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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH – 26TH DECEMBER 2021

DAY	TIME	PARISH	INTENTION
Sunday	9.00am	St Joseph's	People of the parish
	11.00am	The Annunciation	People of the parish
Monday		No Mass	
Tuesday		No Mass	
Wednesday		No Mass	
Thursday		No Mass	
Friday		No Mass	
Saturday	11.00am	The Immaculate Conception	People of the Parishes

LECTIONARY

Sun	1Sm 1: 20-22, 24-28	Psalm 83: 2-6, 9-10	1Jn 3: 1-2, 21-24	Luke 2: 41-52
Mon	1Jn 1: 1-4	Psalm 96:1-6, 11-12		Jn 20: 2-8
Tues	1Jn 1: 5- 2:2	Psalm 123: 2-8		Matthew 2: 13-18
Wed	Col 1: 24-29	Psalm 123: 1-6		Luke 22: 24-30
Thurs	1Jn 2: 12-17	Psalm 95: 7-10		Luke 2: 36-40
Fri	1Jn 2: 18-21	Psalm 95: 7-10		John 1: 1-18
Sat	Nm 6: 22-27	Psalm 95: 1-2, 11-13	Gal 4: 4-7	Luke 2: 16-21

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

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED ABOUT THIS TIME

Teresa Carter, William Lipp, Arthur Stevens, Dorothy Bell, Molly Best, Carmen Abela, Michael Griffin, Michael O'Dowd, Santana Long, Raymond Sparkes, Arthur Richardson, Joshua Guy

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

Eduardus Greene, Francis Ashcroft, Dorothy Donkin, Sr. Francis Clare Brazier-Creagh, Gerald Shepherd, Margaret Swoboda, Margaret Talbot, Sr. Mary Clare Harte, Isabella Knee, Winifred Burroughs, Iva Tandy, Sr. Helena Teresa Brett, William Hargreaves,

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

Wincanton with Mere, Milbourne Port, Castle Cary and Bruton: St Luke and St Teresa

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE: OBLIGATION IS REMOVED AT PRESENT.

IN GENERAL

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

New Year's Day is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, and there will be Mass at 11:00am at the Immaculate Conception, Stroud. This day marks the end of the Christmas Octave (although the Christmas season continues until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord), and it is also the day when Jesus was circumcised and received his name according to Jewish Law. It is hoped that there will be refreshments in the parish hall after this Mass.

PASTORAL LETTER

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

CONFIRMATION 2022

first preparation session will be on Friday 21st January (6:30pm-8:00pm) in the parish hall at The Immaculate Conception. Bishop Declan is due to visit our Deanery for the celebration of the Sacrament on Wednesday 8th June and/or Tuesday 12th July.

COVID GUIDELINES

The new government/ecclesiastical directions for our church celebrations mean that face coverings must be worn by those attending public acts of worship unless there is a genuine exemption or the person is leading worship or participating in a role that requires the mask to be removed for a period of time. It is strongly recommended that the congregation continue to wear face coverings while singing.

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-school-year-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/reception-admissions-2022/>, 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>.

STROUD FOODBANK

Having closed for Christmas on 24th Dec, the foodbank will re-open on 4th Jan. They are requesting the following: tinned vegetables, tinned potatoes, fruit juice, jam and spreads, toiletries, pet food, sweet and savoury treats. They currently have plenty of pasta, tea and cereal. Many thanks!

PARISH PHONES

Unfortunately, the parish office phones continue to be out of

action. Due to the time of year, it is not possible for this to be fixed now until the new year. If you are trying to get in contact with the office, please do so through email.

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/cJAI47Y0nebARldQy7yJZt>

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.

FEAST OF SAINT THOMAS BECKET – 28th DEC

1118-70. Thomas was born in London and became Archdeacon of Canterbury and Chancellor of Henry II, a close friend who obtained his election as Archbishop of Canterbury. As Archbishop, Thomas adopted an austere way of life and resigned the Chancellorship. Conflict ensued with the king over Church-State relations and finally Thomas went into exile in France. On his return to England, his reconciliation with the King proved superficial. In a rage the king asked who would rid him of this turbulent priest and four barons slaughtered Thomas in Canterbury Cathedral.

ST JOSEPH'S

WELCOMING UPDATE – RE-INTRODUCTION OF SOCIAL DISTANCING MEASURES

Whilst there is no current government or Diocesan guidance to stipulate social distancing or social bubbles need to be in place, the parish of St Joseph's have decided they would feel safer if the following statement is adhered to:

"This weekend we are re-introducing the following measures to try and keep us all safe in Church during this very worrying time with the Omicron variant. All seating in church is now subject to social distancing of 1.5 to 2 metres. Please leave a gap of 1.5 to 2 metres between yourself and the person sitting next to you (if not in your social bubble). On each side of the church - (left and right sides) each alternate bench has been roped off so that we can allow 2 metres between someone sitting behind or in front of you. Please wear a face mask unless medically exempt. Use hand sanitiser when entering and leaving the church. Do not chat or loiter in church after mass, leave as quickly as possible and have a chat outside. Doors will remain open during mass to allow for adequate ventilation. Mass will be live streamed into the hall each Sunday, where we have a capacity of 15 seats. If people are sat in the hall then Deacon Bogdan will bring communion to you, you won't need to go into the church. As always please follow the directions of the welcomers. The Children's Liturgy has been postponed until things improve in the new year."

- *The Welcomers*"

Item for the Bulletin? You can send items for the bulletin (by the Wednesday) to stonehouse.stjoseph@clifftondiocese.com or post them through the presbytery letterbox. For The Annunciation, email: woodchester.theannunciation@clifftondiocese.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@clifftondiocese.com. Any health and safety matters for Stonehouse, please email HS.stonehouse.stjoseph@clifftondiocese.com