

ST JOSEPH'S, STONEHOUSE & THE ANNUNCIATION, WOODCHESTER

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – PSALTER WEEK 1 – 25TH JULY 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	2Kgs 4: 42-44	Psalms 144: 10-11, 15-18	Eph 4: 1-6	Jn 6: 1-15
Mon	Ex 32: 15-24, 30-34	Psalms 105: 19-23		Matthew 13: 31-35
Tues	Ex 33: 7-11, 34: 5-9, 28	Psalms 102: 6-13		Matthew 13: 36-43
Wed	Ex 34: 29-35	Psalms 98: 5-9		Matthew 13: 44-46
Thurs	Ex 40: 16-21, 34-38	Psalms 83: 3-6, 8, 11		John 11: 19-27
Fri	Lv 23: 1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34-37	Psalms 80: 3-6, 10-11		Matthew 13: 54-58
Sat	Lv 25: 1, 8-17	Psalms 66: 2-8		Matthew 14: 1-12

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

Alice Harrison, Florence Williams, Margaret Henderson, Teresa Cushion, Jane McCarthy, Anthony Rush, Dorothy Briggs

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, Roy Ford, Anne Chandler

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED ABOUT THIS TIME

Gerald Horn, Sr. M. Elizabeth Young, Sr. Mary Paul Gentle, William Dickinson, Abra Hope

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY

That, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

DIOCESAN PRAYER LINK

Dursley: St Dominic; Nympsfield: St Joseph

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

IN GENERAL

LATEST COVID GUIDANCE

Now we have the latest guidance regarding how we will proceed after last Monday 19th. There is little that affects us directly (for instance, we have unrestricted numbers for Weddings and Baptisms and Funerals now). The new guidelines suggest that we might decide to dispense with masks, but it leaves that decision to the parishes.

- We will continue with masks, though not taking it as obligatory.
- Altar servers are now allowed, so we would encourage any who might venture to come.
- Singing can be re-instated, but we will not be taking that route just yet (how do you sing with a mask on?)
- We have decided to keep the social distancing arrangement for seating as we have it now, and the stewards have kindly offered to keep going as they have been: ensuring that people are directed to their places and that they approach for communion safely.
- We will continue to keep a record of attendees at Mass.

We thought this to be a stage in a cautious approach to removing restrictions, given that the number of infections in our area is on the increase. We will review in August. We want to assure you that we are being as vigilant as practical in order to avoid the chances of transmission, and that you need not feel unduly concerned about attending Sunday Mass. I hope that puts to rest some of your worries. *Plus ça change!*
- Fr Bill

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY – 25th JULY

Following the Angelus on Sunday, Pope Francis announced the institution of World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which will take place each year on the fourth Sunday in July, close to the feast of Sts Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. Recalling the upcoming feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple – when the elderly Simeon and Anna encountered the child Jesus and recognised Him as the Messiah – Pope Francis said, “the Holy Spirit even today stirs up thoughts and words

of wisdom in the elderly.” The voice of the elderly “is precious,” he said, “because it signs the praises of God and preserves the roots of the peoples.” The elderly, he continued, “remind us that old age is a gift and that grandparents are the link between the different generation, to pass on to the young the experience of life.” You can read the Pope’s message in full at:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/nonni/documents/20210531-messaggio-nonni-anziani.html>

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE – 2ND OCTOBER

Bishop Declan is celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 2 October (12 noon) and is inviting all married couples to join him. He sends a personal invitation to those couples who are celebrating significant anniversaries during 2021 or those who will marry during this year.

CLIFTON DIOCESAN HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2022 LED BY BISHOP DECLAN LANG

Monday 26 September to Tuesday 4 October 2022. Bishop Declan is set to lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2022 (Monday 26 September to Tuesday 4 October 2022) staying three nights in Galilee, two nights in Bethlehem, and three nights in Jerusalem.

If you are interested in next year’s pilgrimage, or would like to book, then please contact the Adult Education & Evangelisation department, at adult.education@cliftondiocese.com.

ST JOSEPH'S

CTIS/PSALMS SPORTS HOLIDAY CLUB

The CTIS/PSALMS summer sports holiday club will be taking place on Thurs 19th and Fri 20th August, 10-3pm at Park Junior School. It will be open to pupils in years 3-6 (current year). We will enjoy a variety of sports and games, whilst also exploring the story of Esther. The club will be 100% outdoors, so please pray for good weather! We need at least another 3 adults for the event to run, so if you're able to help, please let Emily know.

THE ANNUNCIATION

WOODCHESTER PRIORY CAFOD GROUP

We are very grateful to everyone who helped make the Cake Stall such a success! A profit of £151 was made for CAFOD. Thank you.

- Angela Middleditch

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