

ST JOSEPH'S STONEHOUSE & THE ANNUNCIATION, WOODCHESTER

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – PSALTER WEEK 4 – 23RD JULY 2023

DAY	TIME	PARISH	INTENTION
Sunday	9.00am	St Joseph's	People of the parish
	11.00am	The Annunciation	People of the parish
Monday	9.30am	St Joseph's	Carmel Scanell
Tuesday	10.30am	The Immaculate Conception	Funeral Mass for Kitty McCoy
Wednesday	6.00pm	The Immaculate Conception	Denis and Jean Murphy †
Thursday	10.00am	The Immaculate Conception	Tom Ormonde †
Friday	9.30am	The Annunciation	Special Intention
Saturday	6.30pm	The Immaculate Conception	Special Intention

LECTIONARY

Sun	Wis 12: 13, 16-19	Psalms 85: 5-6, 9-10, 15-16	Rom 8: 26-27	Matthew 13: 24-43
Mon	Ex 14: 5-18	Ex 15: 1-6		Matthew 12: 38-42
Tues	2Cor 4: 7-15	Psalm 125		Matthew 20: 20-28
Wed	Ex 16: 1-5, 9-15	Psalm 77: 18-19, 23-28		Matthew 13: 1-9
Thurs	Ex 19: 1-2, 9-11, 16-20	Dan 3: 52-56		Matthew 13: 10-17
Fri	Ex 20: 1-17	Psalm 18: 8-11		Matthew 13: 18-23
Sat	Ex 24: 3-8	Psalm 49: 1-2, 5-6, 14-15		John 11: 19-27

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

Aloys Koellgen, Alice Harrison, Florence Williams, Margaret Henderson, Teresa Cushion, Dorothy Briggs

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, Anne Chandler, Giles Boon, John Spires, Maureen Owen

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED ABOUT THIS TIME

Josef Podolski, Gerald Horn, Sr. M Elizabeth Young, Sr. Mary Paul Gentle, William Dickinson

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

DIOCESAN PRAYER LINK

Lawrence Weston: *Our Lady of the Rosary*; Shirehampton: *St Bernard*

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

Grandparents and the Elderly is this Sunday 23rd July. A message from Pope Francis for this day can be found at: <http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/dam/laityfamilylife/Eventi/GiornataMondialeNonnieAnziani2023/ENG/Messaggio%20GMNA%2023-ENG.pdf> and <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/nni/documents/20230531-messaggio-nnonni-anziani.html>.

STATEMENT ON MISSION

The Overseas Mission Committee of the Bishops' Conference recently released a statement explaining the importance of overseas mission to the Church. It includes reference to the cooperation between Missio, Cafod, the Mill Hill Missionaries and the Catholic Missionary Union. It can be found at: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/overseas-mission-committee-gospel-for-all/>. It has been issued by Bishop Paul Swarbrick (Chair of the Committee, Chair of the Trustees of Missio and Bishop of Lancaster) and Bishop Declan (as Chair of the Department of International Affairs).

THE LITTLE WAY CATHOLIC EDUCATIONAL TRUST

The new Little Way CET is due to open on 1 January 2024. It will initially launch with six Gloucestershire Catholic Primary Schools and aims to expand to include more schools in the near future. Bishop Declan has appointed six Foundation Directors and is seeking to appoint two more Directors to complete the board. Existing Foundation Governors/Directors, as well as people without any previous school governor experience, may apply. The board has identified a need for a person(s) with skills in Legal matters and/or Human Resources – so applications from those with experience in either/or both of these areas would be particularly welcome. If you're a practising Catholic, believe in Catholic education, have enthusiasm and commitment, can take a strategic view and contribute to boardroom discussions, then you can make a valuable contribution to the governing board of this new Multi Academy Trust. It also provides the opportunity to use your life/work skills and experience, to provide the best possible education for the benefit of the children in our schools. If you are interested, please contact Bill McEntee, Governance Officer at the Clifton Diocese Schools and Colleges Department via bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com or 07710094976 for more information or an application pack.

DON'T FORGET THE HOLY SPIRIT

Don't Forget the Holy Spirit is a new book written by Father Matt Anscombe of our diocese. He shares personal testimony and considers the difference the Holy Spirit makes in our lives of faith. Further details and recommendations and a link to buy the book can be found on the website www.dftholyspirit.com - it is also available on Amazon. Cost is £10 (+P&P). Father Matt will visit our parish to lead an evening focussed on the Holy Spirit on

MEMORIAL OF ST SHARBEL MAKHLUF – 24TH JULY

Sharbel was a Lebanese monk, born in a small mountain village and ordained in 1858. Devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary, he spent the last twenty three years of his life as a hermit. Despite temptations to wealth and comfort, Sharbel taught the value of poverty, self-sacrifice and prayer by the way he lived his life.

MEMORIAL OF ST JAMES – 25TH JULY

James was the son of Zebedee and the brother of John, the apostle. He was one of the three witnesses to Christ's transfiguration and the agony of the garden as well as being present at the raising of Jairus' daughter. James was the first apostle to die for the faith, dying by the sword in about 42AD at Jerusalem. The word 'boagernes' used by the evangelists to describe James and John means 'sons of thunder'. He is especially venerated at Compostela in Spain.

THE ANNUNCIATION

MISSING VACUUM CLEANER PART!

Does anybody know what has happened to the blue (I think) filter from the top of our Dyson vacuum cleaner? It has been missing for a few weeks and we cannot find it anywhere. To replace it will cost £30 so if anyone can shed light on where it might be, please let me know. Angela (ange.middleditch@btinternet.com)

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN NAILSWORTH

The Quakers Meeting House will be the venue for an exhibition of the Loving Earth Textile Project from August 19th – 27th, 2-5pm. This was exhibited previously at COP26 and at the Houses of Parliament so should be well worth a visit. Various churches taking part in Heritage Open Day on September 9th.

ST JOSEPH'S

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We are having a break for the summer holidays so there will be the no Children's Liturgy after today until Sunday September 10th. We hope you all have a wonderful holiday and we look forward to being with you again in September.
The Children's Liturgy Team.

COULD YOU GIFT AID YOUR OFFERING?

If you give to St Joseph's through the offertory collection, then it would be so good were you to sign up either to a regular Standing Order or if you are a tax payer, to using Gift Aid envelopes or a Gift Aided Standing Order. As a tax payer you can enhance your giving by an extra 25p for every £1 you give, allowing the Parish to reclaim this extra amount at no extra cost to yourself. If you can help, please see Andrew or Deacon Bogdan.

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