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FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD – PSALTER WEEK 1 – 9TH JANUARY 2022

DAY	TIME	PARISH	INTENTION
Sunday	9.00am	St Joseph's	People of the parish
	11.00am	The Annunciation	People of the parish
Monday	7.00pm	St Joseph's	Carmel Scannall
Tuesday	11.00am	The Immaculate Conception	Funeral Mass: Theresa Finneran †
Wednesday	10.00am	The Immaculate Conception	Tony & Ann Allsopp
Thursday	6.00pm	The Immaculate Conception	Special Intention
Friday	11.00am	The Immaculate Conception	Funeral Mass: Camela Guerrini †
Saturday	No Mass		

LECTIONARY

Sun	Is 40: 1-5, 9-11	Psalm 103: 1-4, 24-30	Titus 2: 11-14; 3: 4-7	Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22
Mon	1Sm 1: 1-8	Psalm 115: 12-19		Mark 1: 14-20
Tues	1Sm 1: 9-20	1Sm 2: 1, 4-8		Mark 1: 21-28
Wed	1Sm 3: 1-10, 19-20	Psalm 39: 2, 5, 7-10		Mark 1: 29-39
Thurs	1Sm 4: 1-11	Psalm 43: 10-11, 14-15, 24-25		Mark 1: 40-45
Fri	1Sm 8: 4-7, 10-22	Psalm 88: 16-19		Mark 2: 1-12
Sat	1Sm 9: 1-4, 17-19, 10: 1	Psalm 20: 2-7		Mark 2: 13-17

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

William Cheyne, Eileen Driver, William Nolan, John Lavin, Cecilia Richardson, Richard Bell, Christine Russell, Kathleen Slocombe, Frances Bingle, Anne Guy, Marjorie Grigg, Maurice Nairac, Grahame McDonnell

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

Christopher Notley, Thomas McCarthy, Mary Saunders, Pawell Zimmermann, Elizabeth Kelly, Pauline Hall, Doris Herbert, Elizabeth Peterson, Sr. Mary Leonard Carr, William Teakle

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

For all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

DIOCESAN PRAYER LINK

St Ambrose/Diocesan Curia/Diocesan Services

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE: OBLIGATION IS REMOVED AT PRESENT.

IN GENERAL

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON CONCLUDES

The Christmas season concludes with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord which we celebrate this weekend. On Monday we begin the first week of Ordinary Time (Sunday Readings: Year C. Weekday Readings: Year 2).

CONFIRMATION

Thank you to all those who have expressed an interest in Confirmation. The preparation programme, which is open to young people in year 9 or above, will begin on Friday 21st January (6:30pm-8:00pm) in the parish hall at the Immaculate Conception, Stroud. Bishop Declan is due to visit our Deanery for the celebration of the Sacrament on Wednesday 8th June and/or Tuesday 12th July.

AFGHANISTAN CRISIS

In Afghanistan some eight million people are on the brink of famine because of drought, collapsing economy, food shortages, conflict, and covid. Cafod is combining efforts with the DEC to launch the Afghanistan Crisis Appeal. CAFOD is supporting sister Caritas agencies to reach communities most in need with food, clean water, and fuel. Donations can be made via the Cafod website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Afghanistan-crisis>. We pray for the people of Afghanistan.

CATECHESIS

The last year or so has been quite a challenge when it has come to catechesis in our parishes. Clifton Diocese are launching a new venture to gather catechists, experienced and inexperienced to meet online to share ideas and possibly receive a little bit more of formation at the same time. These meetings will ensure a crossover of deaneries so that good practice can be shared across the Diocese. Our Stroud deanery meeting is scheduled for an hour on 17th January, starting at 7pm. To register, please go to: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/across-the-deaneries-tickets-221298739487>

UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

The Universe Catholic Weekly have now launched their new online newspaper, with the full support of their first subscriber, none other than His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols. To order your digital copy, go to www.universecatholicweekly.co.uk or call on 07436617650 and ask for Michelle. There is a current special offer of £20 for 3 months.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

If you have a child born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018, then now is the time to apply for a place at a primary school for admission from September 2022 onwards. You must complete an application form that is available from the school admissions team of Gloucestershire County Council (Please visit [https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-](https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/admission-to-reception-at-primary-school/year-3-junior-school/)

[learning/school-admissions/admission-to-reception-at-primary-school/year-3-junior-school/](https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/admission-to-reception-at-primary-school/year-3-junior-school/) for more details). If

your child has been baptised and you are applying for a Catholic school, you must also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to the school. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of 15th January 2022. For more details about admissions to our Rosary Primary School (whose catchment area includes Stonehouse Parish) please visit

<https://www.rosaryschool.org.uk/reception-admissions-2022/>, or for our Saint Joseph's Primary School, Nympsfield (whose catchment area includes Woodchester parish) please visit <http://www.st-josephs-nympsfield.com/website/admissions/357110>.

PARISH PHONES

Unfortunately, the parish office phones continue to be out of action. If you are trying to get in contact with the office, please do so through email.

MEMORIAL OF SAINT AELRED OF RIVAULX – 12TH JANUARY

Born in 1110, Aelred entered the recently founded Abbey of Rievaulx in 1134, after spending time in the service of King David where he rose to be the Master of the Royal Household. Delicate in health, he followed the austere regime and became so highly thought of that he was chosen as envoy to Rome. In 1143 he became Abbot of Revesby and four years later, Abbot of Rievaulx. Vocations increased to 150 monks and 500 lay brothers, the largest Abbey in England. Aelred showed sensitivity and gently holiness, with a strong emphasis on charity and spiritual friendship. He later suffered agony from a kidney stone and the last ten years of his life were marked by illness. He died in 1167. Aelred is remembered for his energy and gentleness; his writings and sermons demonstrated his deep love of the scriptures and of Christ.

MEMORIAL OF SAINT HILARY – 13TH JANUARY

Hilary was born at Poitiers c.315 of wealthy pagan parents. He became an orator, married and had a daughter. In 350 he became a Christian through a long process of study. This led him to the convictions that man is in the world for the practice of the moral virtues which must be rewarded hereafter; that there is only one God, the eternal and creative first cause, and that the Word of God who became incarnate in Jesus Christ is likewise eternal and of one substance with the Father. In c.353 he was chosen as Bishop. He was the outspoken champion of orthodoxy against the Arians.

THE ANNUNCIATION

RIP CHRISTOPHER NOTLEY

Christopher Notley sadly passed away in the early hours of Tuesday, 28th December. May we remember his family in our prayers. May he rest in peace.

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