

ST JOSEPH'S STONEHOUSE & THE ANNUNCIATION, WOODCHESTER

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SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD – PSALTER WEEK 2 – 1ST JANUARY 2023

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	Teresa Thompson
Tuesday	10.00am	The Immaculate Conception	Chrissy Daly †
Wednesday	10.00am	The Immaculate Conception	Special Intention
	10.45am		Holy Hour
Thursday	10.00am	The Immaculate Conception	Special Intention
Friday	10.00am	St Joseph's	People of the Parishes
	12.00 noon	The Annunciation	People of the Parishes

LECTIONARY

Sun	Nm 6: 22-27	Psalm 66	Gal 4: 4-7	Luke 2: 16-21
Mon	1Jn 2: 22-28	Psalm 97		John 1: 19-28
Tues	1Jn 2: 29- 3: 6	Psalm 97		John 1: 29-34
Wed	1Jn 3: 7-10	Psalm 97		John 1: 35-42
Thurs	1Jn 3: 11-21	Psalm 99		John 1: 43-51
Fri	Is 60: 1-6	Psalm 71	Eph 3: 2-3, 5-6	Matthew 2: 1-12
Sat	1Jn 3: 22- 4:6	Psalm 2		Matthew 4: 12-17, 23-25

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

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED ABOUT THIS TIME

Jane Perkins, Amelia Ginter, Audrey Sellick, Lilian McTighe, Karel Slintak, Catherine Devlin, Christina Sweet, Antonnietta Abela, Frederick Jennings, Marjorie Harasymowicz

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

Margaret Turner, Tom Breech, Henry Devlin, Osborne Workman, Sr. May Gertrude Phillips, Margaret Cartwright, Rosemary Jones, Charles Saunders, Ernest Dalby, Irene Street, Maureen Crick, Maria Makins, Michael Chambers, Rosina Chandler, Winifred Heffernan, John Caws, John McNally, Annie Jordan

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

DIOCESAN PRAYER LINK

Swindon: St Peter; Royal Wootton Bassett: Sacred Heart

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. This day marks the end of the Christmas Octave (although the Christmas season continues until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord next weekend), and it is also the day when Jesus was circumcised and received his name according to Jewish Law.

PASTORAL LETTER

Bishop Declan has issued a pastoral letter for this weekend. There are copies available in our churches. It can also be read, listened to, or watched at <https://clifftondiocese.com/bishop/>.

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Friday is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord and is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be Mass on that day at 10:00am at Saint Joseph's, Stonehouse and at 12:00 noon at the Annunciation, Woodchester. There will also be Masses at 10:00am and 7:00pm at the Immaculate Conception, Stroud. This solemnity is one of the highpoints of our Christmas celebrations, and focuses our attention on Jesus being revealed to the world.

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER GARY

Thank you for the Christmas cards and gifts I received, and I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and wish you all a very happy New Year. Thank you to everyone for their participation in the Christmas Services. The Christmas Masses were wonderful celebrations of Our Lord's birth. Thank you to all who participated in or helped prepare for these celebrations.

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER BILL AND DEACON BOGDAN

Thank you to everyone who gave us cards and/or presents over Christmas! We wish you all a very happy new year.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Our First Holy Communion Programme for 2023 will begin in January. It will be a combined programme for our three parishes. The first parents meeting will be in the Parish Hall of the Immaculate Conception, Stroud on Wednesday 18th January (7:00pm - 8:30pm) and the first children's session will be on Saturday 21st January in Stroud from 2:00pm until 4:30pm. Names of children in year 3 or above who would like to participate should be given to the parish office or to Deacon Bogdan. Full programmes and application forms will be available shortly. For more information please speak with Deacon Bogdan or Father Gary.

THEATRE OUTING

Ros has booked twenty tickets to see 'Relatively Speaking' by Alan Ayckbourn, a comedy at the Everyman Theatre in Cheltenham. Seats are in the circle on Tuesday, 24th January 2023. Payment of £19 is required by the beginning of January. Please see Ros for more details.

FOUNDATION DIRECTOR REQUIRED

A third new Catholic Educational Multi Academy Trust, The Little Way Catholic Educational Trust – consisting of Catholic

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

Primary Schools in Gloucestershire, is due to open on 1 September 2023 and so the Bishop is seeking to appoint Foundation Directors to its Trust Board. If you have enthusiasm and commitment, can take a strategic view and wish to support and sustain Catholic education, then you can make a valuable contribution to the governing board. It also provides the opportunity to use your life/work skills and experience, to provide the best possible education for the children in our schools. For a The Little Way Directors Application Pack visit

<https://schools.clifftondiocese.com/governance> & click on the 'Recruitment' tab or contact Bill McEntee, Governance Officer via Bill.mcentee@clifftondiocese.com or on 07710094976 for further details.

MEMORIAL OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS – 3RD JANUARY

From Apostolic times, the Church has professed that 'at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Phil 2:10). Through the particular efforts of St Bernardine of Siena, devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus was promoted through the inscription of the monogram of the Holy Name (HIS) and the addition of the name Jesus to the Hail Mary. We are reminded that the word 'Jesus' means 'God saves' and our salvation comes through Christ alone.

MEMORIAL OF SAINT RAYMOND OF PENYAFORT, PRIEST – 7TH JANUARY

Raymond c1180-1275 was born in Catalonia, At Barcelona, he took doctorates in civil and canon law. After two years as archdeacon of Barcelona, he joined the Dominicans in 1221. He loved both solitude and the apostolate of reconciling people to the Church. In 1238 he was elected Master-General of the Dominicans. He revised the Dominican constitutions. He was canonized in 1601.

THE ANNUNCIATION

WARM HUB AT NAILSWORTH LIBRARY

Thank you to the few people who have volunteered to help out at the Warm Hub. You will be contacted when needed. Thanks also for donations of biscuits and cash which has already been used to buy more coffee and UHT milk for the Hub. The Hub has been used by more people as the weather was so cold recently, and the Library staff are very grateful for our input. More information from Angela Middleditch.

CHURCH CLEANING

One of our regular church cleaners (Jane Bethell) has broken her arm so is there anyone who could offer to take her place during the first week of each month? Details from Angela on 01453 832911.

NAILSWORTH CHURCHES TOGETHER

We will be hosting the Christian Unity service at Woodchester on Saturday January 21st at 2:30pm. This will be followed by refreshments. – Maggie