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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT- PSALTER WEEK 2 – 5TH DECEMBER 2021

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	Tony Boyle †
Tuesday	6.00pm	The Immaculate Conception	Patrick Heaney †
Wednesday	7.00pm	The Immaculate Conception	People of the parish
Thursday	10.00am	The Immaculate Conception	Peter Stephens †
Friday	9.30am	The Annunciation	Special Intention
Saturday	No Masses		

LECTIONARY

Sun	Bar 5: 1-9	Psalm 125	Phil 1: 3-6, 8-11	Luke 3: 1-6
Mon	Is 35: 1-10	Psalm 84: 9-14		Luke 5: 17-26
Tues	Is 40: 1-11	Psalm 95: 1-3, 10-13		Matthew 18: 12-14
Wed	Gn 3: 9-15, 20	Psalm 97: 1-4	Eph 1: 3-6, 11-12	Luke 1: 26-38
Thurs	Is 41: 13-20	Psalm 144: 1, 9-13		Matthew 11: 11-15
Fri	Is 48: 17-19	Psalm 1: 1-6		Matthew 11: 16-19
Sat	Ecclus 48: 1-4, 9-11	Psalm 79: 2-3, 15-19		Matthew 17: 10-13

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

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED ABOUT THIS TIME

Eileen Hickey, Joseph Macauley, Vi Burrage, Maria Murray, Mary Gibbons, Elsie Malinowski, Bob Tungate, Mary Stock, Theodore Sajczuk, Michael O'Sullivan, Anthoni Malfiggiani

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, Barry Taylor, John Presland, Tony Thompson, Georgina Mazzone, Frances Little, Christopher Notley, Trese Hulbert, Elizabeth Lillinton, Chris Jay, Steve Chandler, Anne Chandler

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED ABOUT THIS TIME

Robert Reid, Anthony John, Barbara Larusc, Arthur O'Driscoll, Julia Carter, Edward Furley, Mary Gibbons, Sr. Mary Philip Ryan, Patrick Heaney, Tadeusz Zurek, Edward Wilks, Margaret Daniel

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

For catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God, that may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

DIOCESAN PRAYER LINK

Trowbridge: St John the Baptist; Westbury: St Bernadette

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE: OBLIGATION IS REMOVED AT PRESENT.

IN GENERAL

CHRISTMAS MASSES

This year Christmas Masses will be as follows:

Stonehouse

Sunday 19th December, 3pm: Carol Service (celebrated by Deacon Bogdan)

Friday 24th December, 5pm: Children's Nativity Play and carols – from the eyes of the sheep (celebrated by Father Bill and Deacon Bogdan)

Friday 24th December, 5.45pm: Family Vigil Mass (celebrated by Father Bill and Deacon Bogdan)

Saturday 25th December, 9am: Christmas Day Mass (celebrated by Father Bill and Deacon Bogdan)

Sunday 26th December, 9am: Mass (celebrated by Father Bill and Deacon Bogdan)

Woodchester

Saturday 25th December, 11am: Christmas Day Mass (celebrated by Father Bill and Deacon Bogdan)

Sunday 26th December, 11am: Mass (celebrated by Father Bill and Deacon Bogdan)

Stroud

Wednesday 22nd December, 6.30pm: Candlelight Christmas Carol Service (celebrated by Father Gary and Rosary Primary School)

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

The St Peter's RC High School Choir warmly invites you to our annual *Carols by Candlelight* at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Stroud on Tuesday 14 December at 7pm. This will be an uplifting yet reflective sequence of Christmas music and readings, suitable for all the family.

Tickets are available from the main school Reception on 01452 520594. Alternatively, please email: boxoffice@sphs.uk.com
Adults: £3, Concessions: £1.

CAFOD CLIFTON CHRISTMAS GET-TOGETHER: 5TH DEC

Come and hear about the CAFOD Clifton year and how brilliant you have all been, plans as we move into 2022, say hi to your fellow Supporters and Volunteers, and celebrate the wonderful Season of Advent - and enjoy some lovely Christmas cake!
Sunday December 5th: 2.30 – 4.30pm at St John the Evangelist Parish Hall, South Parade, Bath BA2 4AF. Some parking is available at the parish; it is about a 10 minute walk from Bath Spa train station. Let Liz know if you are coming so she has enough Christmas cake for Everyone: ebaldwin@cafod.org.uk

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION

There will be a talk on Tuesday 7th December at 2.30pm in the lounge of Sacred Hearts' Hall (Moorend Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham GL53 9AU). Adrian Barlow will be giving a talk on Ecclesiology. All are welcome. Admission is £3.00 (members and students free). Enquires to Stephanie Jamison (01242 539810).

PASTORAL MEETING NOTES

The pandemic has highlighted the importance of community and at our first joint pastoral council meeting we discussed how we can better support each other. Following this discussion, we would like to bring together a group of people who feel they could take on this role. We would need Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to take the Sacrament to the housebound (training will be given) and we also need people who would have a little time to visit, message or communicate with others

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

in some way. The more people we have the more enjoyable the experience and together we can build and enhance our Parish community. Please let us know if you would like to get involved or find out more.

- Maggie, Eileen, Chris, Deacon Bogdan

HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES

If you would like to put your child forward to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion (or if your child was on the course that got cancelled over lockdown) then please email stonehouse.stjoseph@cliftondiocese.com or Woodchester.theannunciation@cliftondiocese.com depending on your parish. This will be starting in Jan/Feb next year.

THE ANNUNCIATION

CHURCH CLEANING FOR CHRISTMAS ON THURSDAY, 16TH DECEMBER FROM 10AM

We are going to do our annual 'special' clean of the church which involves polishing the brasses, cleaning the candle holders, statues, windows etc. We ask for volunteers (men and ladies) to join us to help in any way possible. The more the merrier! I will provide 'Brasso' etc. but if you have any spare at home, bring it, along with dusters, rags, rubber gloves etc. Coffee and mince pies reward!! Thank you, Angela 832911.

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS AND CAKE STALL

This will be in aid of CAFOD, Sunday 12th December, after the 11am Mass. Bring and buy gifts, decorations, cakes, mince pies, cards etc.

- Angela

NOTES FROM CHURCHES TOGETHER MEETING

Look out for the new Nailsworth Together logo which has been agreed. You will see this on documentation and promoting events. Christ Church choir and orchestra will be holding a "Grand Christmas Tea Concert" at Nailsworth Primary School on Sunday December 5th at 4:00pm followed by tea at 5:00pm. It includes audience carols, is relaxed and suitable for children and is free. So do go along and get into the festive spirit. A date for next year; Jan 22nd will be the joint Christian Unity service. It is normally held at our church but this time it will be held in Christ Church at 3:00 pm. Please put this date in your diary and come along so that the service is well supported. The next Churches Together Meeting will be held at Christ Church on Monday 17th January at 3:00 pm.

ST JOSEPH'S

MISSIO RED BOXES

For anyone who still has a Red Box to return before the end of the year, please can you bring it into the Porch asap so that it can be collected. Also, all Parishioners are welcome to pick up a Mission Today 2022 Calendar from the Porch.

- Brendan

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Following the partial relaxation of Covid restrictions, we would like to revive the Children's Liturgy during Sunday Mass at St. Joseph's. If anyone would like to help lead the sessions, please contact me, Tony Ryan on 01453-826037, email rtonyryan@gmail.com.