

ST JOSEPH'S STONEHOUSE & THE ANNUNCIATION, WOODCHESTER

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – PSALTER WEEK 4 – 29TH 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	Brendan Molloy †
Tuesday	6.00pm	The Immaculate Conception	Annie Dougan †
Wednesday	10.00am	The Immaculate Conception	Ann & Michael Gibbons Holy Hour
	10.45am		
Thursday	No Mass		
Friday	No Mass		
Saturday	6.30pm	The Immaculate Conception	Special Intention

LECTIONARY

Sun	Zep 2: 3, 3: 12-13	Psalm 145: 7-10	1Cor 1: 26-31	Matthew 5: 1-12
Mon	Heb 11: 32-40	Psalm 30: 20-24		Mark 5: 1-20
Tues	Heb 12: 1-4	Psalm 21: 26-32		Mark 5: 21-43
Wed	Heb 12: 4-7, 11-15	Psalm 102: 1-2, 13-14, 17-18		Mark 6: 1-6
Thurs	Mal 3: 1-4	Psalm 23: 7-10		Luke 2: 22-40
Fri	Heb 13: 1-8	Psalm 26: 1-9		Mark 6: 14-29
Sat	Heb 13: 15-17, 20-21	Psalm 22		Mark 6: 30-34

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

Julia Underwood, Deborah Lucas, John McCabe

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, John Presland, Georgina Mazzone, Trese Hulbert, Elizabeth Lillinton, Chris Jay, Steve Chandler, Anne Chandler

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED ABOUT THIS TIME

Eva Waring, Maria Shirley, Ursula Brigden, Margaret Pugh, Veronica O'Connor, Robert Wilberforce, James Noonan, Marcella Saunders, Josephine Cross, Florence Dixon, Elsie Mullen, Florence Hasler, Sr. Mary Michael Hoddell, Yvonne Richmond

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

Trowbridge: St John the Baptist; Westbury: St Bernadette

IN GENERAL

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Our First Holy Communion children were presented in our parishes last weekend. The next children's session will be on Saturday 11th February in the parish hall at the Immaculate Conception, Stroud (2:00pm-4:30pm). The First Holy Communion Masses will be on Sunday 11th June at Stonehouse and Woodchester. Parents will be able to select which of those Masses (or the one in Stroud the previous day) they prefer at the next parent's session.

GRANDPARENT'S GROUP

The Grandparents Group meets every 1st Wednesday of the month in the parish hall at the Immaculate Conception, Stroud at 2:00pm (Coffee/tea and biscuits from 1:30pm). Everyone is welcome to this group for the exchange of experience, prayers and readings. Next meeting this Wednesday 1st February.

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION

There is a Newman Association talk on Tuesday 7th February at 2.30pm in the lounge of Sacred Hearts' Hall (Moorend Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham GL53 9AU). Father Aelred Baker the resident priest at Nazareth House and the Archivist at Prinknash Abbey, will speak on 'Newman and Stories in the Bible'. All are welcome. Admission is £3.00 (members & students free). Enquires: Stephanie Jamison (01242 539810).

COFFEE MORNING WITH SALE OF UNWANTED GIFTS

Coffee morning with sale of unwanted Christmas gifts in the parish hall at the Immaculate Conception, Stroud next Saturday 4th February from 10:00am to 12:00 noon. Come and meet over coffee and scones. There will be a stall with donated unwanted Christmas gifts for sale, proceeds towards Immaculate Conception parish funds – invite friends to join us. Donations of unwanted gifts to sell will be gratefully received. Everyone is welcome!

DAY FOR READERS AND MUSICIANS

There will be a deanery day of prayer and formation for all readers and those involved with the music ministry in our parishes on Saturday 11th March. There will be more details on venue and timing in the coming weeks, but it is likely to be from 11:00am to 3:00pm.

VACANCY: ADULT FORMATION & EVANGELISATION OFFICER

Are you passionate about your faith and have a desire to share it with others? Would you like to support our parishes in their mission to be communities of evangelisation, mission rooted in synodality? Do you have an interest in developing resources and working with a variety of different groups to deliver effective and dynamic ongoing faith formation and sacramental preparation, alongside accompanying parishes in their outreach to those seeking faith or simply curious? The person appointed to this role will be someone committed to the mission of the Church, a confident communicator, able to promote the Gospel and support parishes to grow in their capacity to be places of mission and outreach. He or she will work closely with the Officer for Caritas and

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

Environment on some joint projects, particularly in the area of Youth Ministry. If you are interested in such a role and would like to work for Clifton Diocese, please send your application to Sarah.Adams@clifftondiocese.com. For more information and an informal conversation, prior to applying, please contact Sarah Adams, Director for the Department of Adult Education and Evangelisation, on 0117 902 5595. Further Information and Application form can be found here:

<https://clifftondiocese.com/diocese/working-for-us/>

Closing Date for Applications: Friday 11th February 2023; interviews week beginning Monday 20th February 2023.

THE ANNUNCIATION

CAFOD

Our usual Pancake Day fundraiser will take place on Shrove Tuesday, February 21st starting at 12 – 2pm in St. George's Parish Rooms, Nailsworth. See the posters for details. We will hold a raffle at this event, so would be glad to receive any prizes you may wish to donate – box on CAFOD table at back of church.

Annie Norris is taking part in The Big Lent Walk – 200km in the 40 days of Lent to help fight global Poverty (3 and a bit miles per day). Would any younger parishioners feel able to take this challenge too? Talk to Annie or search on CAFOD'S website for more details. It would be good to encourage Annie with sponsorship for her efforts. Lent Fast Day is on Friday 3rd March. Money raised will go to help families in Bangladesh adapt to the climate crisis using new skills and tools to protect their crops from flooding and cyclones.

- Angela Middleditch

ST JOSEPH'S

VOLUNTEERS LIST

I am currently compiling a list of our Volunteers in the Parish: I am required to give this list to our office here and a copy to be then sent to the Diocese Head Office at Alexander House in Bristol. I have listed an example below of many areas of volunteering. Everyone is valued and I would like you to put your name on the list please. This includes: Eucharistic Ministers: Sacristans: Children's Liturgy of the word: Safeguarding: Sacraments Catechist: Altar server co-ordinator: Welcomers: Readers: Offertory Collectors: Choir: Money Counters: Flower Arrangers: Tea/Coffee helpers: Gardeners: Catering: Cleaners: Altar Cloth washers: Hall Managing: Finance Committee: Missio collector: Visiting: Altar server chaperoning: Bidding Prayers: Anyone who sits on Committees representing St. Joseph's Church. etc... Anyone who does anything in a Voluntary capacity for their Church. I am aware of lots of names already and what people do. I just need it clarified. Also you need to put a form of contact, that you would prefer. The sheets are on the fold up table at the back of the Church on the pink carpet. Please fill in, with your name and contact details and briefly what you do. Then pop into the white envelope. Thank You.

- Angela Brazington