

ST JOSEPH'S, STONEHOUSE & THE ANNUNCIATION, WOODCHESTER

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TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – PSALTER WEEK 4 – 12TH SEPTEMBER 2021

ST JOSEPH'S			THE ANNUNCIATION	
Sun	9.00am	Mass: <i>People of parish</i>	11.00am	Mass: <i>People of parish</i>
Mon		No Mass		No Mass
Tue		No Mass		No Mass
Wed	10.00am	Mass: <i>Georgina † and Mary Coulborn †</i>		No Mass
Thurs		No Mass		No Mass
Fri		No Mass		No Mass
Sat		No Mass		No Mass

LECTIONARY

Sun	Is 50: 5-9	Psalms 115: 1-9	Jas 2: 14-18	Mark 8: 27-35
Mon	1Tm 2: 1-8	Psalm 27: 2, 7-9		Luke 7: 1-10
Tues	Nm 21: 4-9	Psalm 77: 1-2, 34-38		John 3: 13-17
Wed	1Tm 4: 12-16	Psalm 110: 1-6		John 19: 25-27
Thurs	1Tm: 4: 12-16	Psalm 110: 7-10		Luke 7: 36-50
Fri	1Tm 6: 2-12	Psalm 48: 6-10, 17-20		Luke 8: 1-3
Sat	1Tm 6: 13-16	Psalm 99		Luke 8: 4-15

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

May Griffin, Ruzena Hyksova, William Clarke, Kiara Migge, Patrick Smiddy, Machyl Hajdukewicz, Stephanie Dangerfield, Siobhan Dangerfield, Sean Rosewell

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, Roy Ford, Anne Chandler

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED ABOUT THIS TIME

Della Cox, Mary Horn, Peter Horn, Lionel Ricketts, Dorothy Smallwood, Elisabeth Naughton, Nigel Rogers, Sr. M. Felix Nash, Mildred Vearncombe

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

That we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

DIOCESAN PRAYER LINK

Marlborough, with Pewsey: St Thomas More

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE: OBLIGATION IS REMOVED AT PRESENT.

IN GENERAL

CONFIRMATION

Looking ahead to next year, we are looking to have Confirmation take place in the Deanery. If there are any people who would like to be confirmed, could you let Fr. Bill or Deacon Bogdan know so that we can help Fr. Gary with plans.

JOURNEYING FROM DESPAIR TO HOPE...PRISONS WEEK ONLINE EVENT – 12TH OCTOBER 5-6.15PM

Clifton, Arundel & Brighton and Plymouth Dioceses would like to invite you to explore the challenges facing prisoners and their families and how we can get involved in our parishes. Prisoners and their families are often some of the most socially excluded people in our society. There are many prisons in our diocese: Ashfield, Bristol, Eastwood Park and Ley Hill. This event will offer an opportunity to direct our thoughts and prayers to prisoners and their families and to reflect on how we as individuals, as a Church and as a community are serving those affected by imprisonment. Speakers include: Canon Paul Douthwaite, National Catholic Chaplain for Prisons at Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, Andy Keen-Downs, Chief Executive Prison Advice and Care Trust. Participants will receive advice on practical steps that parishes can implement and information on voluntary organisations helping prisoners and their families. Please register your attendance by filling in this form <https://forms.office.com/r/J1zTKUTIP7>

EU CITIZENS – PROTECT YOUR RIGHT TO LIVE IN THE UK

If you are an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen and you don't already have Indefinite Leave to Remain, you and your family must apply to the EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS) to continue living in the UK after Brexit. The deadline to apply was 30 June but the Home Office believes that there is a significant number of over 65-year-olds who have not yet applied to the Scheme. Many older EU nationals believe that because they've lived here for decades or married a UK citizen, they don't need to apply. The Home Office is now willing to accept late applications from elderly EU nationals who may not have realised that they need to register. The EU Settlement Scheme is open to applications, and you will need to apply online. Go to www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families for information. Once you have read that you can start your application at www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families/applying-for-settled-status.

DARE TO DREAM

A new autumn series of 'Dare to Dream' will begin on Sunday 5th September with Fr. Thomas Lawes giving the first reflection. Each new video and reflection will be available on the Friday before each Sunday. Taking this time to reflect will enable all of us to contribute more fully to the conversations that every deanery will be having to discern how we grow our parishes to be places of mission, serving the poor and responding out of our abundance to the needs of the local community and the wider world. To view these, please go to: <http://cliftondiocese.com/dare-to-dream>

LOVE CHRISTMAS0

Looking for a way for your parish to spread love, hope and kindness in your community this Christmas? Love Christmas is a national initiative to do just this. Together we are mobilising volunteers through local churches to sponsor and deliver a million Christmas Boxes to the most vulnerable and isolated. By partnering together, you will be joining thousands of churches from across the UK. It is easy to take part and it is an effective way of reaching out to those around us. Join the Love Christmas webinar on Wednesday 6

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

October, 11am – 12pm to hear more and to find out how to get involved. Sign up here: <https://www.tfaforms.com/4917266>

CLIFTON CLIMATE LITURGY

CAFOD invite you to a Clifton Climate Liturgy, Clifton Cathedral at 11.00am on 23 October. This will be a celebration of the work done so far to inspire a love of Our Common Home and an encouragement for us all to pray and advocate for its protection in the lead up to COP 26. There will be several faith organisations involved in the Climate Crisis Campaign present at the Liturgy.

SCHOOL GOVERNORS

There are 62 maintained schools in Clifton Diocese, educating 21,673 pupils. They are supported by a 'volunteer army' of school governors. The Bishop wishes to recruit new candidates to join the governing bodies, to help grow and sustain Catholic education in the Diocese for current and future generations. If you would like to support catholic education and so would like to apply to be a governor, please complete the online application form <https://schools.cliftondiocese.com/form-2> or contact Bill McEntee, Governance Officer via bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com or call 07710094976 for more information – he would love to hear from you!

THE ANNUNCIATION

DELLA COX RIP

Della died at home on 1st September: she had suffered ill health for a number of years. Her requiem will take place at 12.30pm on Monday 20th September at The Annunciation, followed by a service at Westerleigh Crematorium. We fondly remember her as we offer our condolences to her family: may her soul rest in peace.

PASTORAL TEAM

For several years there has been a small pastoral team of representatives from Woodchester and Stonehouse meeting with Fr Bill and Deacon Bogdon. We have primarily been concerned with planning for our younger parishioners, working with the School and improving our welcoming and community interaction; there is still plenty to do. With Father Bill's imminent retirement it would be good to strengthen this team so that we can all work together with Stroud to maintain and enhance our individual settings but also benefiting from each other's strengths. We need to seize the opportunities that this period of change offers. If you are interested please talk to Fr Bill or Deacon Bogdon. We are also looking for representatives to liaise with Nailsworth Churches Together. This is an active group and is influential in the area. It would be lovely to have one or more people representing us and keeping us all involved.

- *Maggie Smith*

ST JOSEPH'S

READERS

There will be a practice session for readers on Sunday 19th Sept at 8.30am before our Sunday Mass. We hope to see you then.

- *Penny Sweet*

MISSION TODAY

The Autumn 2021 Magazine 'Mission Today' has arrived and is available in the Porch. This is free to all Parishioners. Please feel free to take a copy. Many Thanks.

- *Brendan Turbitt*