

ST JOSEPH'S STONEHOUSE & THE ANNUNCIATION, WOODCHESTER

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – PSALTER WEEK 1 – 26th 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	No Mass		
Tuesday	6.00pm	The Immaculate Conception	James Shanks †
Wednesday	10.00am/10.45am	The Immaculate Conception	Willie Harrington †/Stations and Benedictions
	6.00pm		Children's Stations
Thursday	10.00am	The Immaculate Conception	Margaret Heaney †
Friday	9.30am	The Annunciation	Special Intention
Saturday	6.30pm	The Immaculate Conception	Special Intention

LECTIONARY

Sun	Gn 2: 7-9, 3: 1-7	Psalm 50: 3-6, 12-14, 17	Rom 5: 12-19	Matthew 4: 1-11
Mon	Lv 19: 1-2, 11-18	Psalm 18: 8-10, 15		Matthew 25: 31-46
Tues	Is 55: 10-11	Psalm 33: 4-7, 16-19		Matthew 6: 7-15
Wed	Phil 3: 8-14	Psalm 1: 1-4, 6		Matthew 5: 13-16
Thurs	Est 4: 17	Psalm 137: 1-3, 7-8		Matthew 7: 7-12
Fri	Ez 18: 21-28	Psalm 129		Matthew 5: 20-26
Sat	Dt 26: 16-19	Psalm 118: 1-8		Matthew 5: 43-48

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

Gregory Moore, Leonard Cleaver, Brian Bragg, Theresa Beales, Martin Murray, Joseph Ryan, Harry Nash, Brian Smythe, Susan Clapham

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

Caroline Heslop, John Taylor, Mary Sheen, Martin Fisher

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

Religious Communities

IN GENERAL

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Next Saturday 4th March is the celebration of First Reconciliation for our First Holy Communion Children. The children should come to the parish hall at the Immaculate Conception, Stroud at 2:00pm, for a preparation session. Parents, and anyone else who wishes to come to the First Reconciliation Service, should come to the church in Stroud at 3:20pm and the service will begin at 3:30pm. Any adults or older children present, will be able to celebrate the sacrament if they wish after the service.

RITE OF ELECTION

On Saturday the Rite of Election took place at Clifton Cathedral. This is one of the important steps taken by those adults who wish to be baptised or received into the Church at Easter. We accompany those of our own parishes, diocese and around the world with our prayers at this time, who are preparing to receive Sacraments of Initiation at Easter.

LENTEN SOUP LUNCHES

There will be **Lenten Soup Lunches** every Monday during Lent (12:00 noon – 1:30pm) at Saint Joseph's, Stonehouse with proceeds going to the foodbank.

CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Children's Stations of the Cross: There will be a Children's Stations of the Cross at 6:00pm each Wednesday during Lent at the Immaculate Conception, Stroud beginning this Wednesday. Other celebrations of the Stations of the Cross will be each Friday of Lent at 7:00pm at Saint Joseph's Stonehouse. There will also be celebrations some Wednesdays of Lent at the Immaculate Conception, Stroud, including this week beginning at 10:45am (followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:45am).

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY

Cafod Lent Fast Day is this Friday 3rd March. We are asked to eat less than normal on that day and give what is saved in next Sunday's second collection. Gift aid envelopes are available. There will be a soup lunch in the parish hall (11:45am – 1:15pm) at the Immaculate Conception, Stroud, on Friday.

MISSION TOGETHER RESOURCES

Mission Together Lenten Children's Calendar along with other Lenten resources, can be found at <https://missiontogether.org.uk/calendar/lent/>.

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.

CLIFTON EVANGELIST

The sixth edition of this diocesan newsletter is now available at <https://cliftondiocese.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Newsletter-volume-6-2023.pdf>.

MORE HALL CONVENT CARE HOME

More Hall Convent Care Home is looking for someone to undertake domestic duties, including: looking after the residents' dining room; helping with laundry and some general cleaning. Please contact Sister Elsy (moorehallconvent@gmail.com or 01453 764486) for further

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details.

SARAH (SADIE) CONLON RIP

We remember in our prayers Sarah (Sadie) Conlon who died recently (Funeral on Friday 10th March at 1:30pm at Saint Joseph's). We also pray for her family and friends.

CANON ANTHONY HARDING RIP

We remember in our prayers Canon Anthony (Tony) Harding (Funeral Mass at Saint John the Evangelist, Bath this 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.

THE ANNUNCIATION

NAILSWORTH CHURCHES TOGETHER

The World Day of Prayer will be held at the Quaker Meeting House this year on Friday March 3rd at 11:00 am. It will be followed by coffee, tea and biscuits. It has been decided that this year Churches Together will not be running Lenten groups. Instead there will be Stations of the Cross at our Church in Woodchester on Friday 31st March at 7:00 pm. This will be led by Fr Gary and all are very welcome. Please come along if you can.

- Maggie

CAFOD

Thank you to everyone who donated to our emergency collection for the Earthquake Appeal over the last two weeks. Many people were able to donate on-line but we also collected a total of £352 cash which is being sent off immediately to CAFOD. Information on how CAFOD are helping can be seen on their website. We will be going ahead with the planned Lent Fast Day collection, and we are so grateful for your continued generosity.

- Angela

ST JOSEPH'S

WARM SPACE

Starting on Saturday, 4th March, we will be opening our Church hall as a 'warm space' for those in need in our community. This will take place every Saturday between 1.30pm-4.30pm, offering tea, coffees and biscuits. Please mention this to anyone who may need this space.

SPECIAL RAFFLE UPDATE

Our Diocese is not able to provide the Jumulance to Lourdes this year due to the very high cost. Therefore the proceeds of the raffle will go to the Catholic Association to help them with their upkeep of their own jumulance. They accept pilgrims from other dioceses. Thank you for your support.
- Penny and Sandra

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.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN STONEHOUSE

St Joseph's will be holding a prayer breakfast on Saturday, 25th February at 8.30am, 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 at 10.30am, followed by refreshments.