

# ST JOSEPH'S STONEHOUSE & THE ANNUNCIATION, WOODCHESTER

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## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – PSALTER WEEK 2 – 16<sup>TH</sup> 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	10.00am	St Joseph's	Peter and Valerie Gamble †
Tuesday	6.00pm	The Immaculate Conception	Paul Dickens †
Wednesday	11.00am	The Immaculate Conception	Rosary Primary School
Thursday	10.00am	The Immaculate Conception	The sick and the housebound
Friday	9.30am	The Annunciation	Lisa Parker †
Saturday	No Mass		

## LECTIONARY

Day	1st Reading	2nd Reading	Gospel
Sun	Is 62: 1-5	Psalm 95: 1-3, 7-10	1Cor 12: 4-11
Mon	1Sm 15: 16-23	Psalm 49: 8-9, 16-17, 21, 23	Mark 2: 18-22
Tues	1Sm 16: 1-13	Psalm 88: 20-22, 27-28	Mark 2: 23-28
Wed	1Sm 17: 32-33, 37, 40-51	Psalm 143: 1-2, 9-10	Mark 3: 1-6
Thurs	1Sm 18: 6-9; 19: 1-7	Psalm 55: 2-3, 9-14	Mark 3: 7-12
Fri	1Sm 24: 3-21	Psalm 56: 2-4, 6, 11	Mark 3: 13-19
Sat	2Sm 1: 1-4, 11-12, 17, 19, 23-27	Psalm 79: 2-3, 5-7	Mark 3: 20-21

### 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

Edward Bologna, Phyllis Rush, Victoria Statham, Christopher Flynn, Sr. Mary Stephen Bell, Nellie Pegler, Jean-Marie Sousa de Pernes

### 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

Winifrede Bathurst, Elizabeth Anderson, Stella Street, Queenie Whitman, Agnes Bishop

### 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

University/College/School Chaplaincies

## **CORONAVIRUS UPDATE: OBLIGATION IS REMOVED AT PRESENT.**

### **IN GENERAL**

#### **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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> June and/or Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 St[roud deanery meeting is scheduled for an hour on 17<sup>th</sup> January, starting at 7pm. To register, please go to: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/across-the-deaneries-tickets-221298739487>

#### **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER EXPERIENCE**

For the past 50 years, Worldwide Marriage Encounter has been offering marriage enrichment programs all around the world. Focused on couples who want to enrich their relationship and gain a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Marriage, it offers a unique experience to explore your relationship at a deeper, more intimate level, regardless of how long you have been together. The next Marriage Encounter weekend is scheduled on 4<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> March 2022 in Swindon and there are many other dates over the year (included Online Experience as well) – you can find out more and book your place at [www.wmme.org.uk](http://www.wmme.org.uk) or contact us on 0845 260 2016.

#### **COVID 19 – A VERY CHALLENGING TIME FOR MANY MARRIAGES**

So much uncertainty around, health, income, employment, vulnerable family members, children, housing. Different ways of seeing things, coping with change, managing fears can be a source of conflict and stress. It can be difficult to talk, to listen to support and comfort when there is so much uncertainty. Being together all the time, brings different challenges. You

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wonder would we be better apart? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples, it brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage ....and you don't need to leave home, it comes to you! For confidential information about Retrouvaille', or to register for the next programme, a Virtual weekend commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022 Call or text +44 788 729 6983. Email: [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.org](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.org) – or visit [www.retrouvaille.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.uk)

#### **PARISH PHONES**

The parish phones are now working!

#### **MEMORIAL OF SAINT ANTHONY – 17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

Born in Upper Egypt in 251, Anthony lived from 286 to 251, Anthony lived from 286 to 306 in complete solitude in a deserted fort. He left his solitude to guide his disciples who had gathered around him and from his monastery went to Alexandria to encourage the confessors during the persecution of the Maximinus. He is regarded as the patriarch of monks and healer of both men and animals. Anthony died in 356.

#### **MEMORIAL OF ST SEBASTIAN – 20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

Sebastian was a martyr in Rome c.300. He was a soldier who enlisted at Rome around 283. Diocletian, who did not know he was a Christian, made him a Captain of the Praetorian guards. He supported many martyrs. Early representations show him being pierced with arrows.

### **ST JOSEPH'S**

#### **ST JOSEPH'S FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Our next meeting is on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm.

- Andrew Gibbons

#### **CHURCHES TOGETHER**

The week of prayer is taking place on 4<sup>th</sup> March, at the Bethell Church.

#### **WALK IN VACCINATION DAY**

There is a walk in vaccination day taking place on 20<sup>th</sup> January at the Methodist Church (Morley Hall) in Stonehouse.

### **THE ANNUNCIATION**

#### **CHURCHES TOGETHER CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE**

The annual Christian Unity Service will this year be held at Christ Church at 3:00pm on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January. This service is normally held at our church in Woodchester but due to our restricted area for refreshments Christ Church have offered to host. Please can you support this service by coming along and praying for unity. We also need offers of cakes etc and volunteers to read. If you can help with either of these please let me know on Sunday. Thank you.

- Maggie Smith