 15: 7-21	Psalm 95: 1-3, 10		John 15: 9-11
Fri	Acts 15: 22-31	Psalm 56: 8-12		John 15: 12-17
Sat	Acts 16: 1-10	Psalm 99: 1-5		John 15: 18-21

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, Cecelia Boyle

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED ABOUT THIS TIME

James McDonnell, Samuel Mason, Brendan Boyd, Sylvia Powell, Brian Breslin

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, Steve Chandler

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED ABOUT THIS TIME

Stanley Emery, Mary Morgan, George Heslop, James McLean, Mavis Coupe, George Kelly, Raffaello Amati, Sr. Francis Agnes Mary Hoey, Christopher Riddiford, Maria Horn, Sr. Mary Josephine Howe, Elizabeth Hill, Leonor Rawlinson, Kathleen Vale, Valerie Gamble

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY

That those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

DIOCESAN PRAYER LINK

Chard with Crewkerne and Ilminster: English Martyrs

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

————— **IN GENERAL** —————

DAY OF PRAYER FOR SURVIVORS OF ABUSE

The Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors (PCPM) has highlighted the importance of prayer and suggested to Pope Francis that the worldwide Catholic Church should join together in a day of prayer. The Holy Father has welcomed this initiative. From 2021, in response to a request from the Let's Be Honest working group, the Bishops have chosen Tuesday of the 5th Week of Easter as the Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse — 4 May 2021. There were two connected reasons for moving the Day of Prayer from Lent to Easter: this is not a penitential day for the failure of the Church and others to respond to the scourge of abuse but a day of prayer for those who have been abused in a season of hope and new life. This year's resources can be found on the Bishops' Conference website:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-of-prayer-abuse-survivors-2021/>

BISHOPS ENCOURAGE CATHOLICS TO PLACE SUNDAY MASS AT THE HEART OF THEIR POST-PANDEMIC LIVES

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have issued a reflection on post-pandemic recovery and the challenges faced by the Church in encouraging people back to the Church and her Sacraments. The Bishops met for their Spring plenary meeting from 19 – 22 April 2021. In a reflection titled The Day of the Lord, the Bishops also praise families, parish communities and those who have worked tirelessly in hospitals, care homes, schools and prisons during these challenging times of ill-health, grief and isolation.

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COVID 19 – A VERY CHALLENGING TIME FOR MANY MARRIAGES

So much uncertainty around, health, income, employment, vulnerable family members, children, housing. Different ways of seeing things, coping with change, managing fears can be a source of conflict and stress. It can be difficult to talk, to listen to support and comfort when there is so much uncertainty. Being

together all the time, brings different challenges. You wonder would we be better apart? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples, it brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriageand you don't need to leave home, it comes to you!

For confidential information about Retrouvaille', or to register for the next programme, a Virtual weekend commencing on 1st -4th July 2021 Call or text +44788 729 6983 or +44 797 338 0443. Email: retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com – or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

FEAST OF SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES – MAY 3RD

Philip, an apostle, was an early follower of Jesus and persuaded Nathaniel (probably Bartholomew) to follow Jesus too. When the Greeks wanted to meet Jesus they approached Philip first. James, son of Alphaeus, is sometimes identified with the James whose mother stood by Jesus on the cross. Also, he is often called the first bishop of Jerusalem and identified with the author of the Epistle of St James; otherwise nothing is known with certainty about him.

FEAST OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS – MAY 4TH

The 40 canonised martyrs (previous feast on 25th October) have joined the 85 beatified martyrs for this Feast, along with other martyrs from the 16th and 17th centuries. These are now known as 'The English Martyrs'. It was on 4th May 1535 that three Carthusian monks were put to death at Tyburn, the first of many martyrs. Of these martyrs, 42 have been canonized and further 242 declared blessed, but the number of those who died on the scaffold, perished in prison, or suffered harsh persecution for their faith in the course of a century and half cannot now be reckoned. They came from every walk of life; there were among them rich and poor, married and single, women and men. They are remembered for the example they gave of constancy in their faith, and courage in the face of persecution.

————— **THE ANNUNCIATION** —————

JO HEFFERNAN REQUIEM MASS

Following Jo's passing last year during lockdown, her Requiem Mass will take place at 11.00am on Saturday, 22nd May.

CHRISTIAN AID SPONSORED WALK

Saturday May 15th, leaving Christ Church in Tetbury at 11am, arriving back in Nailsworth approx. 2.30pm, with a stop for a picnic at Ledgemoor Bottom. (bus 69 to Tetbury leaves Nailsworth at 10.30) Details from Stuart Radford revstuartradford@yahoo.co.uk. Representatives from our church would be very welcome.

- Angela Middleditch

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