

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

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### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – PSALTER WEEK 2 – 9<sup>TH</sup> 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         | 7.00pm | Vigil of the Ascension of our Lord |                  | No Mass                            |
| Thurs       |        | No Mass                            | 11.00am          | Feast of the Ascension of our Lord |
| Fri         |        | No Mass                            |                  | No Mass                            |
| Sat         |        | No Mass                            |                  | No Mass                            |

### LECTIONARY

|       |                              |                       |              |                     |
|-------|------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Sun   | Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48 | Psalm 97: 1-4         | 1Jn 4: 7-10  | John 15: 9-17       |
| Mon   | Acts 16: 11-15               | Psalm 149: 1-6, 9     |              | John 15: 26 – 16: 4 |
| Tues  | Acts 16: 22-34               | Psalm 137: 1-3, 7-8   |              | John 16: 5-11       |
| Wed   | Acts 17: 15, 22- 18: 1       | Psalm 148: 1-2, 11-14 |              | John 16: 12-15      |
| Thurs | Acts 1: 1-11                 | Psalm 46: 2-9         | Eph 1: 17-23 | Mark 16: 15-20      |
| Fri   | Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26         | Psalm 112: 1-8        |              | John 15: 9-17       |
| Sat   | Acts 18: 23-285              | Psalm 46: 2-3, 8-10   |              | John 16: 23-28      |

#### 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

Margaret Tipping, Valerie Gamble, William Kelly, Jadwiga Tylko, David Simmonds, Adeline Mounteney, Patrick Kane

#### 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

Percy Sheldon, Winifred Brookes, Frederick Chown, Margaret Hargreaves, Valerie Gamble, Florence Phillips, John Gwilliam, Maximilian Nieslony

#### 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

*Glastonbury: Our Lady, St Mary of Glastonbury; Shepton Mallet: St Michael; Cheddar: Our Lady Queen of the Apostles; Wells: St Joseph and St Teresa*

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

————— **IN GENERAL** —————

**FEAST OF THE ASCENSION**

Bishop Declan invites us all to participate in praying a Novena to the Holy Spirit beginning this week on Thursday 13 May (Feast of the Ascension). Each of the nine days will focus on a different fruit of the Spirit. You can access the prayer resource for the Novena on the diocesan website: <https://cliftondiocese.com/novena> We hope as many people will join us in praying the Novena as we continue to 'Dare to Dream' and invite the Holy Spirit to bless our diocese as we move forward.

**CORONAVIRUS – CAFOD INITIATIVE FOR INDIA**

As coronavirus brings devastation across India, CAFOD is working with experienced local Church agency, Caritas India, to provide vital support to poor and marginalised communities. Donations to CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal will help Caritas India distribute PPE kits to frontline health workers, promote COVID & vaccine awareness campaigns, and set up safely run isolation & quarantine centres. You can donate online at <http://www.cafod.org.uk/give>. Please keep praying for the people of India and all those affected by the pandemic.

**SCAM!**

If you receive an email from Father Bill asking you to contact him urgently over something important he needs you to do, then please delete this. The scammers are after your money!

**CATHOLIC UNIVERSE**

If you are unable to collect your paper at Mass you can now get it delivered direct to your home every week post free. Just go to [www.thecatholicuniverse.com](http://www.thecatholicuniverse.com) or call us on 0161 820 5722 and we will arrange delivery for you. Special offer 3 months - £25.00, special offer 12 months - £99.00, digital copy - £55.00 or digital copy and hard copy for £115.00. All papers are Covid safe and packed in a sterile component.

————— **THE ANNUNCIATION** —————

**CHURCH CLEANING**

Now that the church is being used again we have resumed our weekly church cleaning rota. We rely on each pair of volunteers to take a turn once a month, taking about 1 - 2 hours each time. We need another pair of people to be able to take over the first week of each month, or to be reserves for when the regular volunteers are away. If you can spare some time (maybe recently retired) please give me a call on 01453 832911.

- Angela Middleditch

**JO HEFFERNAN REQUIEM MASS**

Following Jo's passing last year during lockdown, her

Requiem Mass will take place at 11.00am on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

**CHRISTIAN AID SPONSORED WALK**

Saturday May 15<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:revstuartradford@yahoo.co.uk). Representatives from our church would be very welcome.

- Angela Middleditch

————— **ST JOSEPH'S** —————

**STEWARDED UPDATE**

We have had an increase in the number of parishioners attending Sunday Mass recently, and for the last couple of weeks we have, to all intents and purposes, reached our accommodation limit for the church. In the normal course of events we would have to turn people away once our limit is reached, but you may remember that at Christmas we set up extra seating in the hall, with the Mass being broadcast onto a large screen. From this Sunday, if numbers continue as they are (and we hope they do), you might be asked to take a seat in the hall once we reach our limit in the main body of the church. Deacon Bogdan will bring Communion to those in the hall and a steward will be present during the Mass. The seating arrangement in the hall is limited to 15 persons and single seats are socially distanced, unfortunately we are unable to seat families together. If you really feel a need to sit in church then all we can say is to come early, but please remember all seats are on a first come-first served basis. Please also bear with us while we get used to this new way of working. Many thanks.

- Andrew, Mike, Tim, Pete, Shirley, Tony and Oliver (a new recruit).

**GARDENING MEMORIAL FOR VI BURRAGE**

Dear Vi passed away on the 6th December 2020. Many of you know that she tended a small piece of ground just to the right of the church entrance, keeping it well maintained throughout the year. I noticed on Sunday that two rose bushes had been planted as a memorial, both by her daughter I think. One is called "Remember Me". Perhaps I am not very observant and they have been there awhile.... Have a look next time you are at church.

- Andrew Gibbons



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