

ST JOSEPH'S STONEHOUSE & THE ANNUNCIATION, WOODCHESTER

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - PSALTER WEEK 3 – 11TH DECEMBER 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	Tina James †
Tuesday	10.00am	The Immaculate Conception	Phyllis and Anthony Rush †
Wednesday	10.00am	The Immaculate Conception	Thanksgiving and Petition
Thursday	6.00pm	The Immaculate Conception	A.G. and M. Stratford
Friday	9.30am	The Annunciation	Special Intention
Saturday	6.30pm	The Immaculate Conception	Special Intention

LECTIONARY

Sun	Is 35: 1-6, 10	Psalm 145: 6-10	Jas 5: 7-10	Matthew 11: 2-11
Mon	Nm 24: 2-7, 15-17	Psalm 24: 4-9		Matthew 21: 23-27
Tues	Zep 3: 1-2, 9-13	Psalm 33: 2-7, 16-19, 23		Matthew 21: 28-32
Wed	Is 45: 6-8, 18, 21-26	Psalm 84: 9-14		Luke 7: 19-23
Thurs	Is 54: 1-10	Psalm 29: 2-6, 11-13		Luke 7: 24-30
Fri	Is 56: 1-3, 6-8	Psalm 66: 2-8		John 5: 33-36
Sat	Gen 49: 2, 8-10	Psalm 71: 1-4, 7-8, 17		Matthew 1: 1-17

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

Antoni Strzalowski, Beryl O'Dowd, Anthony Savage

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

Edward Wilks, Leolyn Wilkins, Margaret Kaye, Joseph Anderson, Eileen Stern, Teresa Cullis

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

That volunteer non-profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

DIOCESAN PRAYER LINK

Swindon: Holy Family; Wroughton: St Joseph



IN GENERAL



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.

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

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.

READERS FOR CHRISTMAS FAMILY MASS

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

1st Prize: Mike Gibbons (64) - £10
2nd Prize: Sarah Conlon (55) - £5

MISSIO RED BOXES

In future, if returning a Red Box for collection, either give it directly to Brendan or Sue, or take it to the Sacristy for safe keeping. Do not leave it unattended in the Porch. - Brendan

CONGRATULATIONS!

Two servers enrolled into the Guild of St Stephen for Altar Servers. Samuel and Thomas were enrolled into the Guild of St Stephen last Sunday and received their bronze Guild medals

from Fr Bill and Deacon Bogdan. St Josephs joined the Guild in May 1989, 34 years ago, as a way of promoting good serving practice. Servers spend the first six months learning the skills needed to be a good server showing commitment, reverence and an understanding in what they are doing. With Fr Bill's approval they may then join the Guild. Two further new recruits will be joining the serving team very soon.

- Andrew (Altar Server Leader)



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.

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

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

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

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