

ST JOSEPH'S STONEHOUSE & THE ANNUNCIATION, WOODCHESTER

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – PSALTER WEEK 2 – 13TH 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	Alex Marie Felix †
Tuesday	6.00pm	The Immaculate Conception	Annie Dougan †
Wednesday	10.00am	The Immaculate Conception	John Gray †
Thursday	6.00pm	The Immaculate Conception	All forgotten souls
Friday	9.30am	The Annunciation	Special Intention
	6.00pm	St Joseph's	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	10.00am	St Joseph's	People of the parish

LECTIONARY

Sun	Gn 15: 5-12, 17-18	Psalm 26: 1, 7-9, 13-14	Phil 3: 17- 4: 1	Luke 9: 28-36
Mon	Dn 9: 4-10	Psalm 78: 8-9, 11, 13		Luke 6: 36-38
Tues	Is 1: 10, 16-20	Psalm 49: 8-9, 16-17, 21, 23		Matthew 23: 1-12
Wed	Jer 18: 18-20	Psalm 30: 5-6, 14-16		Matthew 20: 17-28
Thurs	Jer 1: 4-9	Psalm 1: 1-4, 6		Luke 10: 1-12, 17-20
Fri	Gn 37: 3-4, 12-13, 17-28	Psalm 104: 16-21		Matthew 21: 33-43, 45-46
Sat	2Sm 7: 4-5, 12-14, 16	Psalm 88: 2-5, 27, 29	Rom 4: 13, 16-18, 22	Matthew 1: 16-, 18-21, 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, Ellen Osman, Brian Bignall

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED ABOUT THIS TIME

Mary Walsh, David Ross, Francis Cluskey, Mary Bedford, Hannah Ford, John Stuttle

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

Kathleen Vale, Bessie Kelly, Joshua Workman, Henry Wilberforce, Thomas Horrocks, Sr. Mary Rose Killing, Philip Bathurst, Albert Cook, Margaret May, Angus Kerr, Hannah Ford, Elizabeth Embling

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

Bradford-on-Avon: St Thomas More

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE: OBLIGATION IS REMOVED AT PRESENT.

IN GENERAL

SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH – 19TH MARCH

This is the patronal feast for Stonehouse and so there will be Mass at Saint Joseph's, Stonehouse at 10:00am. He is also patron of the universal church and many other organisations.

CHRISM MASS

The Chrism Mass takes place at Clifton Cathedral at 11:00am on the Wednesday of Holy Week, 13th April. We hope to have a coach going with various pick-up points in our deanery including Stroud and Stonehouse. The cost is likely to be £7 per adult (£2 per child) and will be collected on the coach. More details will be available next weekend, along with sheets to sign in our churches if you would like to reserve a place.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

At Saint Joseph's Stonehouse on Friday 18th at 6:00pm; at the Immaculate Conception Stroud on Wednesday 16th at 10:45am (followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament); and also a children's stations of the cross on Wednesday at 6:00pm at the Immaculate Conception, Stroud.

PASTORAL LETTER

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

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY – LENT APPEAL

Every child should grow big and strong. Family Fast Day is Friday 11th March, a day when we eat simply and give generously to support mums around the world, like Amie in Sierra Leone, with expert training in growing and making healthy food. Your small act of love this Lent will make a big difference to many communities affected by extreme hunger and children suffering from malnutrition. You can donate in church using a CAFOD envelope or by visiting the CAFOD website (cafod.org.uk/lent).

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://cliftondiocese.com>

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S SURVEY

An international survey of Catholic women is being conducted for the Synod. A wide spectrum of cultures and contexts is hoping to be gathered. If you would like to be involved, please go to: <https://catholicwomenspeak.com/catholic-women-international-synod-survey/>.

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 moira.govan@gmail.com

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

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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.

ST JOSEPH'S

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE UPDATE

I am sure you noticed on Sunday that the tree outside the porch has been cut down. The tree was vandalised a few months ago when some youths set fire to it and also used it to get onto the porch roof. We had the tree assessed by a garden maintenance company who initially thought all it needed was a trim to remove some dead wood. On closer inspection last week it was found that the core of the tree was rotten so there was no option really but to remove the tree. It is sad that we have lost one of the trees which were planted when the church was built 48 years ago, but it also removes a yearly problem of the berries from the tree making the path very slippery and causing a number of parishioners to slip over. We will get the tree root removed and re turf the patch. It has been suggested that we could plant a new (non berry producing) tree.

- *Andrew Gibbons*

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.

THE ANNUNCIATION

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who donated for the people of Ukraine last week. £170 was raised and has been sent to CAFOD Disasters Emergency Committee where the money will be used to directly help the Ukrainian people.

CAFOD DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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.