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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – PSALTER WEEK 1 – 6TH MARCH 2022

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	Brian T. Bragg †
Tuesday	6.00pm	The Immaculate Conception	Special Intention
Wednesday	10.00am	The Immaculate Conception	Pat Stephens
	10.45am	The Immaculate Conception	Stations of the Cross
Thursday	6.00pm	The Immaculate Conception	Mick and Maggie †
Friday	9.30am	The Annunciation	Special Intention
Saturday	6.30pm	The Immaculate Conception	Ormonde Family

LECTIONARY

Day	Dt	Psalm	Rom	Luke
Sun	Dt 26: 4-10	Psalm 90: 1-2, 10-15	Rom 10: 8-13	Luke 4: 1-13
Mon	Lv 19: 1-2, 11-18	Psalm 18: 8-10, 15		Matthew 25: 31-46
Tues	Is 55: 10-11	Psalm 33: 4-7, 16-19		Matthew 6: 7-15
Wed	Jon 3: 1-10	Psalm 50: 3-4, 12-13, 18-19		Luke 11: 29-32
Thurs	Est 4: 17	Psalm 137: 1-3, 7-8		Matthew 7: 7-12
Fri	Ez 18: 21-28	Psalm 129		Matthew 5: 20-26
Sat	Dt 26: 16-19	Psalm 118: 1-8		Matthew 5: 43-48

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, Brian Bignall

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED ABOUT THIS TIME

Anthony Haywood, Mary Bonnici, Lorna Weston, Maria Carcone, Gertrude Drew, Rita Everard

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

Bridget Sloan, Moya Sculthorpe, John Cadden, Nora Chown, Esther De Guingand, Beatrice Shorey, Kathleen Thompson, Elisabeth Dennis, Tadeusz Sowa, Marjory Hawtrey-Hicks, Albert Tandy, Samuel Ryan, Phyllis Cheesmond, Victor Roditi, Michael Ricketts

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

For Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

DIOCESAN PRAYER LINK

Bath: St Mary

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE: OBLIGATION IS REMOVED AT PRESENT.

IN GENERAL

PASTORAL LETTER

Bishop Declan has issued a pastoral letter for this weekend. There are copies available in our churches. It can also be read, listened to, or watched at <https://clifftondiocese.com/bishop/>.

DAILY REFLECTION SERIES

The Department for Adult Education and Evangelisation has organised a daily reflection series to support people in their Lenten journeys. Forty people offered their reflections and each day in Lent, one video will be published on <http://clifftondiocese.com>

PRINKNASH RETREAT

On Saturday, 2nd April, there will be a day treat taking place at the Holy Family Centre in Prinknash. This day is for anyone who would like to learn more about the God who loves to heal and bring transformation to our lives. There will be light refreshments available. Donations to cover costs would be gratefully received. To book your place, please contact Moira Govan on 07732910554 or moria.govan@gmail.com

LITURGIES OF RECONCILIATION

Bishop Declan is to celebrate Liturgies of Reconciliation during the Season of Lent at five venues across the diocese. The dates & venues are: Thursday 10 March (St Osmund, Salisbury), Thursday 17 March (St John, Bath), Thursday 24 March (St Gregory, Cheltenham), Thursday 31 March (St John, Trowbridge) and Thursday 7 April (St George, Taunton). Please note, due to the Cheltenham Festival, we have swapped the dates of the Bath and Cheltenham liturgies, with St John, Bath now on 17 March and St Gregory, Cheltenham on 24 March. Building upon the beautiful gatherings during Lent he is, once again, inviting our diocesan community to gather with him in celebration of God's merciful love as part of our Lenten journey. There will be priests available at each venue to celebrate sacramental reconciliation.

CHAVENAGE HOUSE TRIP

On Weds 6th April 2022, at 2pm. This will be followed a full Cotswold tea, cost per person is £18. Chavenage House has been the location 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 Chavenage House on the day, car sharing is suggested. Please contact Ros on 01453 821627 to book by 28th February and confirm any dietary needs. Payment to be required later in March.

COMMEMORATION OF SAINT JOHN OF GOD – 8TH MARCH

John (1495-1550), the founder of the Brothers Hospitallers, was born in Portugal. He joined mercenaries and fought for Spain against the French and the Turks. In the army he gave up the practice of religion. He left the army and worked as a shepherd. At the age of forty he was converted to a life of dedication to the service of God. In Gibraltar he became a peddler of religious books and pictures and later opened a shop in Granada. He suffered a period of apparent madness and ran through the streets giving away all his books. St John of Avila calmed him and persuaded him to devote his energies to the poor and sick. His final illness was brought on through rescuing a drowning man in a flood. He died before the altar of his hospital chapel

aged 55. After his death rules were drawn up by his followers, who took vows and became a Religious Order.

COMMEMORATION OF SAINT FRANCES OF ROME – 9TH MARCH

Frances (1384-1440) was born in Rome of a wealthy but pious family. She devoted her time to relieving the distress of the poor of Rome. After the death of her husband, she entered a community of devout women she had founded under the Rule of St Benedict becoming its superior for the remaining four years of her life. She was canonised by Paul V in 1608.

ST JOSEPH'S

LENTEN LUNCHES

Great news that we can now confirm that we will be meeting together this year for Lent Lunches. They will be held on Mondays this year starting on Monday, 7th March from 12.30pm in our Church Hall. Everyone is welcome for home-made soup, a warm welcome and good company, and a chance to meet with friends again old and new sharing food. We will be joined and supported by the fellowship of CTiS.

EASTER RAFFLE

We will be holding a raffle this year. Tickets will be available to buy starting Sunday 6th March (before and after Mass). Please support us. We are intending to put the proceeds towards new lightweight tables for the hall. If you would like to donate a raffle prize- that would be great. Thank you.

- Sandra, Penny, Angela

CHURCHES TOGETHER

The Quiz will also be taking place (in our Church Hall), again time and date TBC – it will be run by the Bethel Church.

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 rtonyryan@gmail.com

THE ANNUNCIATION

PANCAKE MORNING!

Our CAFOD group want to thank everyone who came to the Pancake morning on Shrove Tuesday and helped to raise over £230. A special thank you to everyone who volunteered to help on the day, and were kept extremely busy! CAFOD are launching an emergency appeal to help the people of Ukraine. Read about it here:

<https://cafod.org.uk/News/International-news/Ukraine-crisis>

- Angela Middleditch

CAFOD DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Lent Fast Day, 11th March: Collection envelopes will be given out on Sunday 6th March for return on the 13th. CAFOD walk against hunger, Saturday 26th March: once again we will be doing a 5 mile walk to Woodchester Mansion and back, raising money for this worthy cause. More details later, but please consider walking with us on the day, or sponsoring us if possible. More details from Angela Middleditch (832911) or Jinny Marshall.

Item for the Bulletin? You can send items for the bulletin (by the Wednesday) to stonehouse.stjoseph@clifftondiocese.com or post them through the presbytery letterbox. For The Annunciation, email: woodchester.theannunciation@clifftondiocese.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@clifftondiocese.com. Any health and safety matters for Stonehouse, please email HS.stonehouse.stjoseph@clifftondiocese.com