

ST JOSEPH'S STONEHOUSE & THE ANNUNCIATION, WOODCHESTER

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – PSALTER WEEK 1 – 28TH APRIL 2024

DAY	TIME	PARISH	INTENTION
Sunday	9.00am	St Joseph's	People of the parish
	11.00am	The Annunciation	People of the parish
Monday	8.15am	More Hall Convent	Feast of Saint Catherine of Siena
	11.00am	The Annunciation	Funeral Mass for Mavis Carter †
Tuesday	8.15am	More Hall Convent	Special Intention
Wednesday	8.15am	More Hall Convent	Special Intention
Thursday	8.15am	More Hall Convent	Special Intention
Friday	8.15am	More Hall Convent	Special Intention
Saturday	6.30pm	The Immaculate Conception	Mr and Mrs Knight

LECTIONARY

Sun	Acts 9: 26-31	Psalm 21: 26-32	1John 3: 18-24	John 15: 1-8
Mon	1Jn 1: 5-2: 2	Psalm 102: 1-4, 8-9, 13-14, 17-18		Matthew 11: 25-30
Tues	Acts 14: 19-28	Psalm 144: 10-13, 21		John 14: 27-31
Wed	Acts 15: 1-6	Psalm 121: 1-5		John 15: 1-8
Thurs	Acts 15: 7-21	Psalm 95: 1-3, 10		John 15: 9-11
Fri	1Cor 15: 1-8	Psalm 18: 2-5		John 14: 6-14
Sat	Acts 7: 55-60	Psalm 30: 3-8, 17, 21		Matthew 10: 17-20

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL AT ST JOSEPH'S

Mike Gibbons and Olga, Julie Wood, Mary Evans, Aine Anderson, Mary Scully, Maggie, Janet Strong, Sylvia Haskell, Danielle Haskell, Tony Ryan, Chris Cory, Beth Cheyne

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED ABOUT THIS TIME

William Roper, Beatrice O'Hanlon, Ethel Powell, Kathleen Edgar, Sidney Sowls, James McDonnell, Samuel Mason, Brendan Boyd

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL AT THE ANNUNCIATION

Father Richard Finn O.P. and family, Rebekah Hollingshead, Brendon Conboy, Barry Norris, Peggy Chapman, John Presland, Georgina Mazzone, Trese Hulbert, Chris Jay, Anne Chandler, Giles Boon, Pauline Gibson, Helen Knight

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED ABOUT THIS TIME

Winifred Muir, George Ross, Nellie Little, Rosemary Gallini, Harold Underwood, Sr. Mary Catherine Giles, Stanley Emery, Mary Morgan, George Heslop, James McLean, Mavis Coupe, George Kelly, Raffaello Amati

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

DIOCESAN PRAYER LINK

University/College/School Chaplaincies

IN GENERAL

BISHOP OF CLIFTON

As was announced recently, Pope Francis has appointed Canon Bosco MacDonald, currently Dean of Clifton Cathedral, as the tenth Bishop of Clifton, succeeding Bishop Declan, whose resignation he accepted due to his health. Bishop Declan has been appointed as Apostolic Administrator of our diocese until Canon Bosco is ordained bishop. The ordination will take place at Clifton Cathedral on Wednesday 8th May at 12:00 noon. Invitations are currently being issued.

MESSAGE FROM FATHER GARY: PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Claire Kleiner is standing down as the parish administrator for our two parishes during May to pursue other employment opportunities. I thank her for her contribution to the life of our parishes in that role, as well as for all the support she has given to myself, Father Bill and Deacon Bogdan. I am glad that Claire will continue to be a parishioner and involved in parish life in various ways. We will be recruiting a new parish administrator, and there will be more details about interim arrangements in the coming weeks.

CONFIRMATION

The Confirmation Mass will be on Thursday 16th May at 7:00pm at the Immaculate Conception, Stroud, with our new bishop (this has been rearranged from 8th May which was no longer possible due to episcopal ordination). All are welcome to this celebration.

GRANDPARENTS GROUP

The Grandparents Group normally meets every 1st Wednesday of the month at the Immaculate Conception, Stroud. Unfortunately, there will not be a meeting in May. The next meeting should be 5th June at 2:00pm (Coffee/tea and biscuits from 1:30pm). Everyone is welcome to this group for the exchange of experience, prayers and readings.

INVITED

Invited is a diocesan course for anyone who is interested in learning more about their faith and passing it onto others, which will take place at the Immaculate Conception, Stroud, continues this Wednesday (7:00pm – 9:00pm). It is exploring a variety of questions relating to Catholic Teaching. This course is free of charge. Visit <https://cliftondiocese.com/news/invited-a-formation-course-in-stroud/> for more information.

SPRING FAYRE

Parish Spring Fayre at the Immaculate Conception, Stroud, on Saturday 11th May (9:30am – 1:00pm). All are welcome to come and enjoy the fayre which will include café and raffle.

CELEBRATING MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

The bishop is celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 25th May at 12.00 noon. All families are invited to join him to celebrate the joys and challenges of family life. Those celebrating significant anniversaries during 2024 or celebrating their marriage during this year, and who would like a personal invitation are invited to contact adult.education@cliftondiocese.com.

ENCOUNTER – DAY OF RENEWAL

There will be a special day of renewal at Saint Bonaventure's, Bristol on Saturday 25th May (10:00am to 4:00pm) beginning with Mass and including uplifting worship, inspiring teaching and testimonies. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available and prayer for baptism in the Holy Spirit. A children's stream will also be available. Refreshments provided but please bring a packed

lunch. To give an idea of numbers for the day, please book a free ticket for all members of your party at www.dftholyspirit.com/encounter-may-2024.

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION

There is a Newman Association talk on Tuesday 7th May at 2.30pm in the lounge of Sacred Hearts' Hall (Moorend Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham GL53 9AU). Peter Harrison, who has written a book to mark Clifton Cathedral's 50th Anniversary of Dedication last year, will be giving a talk: 'The Clifton Cathedral: the Building and its People'. All are welcome. Admission is £3.00 (members & students free). Enquires: Stephanie Jamison (01242 539810).

MAVIS CARTER'S FUNERAL

The Funeral Service for Mavis Carter is to take place at The Annunciation, Woodchester on Monday 29th April at 11.00am with her interment taking place in The Annunciation cemetery immediately afterwards. It is requested that everyone wear their favourite bright colour. There will be no flowers other than those from the family, any donations can be made to either CAFOD or Shelter. We pray for her peaceful rest and for the consolation of her family and friends.

ST JOSEPH'S

RED BOX 2023: THANK YOU!

In 2023, St Joseph's Parish raised £501.09 through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank You! Our missionary community here at St Josephs is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Your support of missionary priests enables people to come together to celebrate the Eucharist and to work together to improve the lives of the whole community. Visit missio.org.uk to find out more. If anyone would like a red box to donate, or would like information on other ways to donate, please do talk to me after Mass. Thank you. - Brendan.

MONDAY WELCOMING SOUP LUNCHES

The next one will be May 13th at 12 noon.
- Mattie Ross

THE ANNUNCIATION

CAFOD

Thank you so much to everyone who generously sponsored the recent CAFOD 5 mile walk. 16 adults and 3 dogs set off from the church to Woodchester Mansion and back, and we are pleased to say that the money raised has totalled over £300. Also, to everyone who brought in their CAFOD collecting boxes, thank you, and the total has come to £80 plus.

COFFEE AND TEA AFTER MASS

There will be coffee and tea after Mass on Sunday 5th May. £100 from your donations has recently been given to The Food Bank and been gratefully received. The next £100 in donations will go to CAFOD.

175TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

The next meeting will be taking place on Tuesday, 30th April, 10am in the Leigh Room and will focus on planning our first event – a family fun day, taking place this summer. If you would like to be involved, then please do come along to the meeting, or send any ideas into Claire at Woodchester.theannunciation@cliftondiocese.com or call 01453 822121.

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