

ST JOSEPH'S STONEHOUSE & THE ANNUNCIATION, WOODCHESTER

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - PSALTER WEEK 1 – 27TH NOVEMBER 2022

DAY	TIME	PARISH	INTENTION
Sunday	9.00am	St Joseph's	People of the parish
	11.00am	The Annunciation	People of the parish
Monday	10.00am	St Joseph's	Special Intention
Tuesday	6.00pm	The Immaculate Conception	Private Intention
Wednesday	6.00pm	The Immaculate Conception	Special Intention
Thursday	10.00am 7.00pm	The Immaculate Conception	Bishop Mervyn Alexander Reconciliation Service
Friday	9.30am	The Annunciation	Christine Gordon †
Saturday	6.30pm	The Immaculate Conception	Peggy, Paddy and Michael McNally †

LECTIONARY

Sun	Is 2: 1-5	Psalm 121: 1-9	Rom 13: 11-14	Matthew 24: 37-44
Mon	Is 4: 2-6	Psalm 121: 1-9		Matthew 8: 5-11
Tues	Is 11: 1-10	Psalm 71: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17		Luke 10: 21-24
Wed	Rom 10: 9-18	Psalm 18: 2-5		Matthew 4: 18-22
Thurs	Is 26: 1-6	Psalm 117: 1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27		Matthew 7: 21, 24-27
Fri	Is 29: 17-24	Psalm 26: 1, 4, 13-14		Matthew 9: 27-31
Sat	Is 30: 19-21, 23-26	Psalm 146: 1-6		Matthew 9: 35- 10: 1, 6-8

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, Ellen Osman, Sylvia Haskell, Danielle Haskell, Tony Ryan, Danielle, Sadie Conlon

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED ABOUT THIS TIME

John Burfoot, Doreen Tindale, Mildred Biddle, Catherine Boyd, Michael O'Halloran, Kath McNeill, Charles Mills, Jean Sleet, Henry Bolt, Teresa Nolan, Celia McGinty, Michael Byrne, Percy McMullen, Santo Farrugia, John Rooker, Peggy Baker

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL AT THE ANNUNCIATION

Fr. Richard Finn O.P. and family, Rebekah Hollingshead, Brendon Conboy, Barry Norris, Cynthia Stevens, Peggy Chapman, Barry Taylor, John Presland, Georgina Mazzone, Trese Hulbert, Elizabeth Lillinton, Chris Jay, Steve Chandler, Anne Chandler

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED ABOUT THIS TIME

Ian Brown, Kathleen Tarn, Kathleen Seville, Veronica Berkeley, Rose Moore, Bridget Morgan, Ethel Witts, Elenora Wilkins, Valerie Swainson, Margaret Sloan, Mary Gilbert, Gail Lautieri, John McNulty, Edwin Hope

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

For children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

DIOCESAN PRAYER LINK

Stonehouse: St Joseph; Woodchester: The Annunciation





FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

This Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent. This is the beginning of the Church's year. Sunday readings will be from Year A and weekday readings will be from Year 1.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, on Thursday 8th December, is the patronal feast of our neighbouring parish in Stroud. There will be Mass in Stroud on that day at 10:00am (when the primary school children will be present) and 7:00pm. The evening Mass will be followed by a **fish and chip supper** in the parish hall. The cost for the supper is £10.00 per person. Everyone is welcome to the supper. To book a place please contact Marilynne in the Stroud parish office (stroud.immaculateconception@clifftondiocese.com or 01453 762442).

CLEAR BOTTLES

Bogdan is collecting clear bottles that you can have a cork put in them. If you have any in your recycling, please could you give them to him!

ST PETER'S CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

The St Peter's RC High School Choir warmly invites you to our annual *Carols by Candlelight* at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Stroud on Tuesday 13 December at 7pm. This will be an uplifting yet reflective sequence of Christmas music and readings, suitable for all the family. Tickets are available from the main school Reception on 01452 520594. Alternatively, please email: boxoffice@sphs.uk.com. Adults: £3, Concessions: £1.

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICES

Candlelight Christmas Carol Service at Saint Joseph's, Stonehouse on Saturday 17th December at 4:00pm. There will also be a carol service at the Immaculate Conception, Stroud on Wednesday 21st December at 5:30pm. All are welcome to these events.

RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Reconciliation Service at 7:00pm on Thursday 1st December at the Immaculate Conception, Stroud. There will also be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at Saint Joseph's, Stonehouse from 3:15pm on Saturday 17th December before the carol service.

ADVENT MISSION RETREAT

Advent Mission Retreat organised by Missio on Sunday 11th December in the parish hall at the Immaculate Conception, Stroud beginning at 1:00pm and finishing with Mass at 5:00pm. To reserve a place please contact Marilynne in the Stroud parish office (stroud.immaculateconception@clifftondiocese.com or 01453 762442).

CATECHISTS

If anyone is interested in becoming a Catechist, please speak to Bogdan.

HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES

We will be starting the First Holy Communion program early next year. If your child is in Year 3 or above (Age 7+) and you would like to sign them up then please email either stonehouse.stjoseph@clifftondiocese.com or Woodchester.theannunciation@clifftondiocese.com depending on your parish.

READERS FOR CHRISTMAS FAMILY MASS

This year's Christmas Family Mass is taking place at 6pm on 24th

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

December at The Annunciation. If you have a child who would like to read at this Mass, then please can you speak to Bogdan or email Woodchester.theannunciation@clifftondiocese.com

ST JOSEPH'S

100 CLUB

The next draw will be Sunday 4th December. It's not too late to join! Please see Ros for further details.

CTIS Prayer Breakfast

Taking place on Saturday, 26th November, 8/8.30am start at the Stonehouse Methodist Church. All welcome. Contact Ros is any queries.

POINSETTIAS

If you would like to place a poinsettia in remembrance of a loved one before the Altar, then you are welcome to do so anytime before Christmas. When doing so, please also bring a saucer to place under, so when it is watered there is no damage to the carpet.

MISSIO CALENDERS 2023

Please take home a 2023 Missio Calendar which are available in the Porch. These are free to all Parishioners.

- Brendan

MINI CHRISTMAS FAYRE – 18TH DECEMBER, AFTER MASS

Some of you may remember the last very successful Fayre we held (just before Covid). We have decided to go ahead and try a mini one and hope we get the same support. We see it primarily as a social gathering with a bit of fundraising too. A bit of cheer in these testing times. We hope to have a couple of craft tables, Tombola raffle (all in one). Activities for the children etc.... Tea/Coffee and cake of course. SO - if you would like to help you are more than welcome. If you would like to do an activity with the children, please say. If you would like your own craft table, that would be wonderful. Cakes will be most welcome (homemade or not). Also any prizes/ unwanted gifts for the Tombola Raffle will be appreciated. But most of all we would love as many as possible of our Parish Family to come and any family and friends you would like to invite. It would be nice to gather together again. Please see Angela or Laurie Brazington if you are interested

THE ANNUNCIATION

WARM HUB AT NAILSWORTH LIBRARY

As part of our commitment to Churches Together in Nailsworth, we need to help with the Warm Hub which is operating in Nailsworth Library, helping to make tea/coffee etc. Please can I ask anyone with a spare hour or two to contact us if they feel they can offer their time to help with this. If you cannot offer time, perhaps you can donate biscuits, tea, coffee etc. The other churches are doing a lot so we must play our part, seeing as we cannot provide a warm space ourselves. Angela: 01453 832911 or 07973 421468, Maggie Smith: 01453873614.

CAFOD

Thank to everyone who has bought cards and Advent calendars. Just a few left, but many individual homemade cards available for a donation. Please take a World Gifts Catalogue as you pass by the table.

- Angela

TEA/COFFEE AND MINCE PIES

Will be available after Mass on Sunday 6th December. This is when tags will be available to write messages for Christmas, or in memory of someone, to be displayed on our Christmas tree, for a small donation to CAFOD. - Angela