

ST JOSEPH'S STONEHOUSE & THE ANNUNCIATION, WOODCHESTER

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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – PSALTER WEEK 3 – 19TH FEBRUARY 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	Jess Ross †
Tuesday	6.00pm	The Immaculate Conception	Special Intention
Wednesday	10.00am	St Joseph's	Mary and Patrick Lambe †
	12.00 noon	The Annunciation	People of the Parishes
Thursday	6.00pm	The Immaculate Conception	Private Intention
Friday	9.30am	The Annunciation	Special Intention
Saturday	6.30pm	The Immaculate Conception	Special Intention

LECTIONARY				
Sun	Lv 19: 1-2, 17-18	Psalm 102: 1-4, 8-13	1Cor 3: 16-23	Matthew 5: 38-48
Mon	Ecclus 1: 1-10	Psalm 92: 1-2, 5		Mark 9: 14-29
Tues	Ecclus 2: 1-11	Psalm 36: 3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40		Mark 9: 30-37
Wed	Jl 2: 12-18	Psalm 50: 3-6, 12-14, 17	2Cor 5: 20- 6: 2	Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18
Thurs	Dt 30: 15-20	Psalm 1: 1-4, 6		Luke 9: 22-25
Fri	Is 58: 1-9	Psalm 50: 3-6, 18-19		Matthew 9: 14-15
Sat	Is 58: 9-14	Psalm 85: 1-6		Luke 5: 27-32

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

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED ABOUT THIS TIME

Sadie Conlon, Madeleine Hellyer, Honorine Isaac, John McKeever, John Digby, Martin Fisher

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, Giles Boon

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED ABOUT THIS TIME

Rosalie Trotman, Wilfred Morgan, Arthur Stratford, Elizabeth McKnight, Violet Bowey, Francis Chambers, Bernard Mills, William Browning

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

DIOCESAN PRAYER LINK

Wincanton with Milbourne Port, Castle Carey and Bruton: St Luke and St Teresa

IN GENERAL

SAINTS FRANCISCO AND JACINTA MARTO

This Monday is the Feast Day of Saints Francisco and Jacinta Marto, two of the children to whom Our Lady appeared at Fatima. As Father Gary is the custodian of second-class relics of the saints, they will be present in the church for the 10:00am Mass at Saint Joseph's, Stonehouse. Mass will be followed by the rosary.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday and marks the beginning of Lent. Although it is not a holy day of obligation, there will be Masses at 10:00am at Stonehouse; and 12:00 noon at Woodchester. There will also be Masses at the Immaculate Conception, Stroud at 10:00am and 7:00pm. The blessing and distribution of ashes, which come from burnt palm branches, will take place during these Masses. This is a day of fast and abstinence. The law of abstinence binds those who have completed their 14th year and flesh meat is forbidden. The law of fasting binds those between 18 and 59 years of age (unless a medical condition prevents this), when one main meal and collations are allowed. Also do please remember that since September 2011 every Friday which is not a solemnity is a day of abstinence.

RITE OF ELECTION

Rite of Election takes place at Clifton Cathedral next Saturday 25th February at 11:00am. We are invited to gather with a number of people from our own parishes journey in faith group and other adults seeking baptism or reception into the Church at Easter from across our diocese for this important step in their journey of faith. We pray for all those in our parish and beyond who are discerning and journeying towards baptism or reception.

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY

Cafod Lent Fast Day is on Friday 3rd March and there will be a soup lunch in the parish hall (11:45am – 1:15pm) at the Immaculate Conception, Stroud, on that day.

CAFOD EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

Turkey and Syria have been badly affected by the recent earthquake. We pray for all those involved. Cafod have launched a Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal. Donations may be made via their website at:

<https://cafod.org.uk/?form=syriaturkeyearthquake>.

DEANERY RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Deanery Reconciliation Service at the Immaculate Conception, Stroud on Thursday 16th March at 7:00pm. There will also be Diocesan Lenten Reconciliation Services with Bishop Declan presiding in a number of locations around our diocese: on Thursday 9th March at 6:00pm at Sacred Heart, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol; on Thursday 16th March at 7:00pm at Saint Catharine's, Frome; on Thursday 23rd March at 7:00pm at Saint Mary's, Swindon; and Thursday 30th March at 7:00pm at Corpus Christi, Weston-super-Mare.

CANON ANTHONY HARDING

We remember in our prayers Canon Anthony (Tony) Harding (Funeral Mass at Saint John the Evangelist, Bath on Monday 27th February at 10:30am with his coffin being received into the church at 4:30pm the previous afternoon) who died recently. We also pray for his family and friends.

Item for the Bulletin? You can send items for the bulletin (by the Wednesday) to stonehouse.stjoseph@cliftondiocese.com or post them through the presbytery letterbox. For The Annunciation, email: woodchester.theannunciation@cliftondiocese.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@cliftondiocese.com. Any health and safety matters for Stonehouse, please email HS.stonehouse.stjoseph@cliftondiocese.com

CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS

There will be a Children's Stations of the Cross at 6:00pm each Wednesday during Lent beginning on 1st March at the Immaculate Conception, Stroud.

THE ANNUNCIATION

READERS

If you would like to read at the 11am Mass, please either fill out the form that is at the back of Church or contact Eileen Jay on 07766661945.

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

SARAH (SADIE) CONLON

We remember in our prayers Sarah (Sadie) Conlon who died recently. We also pray for her family and friends.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be happening at St Joseph's at 7pm on Friday evenings in Lent, starting on 24th February.

LENT LUNCHESES

Lent lunches will be starting at 12 noon on Monday 27th February in St Joseph's Hall and continue for 6 weeks. All are welcome!

A SPECIAL RAFFLE

Sandra and I are holding a raffle to be drawn after Mass on Sunday, 19th March in our Church Hall. All proceeds will go to the Diocesan Jumbulance fund. Our Diocesan pilgrimage is taking place once more this year after a break of 3 years due to Covid, and some pilgrims are unable to travel without the Jumbulance. As many of you know, I had ME for approx. 23 yrs and could only travel to Lourdes by Jumbulance until I came back from Lourdes in 2019 without ME. Please will you support the raffle, to ensure sick and/or disabled pilgrims are not left behind, by buying a ticket at £1 each or giving a donation. Thank you for your support.

- Penny

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN STONEHOUSE

St Joseph's will be holding a prayer breakfast on Saturday, 25th February at 8am, followed by the Stations of the Cross, led by Deacon Bogdan. All are welcome. 'World day of Prayer' will be taking place at the Methodist Church on 3rd March. If you would like to be involved, please attend the rehearsal on 13th February at 10.30am.