

ST JOSEPH'S, STONEHOUSE & THE ANNUNCIATION, WOODCHESTER

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SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS – PSALTER WEEK 3 – 31ST OCTOBER 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	Angela Reeder †
Tuesday	9.00am	St Joseph's	
	11.00am	The Annunciation	
Wednesday	10.00am	The Immaculate Conception	Michelle Miller
Thursday	10.00am	The Immaculate Conception	Grace Harper
Friday	9.30am	The Annunciation	Boyle Family †
Saturday	No Masses		

LECTIONARY

Sun	Apoc 7: 2-4, 9-14	Psalm 23: 1-6	1Jn 3: 1-3	Matthew 5: 1-12
Mon	Rom 11: 29-36	Psalm 68: 30-37		Luke 14: 12-14
Tues	Is 25: 6-9	Psalm 26: 1, 4, 7-9, 13-14	Rom 5: 5-11	Matthew 11: 25-30
Wed	Rom 13: 8-10	Psalm 111: 1-5, 9		Luke 14: 25-33
Thurs	Rom 14: 7-12	Psalm 26: 1, 4, 13-14		Luke 15: 1-10
Fri	Rom 15: 14-21	Psalm 97: 1-4		Luke 16: 1-8
Sat	Rom 16: 3-9, 16, 22-27	Psalm 144: 2-5, 10-11		Luke 16: 9-15

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

Arthur Statham, Gwen McCarthy, Patrick Hanley, Ellen O'Reilly, Peter Crowley, Sarah Kane, Guiseppa Farrugia, nCatherine Calenti, Edward Stewart, Christopher Brennan

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

Mary Stevens, Rozalia Depko, Patrick Hanley, Betty Wilkie, Flora Tanner, Alfred Jones, Hubert Wellington, Josefa Jach, Jan Cieszkawski, Frank Ford, Mary Workman

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

Swindon: St Mary

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE: OBLIGATION IS REMOVED AT PRESENT.

IN GENERAL

SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS

Solemnity of All Saints is celebrated this Sunday (transferred from Monday).

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Tuesday is the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day). It is a day when people often like to participate in the Mass. There will be Mass on that day at 9:00am at Saint Joseph's, Stonehouse and at 11:00am at the Annunciation, Woodchester. There will also be Masses at 10:00am and 7:00pm at the Immaculate Conception, Stroud.

THE JOURNEY IN FAITH

The Journey in Faith (or R.C.I.A.) will begin on Tuesday 16th November at 7:30pm in the parish hall at the Immaculate Conception, Stroud. 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 or Deacon Bogdan.

THE BISHOPS' CONFERENCE PRAYER FOR COP26

We may wish to use this prayer until the end of this United Nations Climate Summit: *Loving God, We praise your name with all you have created. You are present in the whole universe, and in the smallest of creatures. We acknowledge the responsibilities you have placed upon us as stewards of your creation. May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 as they seek to embrace the changes needed to foster a more sustainable society. Instil in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the poorest and most vulnerable, and commit their nations to the care of Our Common Home. We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.*

EUCCHARIST MINISTERS

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

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 or Woodchester.theannunciation@cliftondiocese.com depending on your parish. This will be starting in Jan/Feb next year.

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

The fifth World Day of the Poor will be on Sunday 14 November 2021. Pope Francis, on the first World Day of the Poor in 2017, implored that our service to the poor, "...lead to a true encounter with the poor and a sharing that becomes a way of life." This call to engage the poor among us as our brothers and sisters, and not to treat them as abstract, transactional relationships, reminds us of the love that Christ demonstrates for us. Caritas Social Action Network has prepared a Novena, nine prayers to be said over nine days from Friday 5 November to Saturday 13 November. The Novena will assist us as we

seek to open ourselves to God's grace and to hear the cry of the poor. Each of the first eight days focuses on the cry of a particular group, with the final day praying for the building up of God's kingdom of justice, love, and peace. The daily prayers include an opening antiphon, a reading from Scripture, a period of silent reflection, a prayer for the day's focus, and a closing prayer. By this Novena, we make time to focus on God's will as we approach the World Day of the Poor. We open our hearts to God's will, and through our nine days of prayer we prepare ourselves to hear and to respond to the cry of our brothers and sisters. Please see link below for the message of his Holiness Pope Francis for the fifth World Day of the Poor:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/poveri/documents/20210613-messaggio-v-giornatamondiale-poveri-2021.html>

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Ideas and approaches towards delivering the children's liturgy are being shared through an online meeting on Wednesday, 3rd November at 7.30pm-8.30pm. If you are interested, please contact adult.education@cliftondiocese.com.

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION

There will be a talk on Tuesday 2 November at 2.30pm, in the lounge of Sacred Hearts' Hall, Moorend Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, GL53 9AU. John Price, a parishioner of St Gregory's will be giving a talk on The Guild of St Joseph & St Dominic at Ditchling. All are welcome. Admission £3 (members and students free). Enquires to Stephanie Jamison, tel: 01242 539810.

TIME TO START SCHOOL?

If you have a child born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018, then now* is the time to apply for a place at a Catholic primary school in the Diocese. You must complete an application form (either online or on paper) that is available from the school admissions team of your local council, for admission during the 2022-23 school year. If your child has been baptised, you must also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to your preferred school. Late applicants have less chance of obtaining a place at their preferred school, so you should ensure you apply by the closing date of 15 January 2022 to try to get a place at your preferred Catholic school. Visit the school admissions page on the website of your local council (or telephone) for full details of how to apply. Two of our local Catholic Primary Schools are the Rosary Catholic Primary School in Stroud (01453 762774, admin@rosary.gloucs.sch.uk) and St Joseph's Catholic Primary School in Nympsfield (01453 860311, admin@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk)

**Except if you live in Gloucestershire, when you can apply via Gloucestershire County Council from 3 November 2021*

THE ANNUNCIATION

CHURCHES TOGETHER

The next meeting will be held on Monday 15th November at Christ Church. Dates for the diary include: Town Carol Service at St George's on 19th Dec at 6:00 pm and World Day of Prayer will be held on 4th March 2022. This year the service is planned by the people of England, Wales and Northern Island. The service will be hosted by Christ Church.

- Maggie Smith

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