

ST JOSEPH'S, STONEHOUSE & THE ANNUNCIATION, WOODCHESTER

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TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – PSALTER WEEK 2 – 26TH SEPTEMBER 2021

| ST JOSEPH'S | | | THE ANNUNCIATION | |
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| Sun | 9.00am | Mass: <i>People of parish</i> | 11.00am | Mass: <i>People of parish</i> |
| Mon | 10.00am | Mass: <i>Tony † and Rosemary Boyle †</i> | | No Mass |
| Tue | | No Mass | 9.30am | Mass: <i>Special Intention</i> |
| Wed | | No Mass | | No Mass |
| Thurs | | No Mass | | No Mass |
| Fri | | No Mass | | No Mass |
| Sat | | No Mass | | No Mass |

LECTIONARY

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| Sun | Nm 11: 25-29 | Psalm 18: 8-14 | Jas 5: 1-6 | Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48 |
| Mon | Zec 8: 1-8 | Psalm 101: 16-21, 29, 22-23 | | Luke 9: 46-50 |
| Tues | Zec 8: 20-23 | Psalm 86 | | Luke 9: 51-56 |
| Wed | Dn 7: 9-10, 13-14 | Psalm 137: 1-5 | | John 1: 47-51 |
| Thurs | Neh 8: 1-12 | Psalm 18: 8-11 | | Luke 10: 1-12 |
| Fri | Bar 1: 15-22 | Psalm 78: 1-5, 8-9 | | Luke 10: 13-16 |
| Sat | Bar 4: 5-12, 27-29 | Psalm 68: 33-37 | | Matthew 18: 1-5, 10 |

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

Irene Kelly, Eunice Day, Maureen Wilkins, Tony Boyle, Thomas Devlin, Maurice Lavin, Ivy Clarke, Alice Burton

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, Roy Ford, Anne Chandler

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED ABOUT THIS TIME

Agnes Wilberforce, Sr. M. Paul Gentle, Ernest Currie, Marjorie Scott-Pilcher, Peter Gutjahr, Sr. M. Elizabeth Hallam, Monica Green, Winifred Deadman, Matthew Cowley

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

That we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

DIOCESAN PRAYER LINK

Somerton: St Dunstan; Langport: St Joseph; Yeovil with Sound Petherton: Holy Ghost

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE: OBLIGATION IS REMOVED AT PRESENT.

IN GENERAL

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

The 107th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2021 is celebrated on 26 September - the last Sunday of the month. The Holy Father has chosen the theme 'Towards an ever wider "we"'. The Church has been celebrating the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR) since 1914. It's always an occasion to express concern for different vulnerable people on the move; to pray for them as they face many challenges; and to increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers.

ST PETER'S RC HIGH SCHOOL

We would like to invite all parents and children of Year 6 and Year 5 age to come to St Peter's R.C. High School for a visit during our Open Week. Open Evening is on Wednesday 29th September 2021 between 17.30 and 19.30 when you will have the opportunity to visit departments and speak to staff and some students. Open Days run from Monday 27th September to Thursday 30th September. You will be able to see the school in action during a tour of the school. These commence at 10.30 (you will need to depart by 11.15) and at 13.45 (you will need to depart by 14.30). There is no need to book for open day tours or for open evening. We will not gather lots of people indoors for talks (as in previous years) and these will instead be replaced by short presentations (on the school website www.stpetershigh.net) from some of our students and from me, Mrs Gittins, Senior Vice Principal; our Chaplain, Ms Baker; and from Mr McDermott, Head of KS3. These will include guidance on the admission process. We look forward to welcoming you to our school.

- *Stephanie Layhe, Headteacher*

CONFIRMATION

Looking ahead to next year, we are looking to have Confirmation take place in the Deanery. If there are any people who would like to be confirmed, could you let Fr. Bill or Deacon Bogdan know so that we can help Fr. Gary with plans.

DARE TO DREAM

This Autumn's 'Dare to Dream' continues this week with a contribution from our very own Father Gary Brassington! Taking this time to reflect will enable all of us to contribute more fully to the conversations that every deanery will be having to discern how we grow our parishes to be places of mission, serving the poor and responding out of our abundance to the needs of the local community and the wider world. To view, please go to: <http://cliftondiocese.com/dare-to-dream>

THE ANNUNCIATION

CAFOD

Take action to stop the climate crisis! In November the UN 'COP26' talks take place in Glasgow. Please sign CAFOD'S Petition cards and urge our Prime Minister to protect our common home and end the climate crisis. Cards available today and we will send them off if you leave them in the basket which is in the church porch. Thank you.

- *Angela Middleditch*

PASTORAL TEAM

For several years there has been a small pastoral team of

representatives from Woodchester and Stonehouse meeting with Fr Bill and Deacon Bogdan. We have primarily been concerned with planning for our younger parishioners, working with the School and improving our welcoming and community interaction; there is still plenty to do. With Father Bill's imminent retirement it would be good to strengthen this team so that we can all work together with Stroud to maintain and enhance our individual settings but also benefiting from each other's strengths. We need to seize the opportunities that this period of change offers. If you are interested please talk to Fr Bill or Deacon Bogdan. We are also looking for representatives to liaise with Nailsworth Churches Together. This is an active group and is influential in the area. It would be lovely to have one or more people representing us and keeping us all involved.

- *Maggie Smith*

ST JOSEPH'S

FATHER BILL'S RETIREMENT TEA PARTY

We will be wishing Father Bill a happy retirement on Sunday 26th in the Hall. Please bring cold food, e.g. sandwiches, cakes, pies etc. and soft drinks to share. Please use only disposable serving plates for food brought. We will be setting up the Hall from 2:30pm; and Father Bill's party will start around 4:00pm.

- *Tony Ryan*

THANK YOU ST JOSEPH'S

I came to the Parish in 1990, soon after arriving I felt privileged to be invited by Fr. Peter to join his Finance Committee. (One did not refuse Fr. Peter!) I was directed towards maintenance and repair of the buildings, later on to include Refurbishments, Alterations and Extensions. We are now so very lucky to have Laurie taking on this role in addition to her Health and Safety responsibilities. In the last thirty years, we have completed many major projects, with many hands coming to man the pumps, not least Fr. Bill, Angela and Robert, Bernard and Andrew Bloodworth, our builder. They have, often unseen, given so much for the upkeep and improvement of our property. Tens of thousands of pounds spent and we are not in debt, what a Finance Committee and what a Parish! I am an embarrassed recipient of a very generous retirement gift, which I will so much enjoy and for this and most particularly for the friendship and support I have enjoyed for the last thirty years, I would like to say THANK YOU ST JOSEPH'S!

- *Edwin*

AN END TO LIVE STREAMING INTO THE HALL

With the revised seating arrangements now in place for the church (unrestricted seating on the lefthand side and restricted seating on the right) we do not seem to have a need to use the hall as an overflow for when the church was full. Mass attendance over the summer holidays varied between 30 and 35, now we have approx 40 per week. Overall attendance is down on what it was prior to the holidays. We have decided that any extra capacity needs in the future will be met by using seating up in the choir loft. As we end the streaming, we must not forget the often behinds the scene work by Mike and Tony Hall who were instrumental in setting up the hall for live streaming. Tony acquired and set up the sound and video and made himself available to ensure live streaming was available each Sunday. Thank you both.

- *Andrew Gibbons*

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