

ST JOSEPH'S STONEHOUSE & THE ANNUNCIATION, WOODCHESTER

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THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – PSALTER WEEK 3 – 5TH NOVEMBER 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	Deceased Members of the Conboy Family †
Wednesday	10.00am	The Immaculate Conception	Grace Harper
	10.45am		Holy Hour
Thursday	1.30pm	St Joseph's	Funeral Service for Nicholas King †
	6.00pm	The Immaculate Conception	George Tantum †
Friday	11.00am	English Martyrs, Tuffley	Mass for the Deceased of our Pastoral Area †

LECTIONARY

Sun	Mal 1: 14- 2: 2, 8-10	Psalm 130	1Thes 2: 7-9, 13	Matthew 23: 1-12
Mon	Rom 11: 29-36	Psalm 68: 30-37		Luke 14: 12-14
Tues	Rom 12: 5-16	Psalm 130		Luke 14: 15-24
Wed	Rom 13: 8-10	Psalm 111: 1-5, 9		Luke 14: 25-33
Thurs	Ez 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12	1Cor 3: 9-11, 16-17	Psalm 45: 2-9	John 2: 13-22
Fri	Rom 15: 14-21	Psalm 97: 1-4		Luke 16: 1-8
Sat	Rom 16: 3-9, 16, 22-27	Psalm 144: 2-5, 10-11		Luke 16: 9-15

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL AT ST JOSEPH'S

Mike Gibbons and Olga, Julie Wood, 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

Bernard Gibbons, Guiseppe Farrugia, Catherine Calenti, Edward Stewart, Christopher Brennan, Mark Timlin, Giovanna Caccia, Cynthia Duke, John Payne, Christopher Johnson, Michael Woods

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL AT THE ANNUNCIATION

Father Richard Finn O.P. and family, Rebekah Hollingshead, Brendon Conboy, Barry Norris, Peggy Chapman, John Presland, Georgina Mazzone, Trese Hulbert, Chris Jay, Anne Chandler, Giles Boon, John Spires, Pauline Gibson

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED ABOUT THIS TIME

Frank Ford, Mary Workman, Paul Carter, Francis Palm, Albert Pegler, Joan Howe, Frances Heskins, Ruby Smith, Georgina Segala, Margaret Dunne

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

DIOCESAN PRAYER LINK

Dulverton: St Stanislaus; Minehead, with Watchet: Sacred Heart

IN GENERAL

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP)

This weekend John Ciereszko will be with us next Sunday 12th November and will speak at the end of both Masses about the SVP. We may seek to establish a conference for our three parishes. There is likely to be a meeting for those interested on Thursday 16th November at 7:00pm in the parish hall at the Immaculate Conception, Stroud.

MASS FOR THE DECEASED OF OUR PASTORAL AREA

Mass for the Deceased of our Pastoral Area this Friday 10th November at 11:00am at English Martyrs, Tuffley (247 Tuffley Lane, Tuffley, Gloucester, GL4 0NX). All are welcome to this Mass which will be the first gathering our new Pastoral Area of Saint Wulstan. There will be tea and coffee in the parish hall afterwards.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Remembrance Sunday is next weekend. The dead of all wars will be remembered at the Sunday Masses.

SYNOD

Those taking part in the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops have approved a Letter to the People of God giving thanks for their experiences. They explain the work of the past weeks and express the hope that, in the coming months, everyone will be able to "concretely participate in the dynamism of missionary communion indicated by the word 'synod'". It can be found at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/synod-letter-to-the-people-of-god/>. Those taking part in the assembly also adopted a synthesis report, which can be found at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/synod-report-a-church-that-involves-everyone-and-is-close-to-worlds-wounds/>.

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION

Newman Association talk this Tuesday 7th November at 2.30pm in the lounge of Sacred Hearts' Hall (Moorend Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham GL53 9AU). Dr David McConkey will be giving a talk on 'William Byrd: A Recusant in Queen Elizabeth's Court'. For more than 30 years David served as a minister and theological college lecturer for the Anglican Church in the USA, Zimbabwe and England. In retirement he has returned to the practice of church music as Organist and Choirmaster of Saint Gregory's Catholic Church in Cheltenham. All are welcome. Admission is £3.00 (members & students free). Enquires: Stephanie Jamison (01242 539810).

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

We remember in our prayers Nicholas King (Funeral Service on Thursday at 1:30pm at Saint Joseph's, Stonehouse) and Bernard Gibbons who died recently. We also pray for their families and friends.

ST JOSEPH'S

THANK YOU

To all those who turned up to clean the Church (plus altar cloths, brass etc.....) on Saturday. It was hard work but the result was amazing. A rest, with refreshments provided time

to chat and reminisce. Plus a beautiful piece of chocolate cake (provided by Mattie).

MINI CHRISTMAS FAYRE: SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER (AFTER MASS)

We will have some craft/gift stalls selling various goods including hand made cards etc. Also a raffle run by Penny and Sandra to raise funds for the Jumbalance which takes the sick and infirm to Lourdes. Plus refreshments. And something for the children. If anyone would like to contribute/help in any way, you are more than welcome. You may have a few more ideas. You may want to have your own table (all we ask is a contribution if you sell anything). You could contribute a raffle prize or make a cake to sell with the refreshments. Any ideas, let me know. Thank you.

- Angela Brazington

THE ANNUNCIATION

TEAS AND COFFEES

This Sunday after Mass, we will be serving teas, coffees and cakes as we usually do on the first Sunday of the month.

CAFOD CHRISTMAS CARDS AND PRESENTS

Unfortunately, we are unable to buy any cards this year from Traidcraft as they have ceased trading. There are other companies who sell religious cards but they seem to be very expensive, and so for this year, I would recommend supporting local charities who do have some religious cards amongst their selections. We will be 'selling' baubles to hang on our Christmas tree again, with message tags for you to write. The money will go to CAFOD. If you are stuck on ideas for Christmas presents, why not look at CAFOD's World Gifts catalogue and choose a gift which will impact lives for our brothers and sisters overseas. It is very simple to order via the CAFOD website, but we will be getting catalogues soon, so do pick one up and have a look.

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CHURCH CLEANING

We try to keep our lovely church looking spic & span by having a weekly rota of cleaners who give up a couple of hours once a month. Some of us have been doing it for years and are now succumbing to old age, creaky joints etc! Are there any younger or recently retired couples, friends or individuals who could help us out? If so please contact Angela Middleditch (07973 421468) or pass a message through Fr. Bill or Bogdan. Many hands make light work!

175TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Next October, we will be celebrating the 175th Anniversary of our Church. We are looking to organize a series of events to celebrate this momentous occasion and are looking for your ideas! If you have any ideas that you feel would be a great way for us all to get together and celebrate, then please contact our office in the first place:

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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