

# ST JOSEPH'S STONEHOUSE & THE ANNUNCIATION, WOODCHESTER

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### SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – PSALTER WEEK 2 – 13<sup>TH</sup> 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	No Mass		
Thursday	6.00pm	The Immaculate Conception	Jane Richards †
Friday	9.30am	The Annunciation	Special Intention
Saturday	6.30pm	The Immaculate Conception	Theresa Finneran †

### LECTIONARY

Sun	Jer 17: 5-8	Psalms 1: 1-4, 6	1Cor 15: 12, 16-20	Luke 6: 17, 20-26
Mon	Acts 13: 46-49	Psalms 116		Luke 10: 1-9
Tues	Jas 1: 12-18	Psalms 93: 12-15, 18-19		Mark 8: 14-21
Wed	Jas 1: 19-27	Psalms 14: 2-5		Mark 8: 22-26
Thurs	Jas 2: 1-9	Psalms 33: 2-7		Mark 8: 27-33
Fri	Jas 2: 14-24, 26	Psalms 111: 1-6		Mark 8: 34- 9: 1
Sat	Jas 3: 1-10	Psalms 11: 2-8		Mark 9: 2-13

#### 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

Madeleine Hellyer, Honorine Isaac, John McKeever, John Digby, Martin Fisher, Debbie Roberts

#### 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

Owen Bodenham, Alice Kingston, Stanley Brown, Edward Shelley, Hope Wilberforce, Irene Holbrow, Josephine Bogdanska, Charmaine Morris, Hugh Hope, Michael Stafford, Anthony Rawlinson, Ferdinand Valentine, Elizabeth Newman, Mary May, Jmaes Keogh, Martha Reid

#### 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

*Bath: Our Lady & St Alpege; Peasedown St John: St Joseph*

## **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 and reintroduction of the sign of peace will be considered in the coming weeks.

- Father Gary

#### **HYMNS THIS SUNDAY**

We will experiment with an extra hymn this Sunday. I hope it is OK to do so, as I know there are some who would prefer not to be present while people are singing, so let us know what you think about the idea. The hymn numbers will be displayed: 166 (Fill my house) and, for the recessional, 771 (You shall cross the Barren Desert).

- Father Bill

#### **RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY – 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

The theme builds on that of the previous year's Racial Justice Sunday 'A Time to Act', which reflected on the importance of everyone recognising themselves, their race, their culture and their history in the life of the Church. Our aim, in 2022, is to continue these conversations about how we see others in the "Image and Likeness of God".

#### **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.

#### **LOURDES PILGRIMAGE CANCELLATION**

Clifton diocese has announced that the annual pilgrimage to Lourdes will not be going ahead again this year due to the ongoing pandemic. Bishop Declan made the announcement this week following careful consideration on the impact it could have on the pilgrims, especially those who would need assistance. It will be the third year that the Lourdes pilgrimage has been called off due to Covid. Bishop Declan said of the cancellation: 'Many pilgrims have journeyed to Lourdes over the years to pray alongside St Bernadette; for healing and also for deepening their faith. In a time of pandemic, where there is a serious risk to health, especially to vulnerable pilgrims, this decision, while regrettable, is a necessary one in the present situation'. The relics of St Bernadette however are to visit Clifton cathedral later this year. A section of bone from her thigh is to be taken to the major cathedrals and churches of the dioceses of England, Scotland and Wales in the autumn.

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

It is hoped that the tour will be as successful as the visit of the relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux to Britain in 2009, which attracted a quarter of a million people to queue up to pray at the side of the casket of the "Little Flower". More details will follow shortly!

#### **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>

#### **CHAVENAGE HOUSE TRIP**

On Weds 6<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> February and confirm any dietary needs. Payment to be required later in March.

### **ST JOSEPH'S**

#### **CHURCHES TOGETHER**

Some dates for your diary! The week of prayer is taking place on 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **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 [ttonyryan@gmail.com](mailto:ttonyryan@gmail.com)

### **THE ANNUNCIATION**

#### **NOTES FROM CHURCHES TOGETHER MEETING HELD ON 17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

The World Day of Prayer will be held at Christ Church on March 4<sup>th</sup> hopefully followed by a soup lunch. Please note this date in your diary. Lenten groups will take place starting on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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