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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT- PSALTER WEEK 3 – 12TH 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	12.00 noon	St Joseph's	Peter Beadle
Tuesday	10.00am	The Immaculate Conception	People of the parishes
Wednesday	6.00pm	The Immaculate Conception	Bishop Mervyn Alexander †
Thursday	No Masses		
Friday	No Masses		
Saturday	No Masses		

LECTIONARY

Sun	Zep 3: 14-18	Is 12: 2-6	Phil 4: 4-7	Luke 3: 10-18
Mon	Nm 24: 2-7, 15-17	Psalm 24: 4-9		Matthew 21: 23-27
Tues	Zep 3: 1-2, 9-13	Psalm 33: 2-7, 16-19, 23		Matthew 21: 28-32
Wed	Is 45: 6-8, 18, 21-26	Psalm 84: 9-14		Luke 7: 19-23
Thurs	Is 54: 1-10	Psalm 29: 2-6, 11-13		Luke 7: 24-30
Fri	Gn 49: 2, 8-10	Psalm 71: 1-4, 7-8, 17		Matthew 1: 1-17
Sat	Jer 23: 5-8	Psalm 71: 1-2, 12-13, 18-19		Matthew 1: 18-24

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

Antoni Strzalowski, Anthony Savage, George Buhagiar

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

Leolyn Wilkins, Margaret Kaye, Joseph Anderson, Eileen Stern, Teresa Cullis, Mary Gibbons

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

Warminster: St George

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE: OBLIGATION IS REMOVED AT PRESENT.

Adults: £3, Concessions: £1.

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)

Friday 24th December, 6.00pm: Mass

Saturday, 25th December, 12.00 midnight: Mass (with carols from 11.30pm). Also 8.30am Mass at Painswick and 10.00am Mass at The Immaculate Conception.

There will be no 6.30pm Mass on Saturday 25th December.

There will be 8.30am Mass at Painswick and 10.00am Mass in Stroud on Sunday, 26th December, the feast of the Holy Family. There will be Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, on Saturday 1st January at 11.00am at the Immaculate Conception, Stroud.

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-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/Our-School/Admissions/>, 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>.

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

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

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@clifftondiocese.com or Woodchester.theannunciation@clifftondiocese.com depending on your parish. This will be starting in Jan/Feb next year.

MEMORIAL OF SAINT LUCY, VIRGIN, MARTYR – 13TH DECEMBER

Lucy was martyred at Syracuse in 304 in the persecution of Diocletian. Her name is included in the Roman Canon. She is an example of innocence and faithfulness, and her cult was very popular in the early Church.

MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

1542-1591. At the age of 14, John worked in a hospital caring for those with incurable diseases and diseases of the mind. He joined the Carmelite order and helped St Teresa of Avila to reform the moment, returning to a life of prayer. Threatened by the reform, members of his own order kidnapped him and locked him in a small cell beating him three times a week. Here in this cold, dark and desolation he had nothing but his love and faith. He escaped and devoted his life to sharing his mystical experiences of God's love.

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

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.