

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

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### TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – PSALTER WEEK 1 – 19<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021

ST JOSEPH'S			THE ANNUNCIATION	
Sun	9.00am	Mass: <i>People of parish</i>	11.00am	Mass: <i>People of parish</i>
Mon		No Mass	12.30pm	Requiem Mass for Della Cox
Tue		No Mass		No Mass
Wed	10.00am	Mass: Ben Thompson †		No Mass
Thurs		No Mass		No Mass
Fri		No Mass		No Mass
Sat		No Mass		No Mass

### LECTIONARY

Sun	Wis 2: 12, 17-20	Psalm 53: 3-8	Jas 3: 16- 4: 3	Mark 9: 30-37
Mon	Ezr 1: 1-6	Psalm 125		Luke 8: 16-18
Tues	Eph 4: 1-7, 11-13	Psalm 18: 2-5		Matthew 9: 9-13
Wed	Ezr 9: 5-9	Tb 13: 2-8		Luke 9: 1-6
Thurs	Hg 1: 1-8	Psalm 149: 1-9		Luke 9: 7-9
Fri	Hg 1: 15- 2: 9	Psalm 42: 1-4		Luke 9: 18-22
Sat	Zec 2: 5-9, 14-15	Jer 31: 10-13		Luke 9: 43-45

#### 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

Bernard Thompson, David Mathews, Winifred Melia, Michael McLoughlin, Anthony Timlin

#### 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

Annie Hosey, John Tarry, David May, Irene Hanratty, James McGinley, Madeleine Deeble-Rogers, Lawrence Deeble-Rogers, John McLaughlin, Ben Turk

#### 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

*Salisbury Parishes*

## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE: OBLIGATION IS REMOVED AT PRESENT.

### IN GENERAL

#### 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

A new autumn series of 'Dare to Dream' will begin on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September with Fr. Thomas Lawes giving the first reflection. Each new video and reflection will be available on the Friday before each Sunday. 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 these, please go to: <http://cliftondiocese.com/dare-to-dream>

#### VACANCY: DEPARTMENT FOR SCHOOL AND COLLEGES ADMINISTRATOR

Following the retirement of our current administrator the department is looking to recruitment a suitable replacement. The post would be suitable for someone looking to work during term time only and between the hours of 9-30- 2-30 Monday- Friday. Details of the specific role and person specification can be found on: <https://schools.cliftondiocese.com/vacancies> or on the main diocesan website. The extended Closing Date is Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> September at 12 noon.

#### CATECHISTS

On Saturday 25 September, the Diocese are looking to draw together catechists from around our diocese, offering an opportunity for conversation and formation, focusing on family catechesis. The day will take place at St. John the Baptist parish centre, Trowbridge, and will start at 11am and finish around 4pm. Refreshments will be provided from 10.30am, please bring a packed lunch. Numbers will be limited for the day so please register through this email: [adult.education@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com). Further details available at <http://cliftondiocese.com/news/parents-as-the-first-teachers-of-the-faith/>

### THE ANNUNCIATION

#### LOST FOR WORDS!

I really cannot find a way to express my thanks for what you provided last Sunday for my retirement. And to thank so many who came (from quite a way off and for whom it was a real effort, too): a really wonderful parish occasion. The flowers in church were so beautiful, and when I opened the envelope that Wendy passed me, I could not believe what I had in my hand! You can see from Angela's photos that the bench is going to be a very comfortable reminder of you all! Providentially, there is someone who called out from the 4<sup>th</sup> Century on his feast day this Monday morning and gave me some words. He is St John Chrysostom ('John of the Golden Mouth').

*"You are my citizens, my fathers, my brothers, my children, my limbs, my body, my light, and yes, dearer than light. For what does light give me compared with what your love gives?"*

Well said St. John, just what I wanted to say! I think Jo would approve, too! Thank you all so very much.

- Fr Bill

#### MASS CHANGE

Father Gary will be celebrating weekday Mass on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> Sep at 9.30am and on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October, time TBC.

*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)*

#### 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

#### MASS CHANGE

As of 27<sup>th</sup> September, Father Gary will be celebrating weekday Mass on Mondays at 10am, replacing the Wednesday Mass.

#### STEWARDS – A FINAL UPDATE

This is our final update as the stewarding team are changing their role. The stewards feel that we are at a stage where our role to help keep our mass attendees COVID secure, can now be changed to fall in line with the updated guidelines issued by both the Government and our Diocese. As the number of cases continues to be high we still feel it is important for us all to continue to act responsibly even if all Government restrictions have been lifted. To that end we will, for the time being:

1. Hope you will wear a face mask.
2. Provide hand sanitiser as you enter and leave church.
3. Offer the option of socially distanced seating as well as un-restricted seating.
4. Usher parishioners at communion, one bench at a time.
5. Ask you to leave church promptly as soon as mass has finished, conversations should take place outside.

- Andrew Gibbons

#### NO LONGER STEWARDS BUT WELCOMERS

Our team of 6 has now been reduced to 3. Tim and Oliver are leaving us, Andrew is returning to his previous role, so that just leaves Mike, Pete and Shirley. We would like to invite anyone who was a welcomer before the lockdown to return to their ministry and join the team as a welcomer. The role will involve: ensuring the church is well ventilated by making sure doors are open, greet parishioners as they arrive, offer hand sanitiser as parishioners enter and leave church, hand out bulletins and hymn sheets, usher parishioners at communion (as we do now) and ensure people leave church promptly as soon as mass has finished. Please see Mike, Pete, Shirley or Andrew and we will add you to the rota. So as stewards, a final thank you to you all, from Tim, Mike, Andrew, Pete, Oliver and Shirley.