

ST JOSEPH'S STONEHOUSE & THE ANNUNCIATION, WOODCHESTER

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – PSALTER WEEK 3 – 23RD APRIL 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	Jeff Ross †
Tuesday	6.00pm	The Immaculate Conception	Hubert Walowsky †
Wednesday	10.00am	The Immaculate Conception	Margaret Murray †
	10.45am		Holy Hour
Thursday	10.00am	St Joseph's	Michael Finneran †
Friday	9.30am	The Annunciation	Elizabeth Gush
Saturday	6.30pm	The Immaculate Conception	Mary and Harold Colcombe †

LECTIONARY

Sun	Acts 2: 14, 22-33	Psalms 15: 1-2, 5, 7-11	1Pt 1: 17-21	Luke 24: 13-35
Mon	Apoc 12: 10-12	Psalms 125: 23-30		John 6: 22-29
Tues	1Pt 5: 5-14	Psalms 88: 2-3, 6-7, 16-17		Mark 16: 15-20
Wed	Acts 8: 1-8	Psalms 65: 1-7		John 6: 35-40
Thurs	Acts 8: 26-40	Psalms 65: 8-9, 16-17, 20		John 6: 44-51
Fri	Acts 9: 1-20	Psalms 116		John 6: 52-59
Sat	1Jn 1: 5-2: 2	Psalms 102: 1-18		Matthew 11: 25-30

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

Annie Weaver, Linda Refalo, Mario Farrugia, John O'Reilly, Gertrude Hewson, Joseph Brzonkalik, William Roper, Beatrice O'Hanlon

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

Derek Dalby, Margaret Simpson, Elsie Mills, William Bowring, George Booth, Theresa Newman, Sidney Gilbert, Kathleen Quick, Adrian Chesterton, Stefan Sowa, Winifred Muir, Bernadette Chandler

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

DIOCESAN PRAYER LINK

Bath: St John the Evangelist

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

There is a parents' meeting session this Wednesday 26th April (7:00pm – 8:30pm) in the parish hall of the Immaculate Conception, Stroud.

'LOVE THE STRANGER: A CATHOLIC RESPONSE TO MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES'

'Love the Stranger: A Catholic Response to Migrants and Refugees' is an important document issued by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. It can be found at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/love-the-stranger/>. The forward, by Bishop Declan and Bishop Paul McAleenan, reminds us that: *'We should not reduce people to statistics or to a political problem to be solved. Nor can we allow recognition of people's dignity to be dependent upon where they come from or how they reach our shores.'*

SAFEGUARDING

There is always important information regarding safeguarding in the diocese at <https://cliftondiocese.com/departments/safeguarding/>. Information includes helplines for the Samaritans (08457 90 90 90), which is available 24 hours a day, and also for Safe Spaces (0300 303 1056 or <https://www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk>).

STROUD FOODBANK

The foodbank are currently asking for cooking oil, laundry liquid, biscuits/snack bars, crisps, nuts, chocolate, crackers, sweets, nappies size 4-6, razors, shaving foam, deodorant, custard, rice pudding, toothpaste, jam, tinned fruit and gluten free products. Please no pasta, tea or cereal as they have plenty.

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION

There will be a talk on Tuesday 2 May at 2.30pm, in the lounge of Sacred Hearts' Hall, Moorend Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, GL53 9AU. Mother Winsome, previously Mother Superior, of the Anglican Order of the Community of St Mary the Virgin, has founded a new Catholic Community, the Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary and she will speak about their journey: Maryvale to Prinknash. All are welcome. Admission £3, members and students free. Enquiries to Stephanie Jamison 01242 539810.

SOLEMNITY OF SAINT GEORGE, MARTYR, PATRON OF ENGLAND – 24TH APRIL

George was martyred in around 303 in Palestine under Diocletian and he was thought to be a soldier. The famous story of George and the dragon became immensely popular in the West. Legend says that George attacked the dragon, telling the people that he would rid them of this monster if they would believe in Jesus Christ and be baptised. 15,000 people were baptised. During the crusades, George was seen to personify the ideals of Christian chivalry and King Richard I of England placed his crusading army under his protection.

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

OUR CHURCH AND ITS HISTORY

All are welcome to join a tour of our Church and hear about its rich history being conducted by Jane Bethell, taking place on Saturday, 29th April at 2pm. The new booklet about our Church is on sale now at the back of Church, at £2 each.

CAFOD BIG WALK

Last Sunday I was given more sponsor money from our wonderfully generous parishioners and the amount now stands at £295. I am very grateful to everyone especially in these economically difficult times. Thank you on behalf of CAFOD.

- Annie Norris

CHURCHES TOGETHER

Being on the Churches Together committee, I have been asked to invite anyone who would like to join the Christ Church congregation at 3pm on Sunday 23rd April for a big occasion – the Baptism of a young man called Greg.

If anyone knows Greg and would like to support him by attending, you will be made very welcome.

- Angela

MISSIO BOXES

If you have a Missio red box, please could you bring it to Church and give to Claire on Sunday 23rd April. Many thanks.

ST JOSEPH'S

CAFOD LENT COLLECTING BOXES

Many thanks to all who returned their boxes over the Easter weekend. If you still have a box at home, please return it as soon as possible so we can count them and publish the amount raised.

- Richard McDermott

FINANCE MEETING

Our next finance meeting is on Monday 24th April.

- Andrew Gibbons

LENT LUNCHES

Thanks to the wonderful support all through lent we are able to donate £1,218.25 (as well as an old thrupenny bit) to the Trussell Trust for the Foodbank who do so much to help people in crisis. Our neighbouring parishioners from Stroud and Woodchester joined the Stonehouse community and our whist group, and swelled the funds. Couldn't have happened without the weekly help from our own Mick, Carole, Shirley, Helene as well as Babs, Kay and Marie from CTiS and the community, and grateful as ever to Fr Gary and Angela for the use of the hall. With initiative from Carole, Helene & Rosalind the Good Friday frugal lunch raised £55 for CAFOD.

- Mattie Ross