

# ST JOSEPH'S STONEHOUSE & THE ANNUNCIATION, WOODCHESTER

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### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – PSALTER WEEK 3 – 20<sup>TH</sup> 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	Mary Keeble †
Tuesday	6.00pm	The Immaculate Conception	Ellen Thomas †
Wednesday	10.00am	The Immaculate Conception	James Dougan Jnr †
Thursday	6.00pm	The Immaculate Conception	Lilly and Emund Donnelly †
Friday	9.30am	The Annunciation	Special Intention
	6.00pm	St Joseph's	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	6.30pm	The Immaculate Conception	Special Intention

### LECTIONARY

Sun	Ex 3: 1-8, 13-15	Psalm 102: 1-4, 6-8, 11	1Cor 10: 1-6, 10-12	Luke 13: 1-9
Mon	2Kgs 5: 1-15	Psalms 41: 2-3, 42: 3-4		Luke 4: 24-30
Tues	Dn 3: 25, 34-43	Psalm 24: 4-9		Matthew 18: 21-35
Wed	Dt 4:1, 5-9	Psalm 147: 12-20		Matthew 5: 17-19
Thurs	Jer 7: 23-28	Psalm 94: 1-2 6-9		Luke 11: 14-23
Fri	Is 7: 10-14, 8: 10	Psalm 39: 7-11	Heb 10: 4-10	Luke 1: 26-38
Sat	Hos 5: 15- 6: 6	Psalm 50: 3-4, 18-21		Luke 18: 9-14

#### 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

Amy Clutterbuck, Kenneth Kay, Anthony Camilleri, Michael Kane, Helen Rice, Jimmy O'Grady, John Abela, Patricia Davies, Vida Dykes, Abigail Keenan

#### 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

Sally Roberts, Julia Bowering, Michael Cowley, V. Tristram, Sr. Mary Joseph O'Connor, Bill Milne, Ethel Hemming, James Jordan, Sr. Mary Elizabeth Webster, Jack O'Hara, Bernard Carroll, Catherine Waite, Wilfred Beckwith, David Lucarotti, Maida Harris

#### 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

*Bridgwater: St Joseph; Burnham-on-Sea: Our Lady & the English Martyrs*

## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE: OBLIGATION IS REMOVED AT PRESENT.

### IN GENERAL

#### CHRISM MASS

The Chrism Mass takes place at Clifton Cathedral at 11:00am on the Wednesday of Holy Week, 13<sup>th</sup> April. We hope to have a coach going with pick-up points in Stroud (at 8:45am), Stonehouse (at 9:00am) and Dursley (at 9:20am). The coach is due to leave the Cathedral at 12:30pm for the return journey. The cost will be £7 per adult (£2 per child) and will be collected on the coach. There are sheets to sign in our churches if you would like to reserve a place. This is one of the great diocesan occasions during the year.

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

At Saint Joseph's Stonehouse on Friday at 6:00pm; at the Immaculate Conception Stroud on Wednesday 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.

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

There will be a Reconciliation Service for our parishes at the Immaculate Conception, Stroud on Thursday 31st March at 7:00pm. Bishop Declan is leading services around our diocese. This closest one to us is this Thursday 24th March at 7:00pm at Saint Gregory's, Cheltenham. Father Gary is happy to arrange individual celebrations of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) with those who wish ([gary.brassington@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:gary.brassington@cliftondiocese.com) or 01453 762442).

#### UKRANIAN DONATIONS

Ros and Bogdan are in touch with Ukrainian Church in Gloucester, who are organising lorries to go over to Lviv in the Ukraine. They are happy to pass on monetary donations and other donations of toiletries, medical supplies, personal hygiene products, canned and dried food. Contact Ros on 01453 821627.

#### EASTER BASKETS

Bogdan will be blessing the Easter baskets at Stonehouse on Easter Saturday at 1.45pm. All welcome.

#### CHAVENAGE HOUSE TRIP – 6<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2022 AT 2PM

Anyone who hasn't paid yet, please get in contact with Ros ASAP, either giving cash or bank transfer. Ros is available on 01453 821627.

### ST JOSEPH'S

#### DEDICATION OF OUR CHURCH

Our church was solemnly dedicated on 19th March 1976 which means that liturgically we celebrate the Solemnity of the Anniversary of the Dedication of our Church on Monday 21st March this year. Mass will be at 10:00am. The day is celebrated as a weekday of Lent in other parishes.

#### HEALTH AND SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT

As most of you are aware there is no longer a legal requirement to wear face coverings or social distance in a place of worship. It is now a personal choice although 'there is a general encouragement to wear face coverings while singing, however it is recognised that not everyone will feel able to do this.' which comes from the official church guidance. We respect that some parishioners may wish to adopt a more cautious approach, therefore we are designating the seating area on the balcony (for those who are able bodied) and the back two benches on the right hand side of the Church for those who would find the stairs difficult, but who wish to continue to social distance. Please be advised we will not be turning people away from the church in order to maintain social-distancing in part of the church (i.e. if the rest of the church is full for a particular service then we would have to

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remove any restrictions to fit more people in). I would like to ask that the back area of the Church (pink carpet area) be kept for mums/dads with prams and babies/ toddlers. Parents/carers do not have to leave the main body of the Church should a child become a little unsettled but some like to take them out for a while and this area is for that purpose. As this area is a fire escape route and cannot be overcrowded, there is limited seating within this area. We need to continue to ventilate the Church so the windows are all open slightly to provide ventilation, the main doors can now be shut to reduce cold drafts. We will continue to make hand sanitiser available at the entrance of the church, but we will not ask stewards to facilitate this moving forward. We have been advised that we can now open up our kitchen and hall for teas and coffees after Mass, again this is a personal choice. As soon as we have a refreshments rota available we will move forward with re-opening the Hall. I would personally like to thank all the stewards and volunteers that have helped keep our parishioners safe during this difficult time.

- Laurie Brazington, Health & Safety

#### CAFOD – LENT FAST DAY

The CAFOD Collection for the Lent Fast Day raised £260 of which an excellent £200 was gift aided. Many thanks for this, as it makes an extra £50 to be added to the total for CAFOD. It is not too late to donate if you forgot or were away last week. If so, please use an envelope. Many thanks for your generosity.

- Helene Mc Dermott.

#### CTIS

We are having a 'walk of witness' on Good Friday (time TBC) and hope to have a frugal lunch afterwards at St Joseph's. St Cyr's have restarted their coffee morning on the first Saturday of the month (10am to 2pm). Lent groups are running – if interested please contact Dave Bishop or Kay Hensley on 01453 822332. There is a forthcoming concert by Thameshead singers at St Cyr's on 17<sup>th</sup> July at 3.30pm. Keith Creighton has invited all to the Glory Road celebration at Bethell Church on 26<sup>th</sup> March to mark 20 years of this ministry. It starts at 11am with a hot meal at 1pm. Free attendance and meal – everyone is welcome! The Quiz night has been set for 25<sup>th</sup> June at St Joseph's (time TBC) and the Beetle Drive is for Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm.

#### LENTEN LUNCHES

All welcome to the Lent lunches at 12.30pm on Monday's throughout Lent. Come and enjoy home-made soup, a warm welcome and good company! We will be joined and supported by the fellowship of the CTIS.

### THE ANNUNCIATION

#### PATRONAL FEAST DAY

Friday is our patronal feast day of the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. Mass will be at 9:30am.

#### CAFOD WALK AGAINST HUNGER – SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2PM

We will meet in the church car park and walk for 5 miles through the park to Woodchester Mansion and back. Bring a drink and snack, as the Mansion won't be open for teas. If you cannot join us, maybe you could sponsor us by filling in the sponsor form in the church porch, or go to the Justgiving page for this event. <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/woodchester-priory-church-of-the-annunciation> Any amount, large or small gratefully received, as CAFOD strives to help improve lives across many areas of the world, including those walking to flee war as in Ukraine.