

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

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C) - PSALTER WEEK 1 – 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025

DAY	TIME	PARISH	INTENTION
Sunday	9:00am	Saint Joseph's	People of the Parish
	11:00am	The Annunciation	People of the Parish
Monday	10:00am	Saint Joseph's	Mary & Michael Nolan
Tuesday	6:00pm	The Immaculate Conception	Paddi Spruyt R.I.P.
Wednesday	10:00am	The Immaculate Conception	Gerry Taylor
	10:45am	Stations & Benediction	
Thursday	6:00pm	The Immaculate Conception	Matt & Sophie Crunden
Friday	9:30am	The Annunciation	Special Intention
Saturday	6:30pm	The Immaculate Conception	Special Intention

## FEASTS THIS WEEK

Sunday	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>
Monday	Weekday of Lent
Tuesday	Weekday of Lent
Wednesday	Weekday of Lent
Thursday	Weekday of Lent
Friday	Weekday of Lent
Saturday	Weekday of Lent
<b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b>	

### PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL AT SAINT JOSEPH'S

Mike Gibbons and Olga, Aine Anderson, Mary Scully, Maggie,  
Sylvia Haskell, Danielle Haskell, Chris Cory,  
Dave Wakefield, Mario Bassi, Carole Cooper, Kevin & Daniel Anderson.

### 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,  
Helen Knight, Pauline Gibson, Angela Middleditch.

## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL

### For the use of the new technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

## DIOCESAN PRAYER LINK

*St Mary, Swindon*

## SAINT JOSEPH'S & THE ANNUNCIATION

**Stations of the Cross:** There will be Stations of the Cross will be each Friday of Lent at 7:00pm at Saint Joseph's, Stonehouse, and this Wednesday at the Immaculate Conception, Stroud. There will be a **Family Stations of the Cross** on Good Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 12:00 noon at the Immaculate Conception, Stroud.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** There will be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at Saint Joseph's, Stonehouse from 3:00pm next Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April.

**Chrism Mass:** The Chrism Mass takes place at Clifton Cathedral at 11:00am on the Wednesday of Holy Week, 16<sup>th</sup> April. There will be a coach leaving Stroud at 8:45am, Stonehouse at 9:00am and Dursley at 9:20am. The coach is due to leave the Cathedral at 12:30pm for the return journey. The cost will be £8.50 per adult (£3 per child) and will be collected on the coach. There are sheets to sign in our churches if you would like to reserve a place or contact the parish office. This is one of the great diocesan occasions of the year.

Pastoral Area Website: A website for our Pastoral Area of Saint Wulstan has been launched. It will continue to be developed over the coming weeks and months. Please visit it at [www.saintwulstan.org.uk](http://www.saintwulstan.org.uk).

**Holy Year Pilgrimage:** During this Jubilee Year one of our major Pastoral Area events is the **Saint Wulstan Southern Way Catholic Pilgrimage** from Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May until Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May. Perpetual pilgrims will walk 100 miles or so from Worcester (the titular city of Saint Wulstan's large diocese) to Bristol (where he persuaded slave traders of his time to cease). As well as the perpetual pilgrims we are all invited to: walk for some of the way; engage with Masses and other events each day along the route; and support the pilgrimage through prayer and other ways. For more information, including the stops within our pastoral area, and how we can be involved as a perpetual pilgrim, or locally as we walk, talk, pray and celebrate, please visit <https://saintwulstan.org.uk/pilgrimage/>. There is an email address on that website for further information. It is due to pass through our three parishes on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May, with a stop at Our Lady and Saint Thérèse, Painswick, at 1:30pm, and Saint Joseph's, Stonehouse, from 5:00pm. There will also be morning prayer at Saint Joseph's on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 8:30am.

**If you feel you could play a part to support this event, there will be a meeting reference "Holy Year Pilgrimage" in St Joseph's parish hall on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 11.00am. All welcome to attend.**

**Easter** will be at Woodchester this year, details to follow.

**Easter Baskets:** There will be a Blessing of Easter Baskets on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 12:00noon in Stonehouse.

**CAFOD – Pat & Peter May** have taken on The Big Lent Walk Challenge in a bid to fight global poverty. They invite you to sponsor their efforts. Please go the Cafod Big Lent Walk, go to search for someone, put in Pat or Peter May and donate on their JustGiving Site. Thank you in anticipation.

## THE ANNUNCIATION

**Coffee & Cake** - This Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> April, we will be having coffee and cake after Mass so please stay if you can.

**Stations of the Cross** -On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April, we will have Stations of the Cross in Woodchester at 7pm. We will invite members of Churches Together but hopefully we will have some of our parishioners to take part and welcome them. It is something the other churches don't do, but they always like to come to us and find it very moving and meaningful during this time in Lent.

## SAINT JOSEPH'S

**100 Club** – The March draw will take place in the parish hall after 9.00am Mass today.

**HELP!** - Early this year Nettie Dangerfield moved to the Regency Retirement Home in Regent street. She was unable to stay in her home as she has lost her sight. She is a lovely, chatty 94-year-old and would really appreciate a visit from any member of our two churches. She came to mass at the Annunciation for more years than anyone can remember! She's very easy to talk to. If you would like an introduction to Nettie please contact Annie Norris on [annielnorris@hotmail.com](mailto:annielnorris@hotmail.com)

**Website:** The new address for the website is [www.stjosephsstonehouse.co.uk](http://www.stjosephsstonehouse.co.uk). It is a work in progress currently and if you have any ideas or comments please let us know.

**Stroud District Foodbank** are still very busy helping local families in need, so if you can manage it, please think about putting an extra item in your shopping trolley, there are collection points at any of the supermarkets, or if you prefer in the box at the back of the church. Items which are always needed are tinned meat, teabags, coffee, jams and spreads. A little gesture means so much and can make a difference to know someone cares.

*Item for the Newsletter? You can send items for the newsletter (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. Any health and safety matters for Stonehouse, please email [HS.stonehouse.stjoseph@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:HS.stonehouse.stjoseph@cliftondiocese.com)*