

ST JOSEPH'S, STONEHOUSE & THE ANNUNCIATION, WOODCHESTER

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – PSALTER WEEK 3 – 16TH 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	11.00am	Requiem Mass for Jo Heffernan

LECTIONARY

Sun	Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26	Psalm 102: 1-2, 11-12, 19-20	1Jn 4: 11-16	Jn 17: 11-19
Mon	Acts 19: 1-8	Psalm 67: 2-7		John 16: 29-33
Tues	Acts 20: 17-27	Psalm 67: 10-11, 20-21		John 17: 1-11
Wed	Acts 20:28-38	Psalm 67: 29-30, 33-36		John 17: 11-19
Thurs	Acts 22:30, 23: 6-11	Psalm 15: 1-2, 5, 7-11		John 17: 20-26
Fri	Acts 25: 13-21	Psalm 102: 1-2, 11-12, 19-20		John 21: 15-19
Sat	Acts 28: 16-20, 30-31	Psalm 10: 4-5, 7		John 21: 20-25

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

Cecelia Boyle, John Kimpton, Mervyn Ind, John McGuire, Paulett Lloyd-Graeme, Rosa Camilleri, Lucy Haywood, Yvonne Kelly

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

Norma Kentish, Mary Wilks, Francis Law, Leonard Lickorish, Sr. Mary Margaret McClean, Mildred Ricketts, William Willis, Ruth Watts, John Woolaghan, Kay Johnson, Gilbert Quick

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

Cheltenham: St Gregory the Great/St Thomas More

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

————— **IN GENERAL** —————

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY – 16TH MAY 2021

The theme for the 2021 World Day of Social Communications, chosen by Pope Francis, echoes the words of Apostle Philip, recognising that authentic communication leads to “encountering people as and where they are”. Taken from the Bible, John 1: 46 “Come and See” are central to the Gospel. Before the Gospel is proclaimed, prior to words, there are looks, testimonies, experiences, encounters and closeness. In a word – life.” Pope Francis provides the subtitle: “Communicating, encountering people as and where they are”.

BISHOP DECLAN ASSURES ISRAELI AMBASSADOR OF PRAYERS AFTER LAG BA'OMER DEATHS

Bishop Declan Lang, on behalf of the International Affairs Department of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, has written to the Israeli Ambassador offering condolences in the aftermath of the tragic incident at the Lag Ba'Omer religious festival. More than 45 people were killed and over 150 injured after a stampede at the commemorations at the Mount Meron tomb of 2nd-century sage Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai. Lag Ba'Omer is an annual Jewish festival that takes place during the Hebrew month of Iyar. Bishop Lang assured the Ambassador that the people of Israel are in his prayers, and those of Catholics in England and Wales, as Israel faces this sorrowful time.

LAUDATO SI WEEK

This week is designated 'Laudato Si week', with global on-line events leading up to the 6th anniversary of the encyclical on Care for Our Common Home. Pope Francis invites us to 'Prepare for the future', as well as celebrating the progress the Church has made on our journey to ecological conversion, and reflecting on what we have learned from the COVID-19 pandemic. To learn more about the planned events go to www.laudatosiweek.org
- Rosemary Richardson

FUNDRAISER FOR PAX CHRISTI

In the week from 15 to 21 May, Pax Christi, the Catholic Peace organisation, will be trying to raise funds to make up for lost income due to Covid19. Fausta is having a dance-a-thon, Bruce is delivering a peace message to foreign embassies in London, Matt is cycling 50 miles visiting peace sites, Pat is going on a walk from Victoria to the Peace Pagoda in Battersea Park, Rachel will be cycling for 75 miles, to celebrate Pax Christi's 75th anniversary. More fundraisers are joining the fun. Please go to their website www.paxchristi.org.uk/register-you-

[interest/](#) for details on how you can sponsor them.

STROUD FOODBANK UPDATE

Our work at the Foodbank very much continues as we respond to the needs presented in the community. So even if we may not be highly visible now that we have closed drop-ins, we are working across the Stroud District to bring help in crisis through food, household cleaning items, toiletries and fuel vouchers. You may have read the recent news items from the Trussell Trust about record demands for food parcels over the past year (March 2020-21) across the country. These figures only show part of scale of need, with so many other local and independent food offerings helping to feed people as well. Thankfully despite a very busy March-January, we are now back to pre-pandemic demand. However, this comes with a lot more support available in our communities, but also probably lots of hidden need that is yet to surface. Over the past year, many more of our voucher partners (doctors surgeries, schools, health visitors, advice services, charities etc) are now able to issue an electronic voucher rather than a paper red voucher. This means we receive the information directly to our office and can contact the person needing help within hours, and have a food parcel arranged usually that day. In the past it may be several days between receiving a paper voucher and attending a foodbank session, and people would often have to travel a fair distance to find a session open at a convenient time. It is likely that we have a warehouse move to undertake this summer. This is exciting as we look to provide a secure base for the Foodbank from which to support those whose lives are feeling precarious. And in good time to prepare for the Autumn Winter when we are at our busiest.

————— **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, 22nd May. We have had confirmation from the Diocese that as of 17th May, government guidance will no longer cap funeral attendees at 30; it will now depend on the social distancing capacity of the Church – which for The Annunciation currently stands at 50. All are welcome.

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