

ST JOSEPH'S, STONEHOUSE & THE ANNUNCIATION, WOODCHESTER

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SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST SUNDAY – PSALTER WEEK 4 – 23RD MAY 2021

ST JOSEPH'S			THE ANNUNCIATION	
Sun	9.00am	<i>Mass: People of parish</i>	11.00am	<i>Mass: 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 2: 1-11	Psalm 103: 1, 24, 29-31, 34	1Cor 12: 3-7, 12-13	John 20: 19-23
Mon	Gn 3: 9-15, 20	Psalm 86: 1-2, 3, 5-7		John 19: 25-27
Tues	Ecclus 35: 1-12	Psalm 49: 5-8, 14, 23		Mark 10: 28-31
Wed	Ecclus 36: 1, 4-5, 10-17	Psalm 78: 8-13		Mark 10: 32-45
Thurs	Jer 31: 31-34	Psalm 109: 1-3		Mark 14: 22-25
Fri	Ecclus 44: 1, 9-13	Psalm 149: 1-6, 9		Mark 11: 11-26
Sat	Ecclus 51: 12-20	Psalm 18: 8-11		Mark 11: 27-33

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

Bernard Holden, Kathleen Murrell, Bernard O'Dowd, Doreen Smalley, Thomas Bermingham, Kate Dinning

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

Maria Gauci, Fr. Michael Jones-Frank, Michael Bienek, Gilbert Heffernan, Robert Shill, Catherine Kenna, Daisy Coles, Gertrude Swoboda, Sr. Mary Pascal Broadway, Doris Allen, Sr. Francis Anthony O'Leary

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

Charlton Kings: Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary

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

preparations for it. So many of you have had a part in getting everything ready and 'ship-shape.' The spirit of the Priory lives on under the influence of The Holy Spirit. Thanks, and a Pentecost blessing to you all.

- Fr Bill.

————— **IN GENERAL** —————

HEALTHY PLANET, HEALTHY PEOPLE

The Bishops' Conference Pastoral letter for this Pentecost refers to a time of remarkable challenge and opportunity, referring to G7 and COP26 and poses the question 'Are we really demonstrating love, care and respect for our common home?' 2021 is a very significant year, not just because we are gradually emerging in UK from the pandemic, but because of some very important international meetings which could determine the future of our planet and its inhabitants. There is the G7 summit in June and COP26 on the climate crisis in November, both of which are held in the UK; also, China will be hosting international negotiations on protecting biodiversity. Now is our opportunity to join with voices from Catholics (and others of faith) around the planet asking the leaders of these global gatherings to urgently align national and global commitments with limiting warming to 1.5°C at most. Alongside this we are asking that the wonderful diversity of creatures living in our common home be protected. Please sign the Healthy Planet, Healthy People petition at Home - (thecatholicpetition.org) and ask family and friends to join with you.

PRAY FOR RACIAL JUSTICE – 25TH MAY, 12PM

To mark the anniversary of the killing of George Floyd, churches are invited to come together for the #CandleOfJustice prayer initiative, taking place on Tuesday, 25th May at noon. This is a moment for individuals and churches to light a candle, pray for racial justice and commit to taking action. Bishop Declan is asking all parishioners to join in where possible.

————— **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

It has been a joy to have been part of the celebration on Saturday for Jo, and the remembrance of her. I have found it a privilege to have had the role of celebrant at her Mass, and to have shared with you all the wonderful enthusiasm that has surrounded the

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STEWARDS AT ST JOSEPH'S – AN UPDATE

A couple of weeks ago we advised that because we had started to reach our capacity in the church we would have to start asking mass attendees to sit in the hall, where mass is live streamed onto a large screen. After we made this announcement in the bulletin mass numbers mysteriously dropped quite a lot for 2 weeks (back down to mid-thirties) we wondered if some of you had been put off by the idea. However, last Sunday we were back up to 43 attendees. Thank you to those who have accepted the steward's invitation to sit in the hall. We thought that partially filling the hall before the church was full would allow us a little flexibility in seating any families that tend to arrive at the last minute, as we cannot sit families close together in the hall. Over the last year we have been very grateful for everyone's understanding and we thank you for helping the stewards as they perform their role each week. Hopefully we only have a few more weeks of this before we can get back to some normality.

- Andrew, Mike, Tim, Pete, Tony, Shirley and Oliver

NEW SACRISTAN

Some of you will know that Bernard, at the age of 93 has decided to wind down his activities in the church. He retired from the ground's maintenance team recently, and now feels that his role as sacristan needs to be passed on to a younger person. You may not however be aware that Bernard was first asked to be sacristan when mass was said in the Wycliffe College rooms in Regent Street in the 1950's and 60's when our mass centre was served by The Immaculate Conception in Stroud, and he continued in the role when our church was opened in 1966. Arthur Richardson fulfilled the role from about 1973 to about 1980. Mary Evans was also our sacristan for many years from when Fr George was here and did a wonderful job keeping everything well looked after, and when she stepped down, Bernard once again took on the position. A sacristan assists the clergy in preparing the church for mass during the week and also on Sundays, ensuring that everything is prepared and maintained according to the Rubrics. Their work is mostly done before many parishioners arrive at church so you probably never see the effort that goes into preparing the church for mass. Father Bill has now appointed Penny Sweet as our new parish sacristan and we wish her every success as she takes on this vital role.

- Andrew Gibbons

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