

ST JOSEPH'S, STONEHOUSE & THE ANNUNCIATION, WOODCHESTER

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – PSALTER WEEK 4 – 19TH DECEMBER 2021

DAY	TIME	PARISH	INTENTION
Sunday	9.00am	St Joseph's	People of the parish
	11.00am	The Annunciation	People of the parish
	3.00pm	St Joseph's	Carol Service
Friday	5.00pm	St Joseph's	Children's Nativity Play and Carols
	5.45pm	St Joseph's	Family Vigil Mass
Saturday	9.00am	St Joseph's	Christmas Day Mass
	11.00am	The Annunciation	Christmas Day Mass

\ For Mass times at The Immaculate Conception, please see <https://www.stroudcatholicchurch.com/>

LECTIONARY

Day	Old Testament	Psalms	New Testament	Gospel
Sun	Mi 5: 1-4	Psalm 79: 2-3m 15-19	Heb 10: 5-10	Luke 1: 39-44
Mon	Is 7: 10-14	Psalm 23: 1-6		Luke 1: 26-38
Tues	Sg 2: 8-14	Psalm 32: 2-3, 11-12, 20-21		Luke 1: 39-45
Wed	1Sm 1: 24-2	1Sm 2: 1, 4-8		Luke 1: 46-56
Thurs	Mal 3: 1-4, 23-24	Psalm 24: 4-5, 8-10, 14		Luke 1: 57-66
Fri	Is 62: 1-5	Psalm 88: 2-5, 27, 29	Acts 13: 16-17, 22-25	Matthew 1: 1-25
Sat	Is 52: 7-10	Psalm 97: 1-6	Heb 1: 1-6	John 1: 1-18

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

Lilian Sullivan, Phyllis Caws, William Jones, Carmela Nash, Marion O'Dowd, Sydney Roch, Greg Rumsey, Josef Garbacz

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

Winifride Mathais, Brother James McHarg OP, Victor May, Bernard Mills, Thomas Anderson, Marjorie Shannon, Patrick Healey, Tamar Tiley, Leonard Matthias, Mary McColl

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

Weston-Super-Mare: Corpus Christi, Our Lady of Lourdes, St Joseph

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE: OBLIGATION IS REMOVED AT PRESENT.

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.

FR BILL SELF-ISOLATING

I have come up positive with COVID. I feel really quite OK (just like a cold), so I cannot claim any sympathy, unfortunately! And in fact feel better than I did on Sunday.

(in spite of several negative Lateral Flow results - until the one last Sunday, which led to a PCR test, I think I might have had COVID for a while, if that is possible).

I hope to be able to be back for Christmas.

Fr. Gary and Deacon Bogdan are making arrangements, so you will be OK.

- Fr Bill

CHRISTMAS DAY SPECIAL COLLECTION

The special collection on Christmas Day will be for Father Bill.

CAFOD ARE HIRING!

Could you inspire Catholics to participate in the Church's mission, working to overcome poverty and injustice? Do you want to work for CAFOD and encourage support and partnership within the Church? We are looking for a Community Participation Coordinator to work in the Diocese of Clifton. Follow the link for more details and please pass on to any friends or relatives who might be interested. Closing date 9 January 2022.

<https://isw.changeworknow.co.uk/cafod/vms/e/careers/positions/cJAI47Y0nebARIdQy7yJZt>

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

AFGHAN CRISIS APPEAL

CAFOD is combining efforts with the DEC to launch the Afghanistan Crisis Appeal. In Afghanistan, 8 million people are on the brink of famine because of drought, collapsing economy, food shortages, conflict, and COVID. CAFOD is supporting sister Caritas agencies to reach communities most in need with food, clean water, and fuel. During Advent, when we open ourselves to the needs of others, let's do all that we can to save lives. You can donate on the CAFOD website: cafod.org.uk/AfghanistanAppeal and please pray for the people of Afghanistan.

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-schoolyear-3-junior-school/>

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/admission-to-reception-at-primary-schoolyear-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>.

THE ANNUNCIATION

CAFOD

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the CAFOD sale last Sunday (organisers and buyers) at the Annunciation. We raised £251.62 which included profit from this year's Christmas card sales. I was able to send a cheque to CAFOD of £275. This was a landmark in our fundraising as we have now sent more than £20,000 to CAFOD since the CAFOD Group was formed. I think congratulations are in order to the Parish.

- Ann Marshall, CAFOD Group Treasurer

ST JOSEPH'S

POINSETTIAS

If you would like to place a poinsettia in remembrance of a loved one before the altar, then you are welcome to do so anytime before Christmas. When doing so, please also bring a saucer to place under, so when it is watered there is no damage to the carpet.

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