

ST JOSEPH'S STONEHOUSE & THE ANNUNCIATION, WOODCHESTER

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – PSALTER WEEK 1 – 6TH FEBRUARY 2022

| 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 | No Mass | | |
| Wednesday | 1.30pm | The Immaculate Conception | Funeral Mass for Bridget Ryan † |
| Thursday | No Mass | | |
| Friday | No Mass | | |
| Saturday | No Mass | | |

LECTIONARY

| Day | 1 st Reading | 2 nd Reading | Gospel |
|-------|---------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|
| Sun | Is 6: 1-8 | Psalms 137: 1-5, 7-8 | 1Cor 15: 1-11 |
| Mon | 1Kgs 8: 1-7, 9-13 | Psalms 131: 6-10 | Mark 6: 53-56 |
| Tues | 1Kgs 8: 22-23, 27-30 | Psalms 83: 3-5, 10-11 | Mark 7: 1-13 |
| Wed | 1Kgs 10: 1-10 | Psalms 36: 5-6, 30-31, 39-40 | Mark 7: 14-23 |
| Thurs | 1Kgs 11: 4-13 | Psalms 105: 3-4, 35-37, 40 | Mark 7: 24-30 |
| Fri | 1Kgs 11: 29-32, 12: 19 | Psalms 80: 10-15 | Mark 7: 31-37 |
| Sat | 1Kgs 12: 26-32, 13: 33-34 | Psalms 105: 6-7, 19-22 | Mark 8: 1-10 |

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

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED ABOUT THIS TIME

Eva Summers, Francis Weston, Georgette Malfiggiani, Charles Isaac

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, Trese Hulbert, Elizabeth Lillinton, Chris Jay, Steve Chandler, Anne Chandler

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED ABOUT THIS TIME

Annie Hodgkinson, Mother Mary Wright, Stella Holmes, Sr. Mary Patricia, George Workman, Emmeline Doyle, Mary Harden

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

For religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

DIOCESAN PRAYER LINK

Amesbury: Christ the King

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE: OBLIGATION IS REMOVED AT PRESENT.

IN GENERAL

COVID GUIDANCE

It is no longer mandatory to wear face coverings in church, although people are free to do so if they wish. There is a general encouragement to wear face coverings while singing, however it is recognised that not everyone will feel able to do this. Holy Communion can now be received on the hand or on the tongue in the normal Holy Communion procession, however the distribution of the Precious Blood is not being reintroduced at this time. The availability of holy water, the reintroduction of the sign of peace and the use of hymn books will be considered in the coming weeks.

- Father Gary

WHAT IS GOD SAYING?

You are invited to join Fr. James Mallon, Bishop Robert Barron, and Revd. Nicky Gumbel for a conversation on 'What is God Saying to the Church?' March 2022 marks two years since the pandemic hit much of the world. What is God saying to the Church throughout the last two years? What have we learned? What should be our focus moving forward? As we slowly emerge from the pandemic, we believe that we have an incredible opportunity to recommit our energies to finding new and old ways to evangelise. But there are important questions many are wrestling with: What is the most urgent call for the Church? What have the past two years revealed about the Church and how she is fulfilling her mission? What are we being called to repent of, to turn from, and to turn towards? This is a FREE online event happening on Tuesday 1 March 2022 and starts at 6pm. Find out more and register at: <https://www.divinerenovation.org/what-is-god-saying-event>

PASTORAL NETWORK

We are still trying to work towards some sort of pastoral support group and although we have not been inundated with volunteers, there has been a little interest following our recent request in the bulletin. Therefore, we would like to hold a brief meeting for all interested people to discuss a way forward. One suggestion could be to simply link people together i.e. one volunteer to take an interest in a member of our community and support them via messages, phone calls, visits etc (whichever is most appropriate). Please consider whether you could become involved in something like this or have you got a better idea? Come along to a short meeting after Mass on.....when we can explore ideas and get something started.

- Maggie Smith

CHAVEANGE HOUSE TRIP

On Weds 6th April 2022, at 2pm. This will be followed a full Cotswold tea, cost per person is £18. Chaveange House has been the located used in many films and TV dramas, including the recent TV drama, Poldark. All parishioners, family and friends are welcome. Transport is not provided, you will be required to drive directly to Chaveange House on the day, car sharing is suggested. Please contact Ros of interest by 28th February to confirm your booking and any dietary needs. Payment to be required later in March.

CAFOD'S WALK AGAINST HUNGER LENT CHALLENGE

There are 200 million children in the world whose lives are at risk from malnutrition. This Lent, challenge yourself to walk 200km, and help give hunger its marching orders. Do 5k a day,

your way, for 40 days, get sponsored and you'll conquer your 200km target in time for Easter – and help people around the world to live free from hunger. To take part, go to cafod.org.uk/walk.

TRIBUNAL ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR

A vacancy has arisen in the Diocesan Matrimonial Tribunal Team for a part-time Tribunal Assistant to support the Administrator with the key activities of the Tribunal Office. The role is for 12 hours per week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9.00am to 1.00pm and based in Alexander House, in Bristol. Further information regarding the role is available on the diocesan website or for an informal discussion about the position, please contact Deacon Vincent Calder, Tribunal Administrator, Clifton Diocese on 0117 983 3907. Closing date for receipt of applications: 11 February 2022.

MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA – 8TH FEBRUARY

Josephine was a young Sudanese girl sold into slavery and brought to Italy where, while serving as a nanny, she was sent to live with the Canossian Sisters of the Institute of the Catechumens in Venice. There she was baptised and, having reached majority age, was granted her freedom by Italian law. She died after a long and painful illness during which she would cry out to the Lord: 'Please loosen the chains...they are so heavy!' Her dying words were 'Our Lady, Our Lady!'

ST JOSEPH'S

CHURCHES TOGETHER

Some dates for your diary! The week of prayer is taking place on 4th March, at the Bethel Church. The Lenten Lunches will be taking place this year, date and time TBC. The Quiz will also be taking place (in our Church Hall), again time and date TBC – it will be run by the Bethel Church. Keith Creighton thanked all who had donated through their Churches or individually to the Glory Road Ministries for their Christmas gift bags – over 200 drivers received these free gifts from Glory Road this year.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

If anyone would like to join the team of Children's Liturgy leaders, he or she would be most welcome. Please contact me, Tony Ryan on 01453-826037 or on email at tonyryan@gmail.com

THE ANNUNCIATION

NOTES FROM CHURCHES TOGETHER MEETING HELD ON 17TH JANUARY

The World Day of Prayer will be held at Christ Church on March 4th hopefully followed by a soup lunch. Please note this date in your diary. Lenten groups will take place starting on Tuesday 8th March. The theme this year will be exploring why economics drive climate change. Each week topics will be explored such as consumerism and advertising, inequality and justice and what we can do to minimise the detrimental effects. This sounds very pertinent and of interest to all. Plans are being drawn up for jubilee celebrations. A civic service will be held on Sunday 5th June (Pentecost) at St George's Church. We also need to think what we might like to do as a parish community. please have a think and share your ideas.

- Maggie Smith

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