

# ST JOSEPH'S STONEHOUSE & THE ANNUNCIATION, WOODCHESTER

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### FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD – PSALTER WEEK 1 – 8<sup>TH</sup> 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	Carmel Scannell
	3.00pm	The Immaculate Conception	Funeral Mass for Thea Gregson †
Tuesday	6.00pm	The Immaculate Conception	Special Intention
Wednesday	10.00am	The Immaculate Conception	Special Intention
	10.45am		Holy Hour
Thursday	6.00pm	The Immaculate Conception	Michael Redican †
Friday	9.30am	The Annunciation	Special Intention

### LECTIONARY

Day	Scripture	Psalm	Acts	Gospel
Sun	Is 42: 1-4, 6-7	Psalm 28	Acts 10: 34-38	Matthew 3: 13-17
Mon	Heb 1: 1-6	Psalm 96		Mark 1: 14-20
Tues	Heb 2: 5-12	Psalm 8		Mark 1: 21-28
Wed	Heb 2: 14-18	Psalm 104		Mark 1: 29-39
Thurs	Heb 3: 7-14	Psalm 94		Mark 1: 40-45
Fri	Heb 4: 1-5, 11	Psalm 77		Mark 2: 1-12
Sat	Heb 4: 12-16	Psalm 18		Mark 2: 13-17

#### 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

William Cheyne, Eileen Driver, William Nolan, John Lavin, Cecilia Richardson, Richard Bell, Christine Russell, Kathleen Slocombe, Frances Bingle, Anne Guy, Marjorie Grigg, Maurice Nairac

#### 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

Emma Severn, Mary Thomson, Mother Francis Mary Shanks, Anne Tellson, Thomas McCarthy, Mary Saunders, Pawell Zimmerman, Elizabeth Kelly, Pauline Hall, Doris Herbert, Elizabeth Peterson, Sr. Mary Leonard Carr, William Teakle

#### 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

Taunton: St George/St Teresa of Lisieux; Wellington, with Wivelscombe: St John Fisher

## MANY THANKS FOR YOUR MOST GENEROUS OFFERINGS

Deacon Bogdan and I would like to thank you for your kindness this Christmas with such generous offerings. It really does mean a lot to us and it shows just how wonderful it is to minister at St. Jo's and The Annunciation. All adding to the great care that went into the decoration, cleaning, music and liturgical preparations that went on behind the scenes. May this New Year be a good one for you all: something we all need, you'd agree!

- Fr Bill

## PASTORAL LETTER

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

## POPE BENEDICT XVI

We continue to pray for Pope Benedict XVI who died recently. There will be a diocesan Mass for him at Clifton Cathedral this Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 11:00am. Everyone is welcome to this Mass.

## 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

All tickets booked by Ros (to see 'Relatively Speaking' by Alan Ayckbourn, a comedy at the Everyman Theatre in Cheltenham on Tues, 24<sup>th</sup> Jan) have now been sold. If you would still like to go it is possible to book directly with the venue.

## MEMORIAL OF SAINT AELRED OF RIEVAULX – 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

Born in 1110, Aelred entered the recently founded Abbey of Rievaulx in 1134, after spending time in the service of King David where he rose to be Master of the Royal Household. Delicate in health, he followed the austere regime and became so highly thought of that he was chosen as envoy to Rom. In 1143 he became abbot of Rievaulx. Vocations increased to 150 monks and 500 lay brothers, the largest abbey in England. Aelred showed sensitivity and gently holiness, with a strong emphasis on charity and spiritual friendship. He later suffered agony from a kidney stone and the last ten years of his life were

marked by illness. He died in 1167. Aelred is remembered for his energy and gentleness; his writings and sermons demonstrated his deep love of the scriptures and of Christ.

## MEMORIAL OF SAINT HILARY, BISHOP – 13<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

Hilary was born at Poitiers c.315 of wealthy pagan parents. He became an orator, married and had a daughter. In 350 he became a Christian through a long process of study. This led him to the convictions that man is in the world for the practice of the moral virtues which must be rewarded hereafter; that there is only one God, the eternal and creative first cause, and that the Word of God who became incarnate in Jesus Christ is likewise eternal and of one substance with the Father. In c.353 he was chosen as bishop. He was the outspoken champion of orthodoxy against the Arians.

## ST JOSEPH'S

## DECEMBER 100 CLUB WINNERS

1<sup>st</sup> place – Father Bill, winning £10

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Vanessa La Roux, winning £5

If you would like to join, it is not too late! Please see Ros for more details.

## MINI CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Just want to say a big thank you to those who donated, helped in any way and to all those who attended the Fayre. It was very enjoyable and the craft stalls were very popular. We made a total of £228-90 which was good. But best of all was seeing parishioners and friends gathering together again.

- Angela Brazington

## 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

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