

# ST JOSEPH'S, STONEHOUSE & THE ANNUNCIATION, WOODCHESTER

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### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT- PSALTER WEEK 1 – 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2021

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	Special Intention
Tuesday	11.00am	The Immaculate Conception	Funeral Mass: Bill Ryan †
Wednesday	10.00am	The Immaculate Conception	Holy Souls
	10.45am	The Immaculate Conception	Holy Hour
Thursday	10.00am	The Immaculate Conception	Liz Harrington
Friday	9.30am	The Annunciation	Special Intention
Saturday	No Masses		

### LECTIONARY

Sun	Jer 23: 14-16	Psalm 24: 4-10, 14	1Thes 3: 12- 4:2	Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36
Mon	Is 2: 1-5	Psalm 121: 1-9		Matther 8: 5-11
Tues	Rom 10: 9-18	Psalm 18: 2-5		Matthew 4: 18-22
Wed	Is 25: 6-10	Psalm 22		Matthew 15: 29-37
Thurs	Is 26: 1-6	Psalm 117: 1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27		Matthew 7: 21, 24-27
Fri	Is 29: 17-24	Psalm 26: 1, 4, 13-14		Matthew 9: 27-31
Sat	Is 30: 19-21, 23-26	Psalm 146: 1-6		Matthew 9: 35- 10: 1, 6-8

#### 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

Mildred Biddle, Catherine Boyd, Michael O'Halloran, Kath McNeill, Charles Mills, Jean Sleet, Henry Bolt, Teresa Nolan, Celia McGinty, Michael Byrne, Percy McMullen, Santo Farrugia, John Rooker, Peggy Baker, Frederick Smalley

#### 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

Kathleen Tarn, Kathleen Seville, Veronica Berkeley, Rose Moore, Bridget Morgan, Ethel Witts, Elenora Wilkins, Valerie Swainson, Margaret Sloan, Mary Gilbert, Gail Lautieri, John McNulty, Edwin Hope, Margaret O'Grady

#### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

That people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

### DIOCESAN PRAYER LINK

*Tetbury with Wardour: Sacred Heart*

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

### **IN GENERAL**

#### **THIS SUNDAY**

This Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent and is the beginning of the Church's year. Sunday readings are from Year C and weekday readings will be from Year 2.

#### **HONOURING SUNDAY**

Honouring Sunday is a letter from the Bishops of England and Wales which was issued last week. Some copies are available in our churches and it can be found online at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/bishops-statement-honouring-sunday/>. The letter includes: *'At this time, we recognise that for some people there may be certain factors which hinder attendance at Sunday Mass. The pandemic is clearly not over. The risk of infection is still present. For some, there is legitimate fear in gathering together. As your bishops, we recognise that these prevailing circumstances suggest that not everyone is yet in the position to fulfil the absolute duty to attend freely Sunday Mass.'*

#### **CONFIRMATION 2022**

Thank you to all those who have expressed an interest in Confirmation in 2022. The preparation programme will begin in January in Stroud. There will be more details in the coming weeks. 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.

#### **THE JOURNEY IN FAITH (or R.C.I.A.)**

This will begin on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 11:00am in the presbytery at Saint Joseph's, Stonehouse. These sessions are intended for anyone who is interested in becoming a Catholic or who would simply like to find out more about the Faith. Please encourage anyone you know to attend. For more information please speak with Father Gary.

#### **NEWMAN ASSOCIATION**

There will be a talk on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm in the lounge of Sacred Hearts' Hall (Moorend Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham GL53 9AU). Adrian Barlow will be giving a talk on Ecclesiology. All are welcome. Admission is £3.00 (members and students free). Enquires to Stephanie Jamison (01242 539810).

#### **PASTORAL MEETING NOTES**

The pandemic has highlighted the importance of community and at our first joint pastoral council meeting we discussed how we can better support each other. Following this discussion, we would like to bring together a group of people who feel they could take on this role. We would need Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to take the Sacrament to the housebound (training will be given) and we also need people who would have a little time to visit, message or communicate with others in some way. The more people we have the more enjoyable the experience and together we can build and enhance our Parish community. Please let us know if you would like to get involved or find out more.

- Maggie, Eileen, Chris, Deacon Bogdan

#### **EUCHARIST MINISTERS**

If you are currently a Eucharist Minister in either parish, or would like to become one, please can you speak to Deacon Bogdan.

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

## **HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES**

If you would like to put your child forward to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion (or if your child was on the course that got cancelled over lockdown) then please email [stonehouse.stjoseph@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:stonehouse.stjoseph@cliftondiocese.com) or [Woodchester.theannunciation@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:Woodchester.theannunciation@cliftondiocese.com) depending on your parish. This will be starting in Jan/Feb next year.

## **FEAST OF SAINT ANDREW, APOSTLE – 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

Andrew, like his brother Simon Peter, was a fisherman. He became a disciple of John the Baptist, who pointed Andrew to the 'lamb of God'. He is the first-called disciple of Christ. He brings St Peter to Christ and Jesus promises to make them 'fishers of men'. It is believed that after the Ascension of the Lord, Andrew preached the gospel in Greece. He is said to have been put to death on a cross, tied not nailed. He suffered for two days, still preaching from the cross, before dying.

### **THE ANNUNCIATION**

#### **CHRISTMAS CRAFTS AND CAKE STALL**

This will be in aid of CAFOD, Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December, after the 11am Mass. Bring and buy gifts, decorations, cakes, mince pies, cards etc.

- Angela

#### **NOTES FROM CHURCHES TOGETHER MEETING**

Look out for the new Nailsworth Together logo which has been agreed. You will see this on documentation and promoting events. Christ Church choir and orchestra will be holding a "Grand Christmas Tea Concert" at Nailsworth Primary School on Sunday December 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm followed by tea at 5:00pm. It includes audience carols, is relaxed and suitable for children and is free. So do go along and get into the festive spirit. A date for next year; Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> will be the joint Christian Unity service. It is normally held at our church but this time it will be held in Christ Church at 3:00 pm. Please put this date in your diary and come along so that the service is well supported. The next Churches Together Meeting will be held at Christ Church on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 3:00 pm.

### **ST JOSEPH'S**

#### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Following the partial relaxation of Covid restrictions, we would like to revive the Children's Liturgy during Sunday Mass at St. Joseph's. If anyone would like to help lead the sessions, please contact me, Tony Ryan on 01453-826037, email [tonyryan@gmail.com](mailto:tonyryan@gmail.com).

#### **KING OF KINGS COLLECTION**

Glory Road Ministries are organising a special delivery of Christmas gift bags for lorry drivers. If you can donate any of the following, please put them into the CLO wooden box in the Church porch: air fresheners, bible, book, chewing gum, chocolate, comb, coffee sachet, Christmas tract, Christmas card, creamer sachet, Christian CD, dash polish, deodorant, diary, gloves, j-cloth, note pad, pen, shammy pads, scraper, scarf, soap, sweets, tea bag, tract, toothpaste, toilet roll or wet wipes.