

DIARY

SAT	1 st Mass of Sunday at 5.30 pm.
SUN	<u>SINDAY 11 OF YEAR</u> Mass at 9.30 am, followed by refreshments in the hall.
MON	Morning Prayer at 9.15 am; Mass at 9.30 am. Mothers' Prayers in the hall, 10.30 am
TUE	Let it Be – CaFE course on Mary, hall, 10.30 am.
WED	Morning Prayer at 9.15 am; Mass at 9.30 am. Followed by refreshments & Breaking Open & Sharing the Word in the hall.
THU	Adoration 10 am – 7 pm. Joint PPC meeting with Calne Parish, 7.30 pm, hall.
FRI	SS John Fisher & Thomas More, Martyrs, Feast. Morning Prayer at 9.15 am; Mass at 9.30 am.
SAT	Sacrament of Reconciliation, 11-11.30 am 1 st Mass of Sunday (Birth of John the Baptist) at 5.30 pm.

Sundays Year B; Weekdays Year 2; Psalter: Week 3.

MASS COMMEMORATIONS: **Sat(16):** Bob Hoy RIP (anniv); **Mon:** Thomas Kuriakose's mother, RIP anniv.; **Sat(23):** Carmo Trindade RIP.

READINGS

Reading 1: Ezekiel 17: 22-24.

Psalm (91) Refrain: *It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.*

Reading 2: 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10.

Gospel Reading: Mark: 4: 26-34.

Please pray for the following who are sick: Mr Frank Manning, Mrs R. Menghini, Mrs Bridie Liddle, Mrs Jonasz, Fr Lloyd, Zofia Clarke, Vilma D'Souza, Don d'Cruz, Mrs Audrey Tickner, Mrs Kathleen Murphy, Charlie Canavan, Ann O'Mahony, John Porter, Faith Wheat, Mrs Rebecca Matthews, Gail Ballinger, Joyce Alford, Chris Bate, John Doyle, David Coghlan, Helen Krause, Michael Lees, Elizabeth Travers, Nuala Barron, June Carey, Tom & Claire Hunter, Mrs Marian Frawley, Geoff Blwyddin, Pamela Polizzotto.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Mr Leonard Lockwood, who died recently, and also his bereaved family.

Welcome to The Parish of St Anthony of Padua



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SUNDAY 17 JUNE, 2018

Dear Friends,

Recently, the Parish Pastoral Council and I had a meeting with Bishop Declan and Fr. Vincent to discuss and clarify certain issues about the future of our parish.

The Bishop regrets that because of Fr. John's age and health, it was not possible to arrange, as was formerly hoped, for St. Anthony's and St. Patrick's to share a priest. Fr. Vincent, being some years younger than myself, offered to take responsibility for Melksham as well as Calne. It is the Bishop's wish that we should remain 2 distinct parishes, sharing a priest. For the time being, at least, there will be 2 distinct Parish Pastoral Councils, meeting together perhaps twice a year. The Finance Committees and the finances will remain separate.

As mentioned before, it will only be possible to have one Sunday Mass here, and this will have to be at 9 am to allow Fr. Vincent to return to Calne. This may cause a problem for a few of you, but unfortunately, it cannot be helped. Fr. Vincent has agreed to provide also two weekday Masses each week (except when prevented, eg. by a funeral at Calne), which will probably be at 10 am on Wednesdays and Saturdays, the latter making it possible for Fr. Vincent to provide the Sacrament of Reconciliation after the Mass. These weekday Masses *will not in any way be an alternative* to Sunday Mass; however, as the Bishop points out, if anyone is *genuinely* unable to fulfil an obligation, then the obligation ceases to be binding; and as he says, even weekday Mass is better than no Mass at all! Regarding Easter and Christmas, Fr. Vincent hopes to arrange a supply priest to help with the Vigil/Night Mass, and has already done so for next Christmas & Easter.

In the love of Christ,

Richard Northey

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: £174.56

TODAY: Day for Life with retiring collection. There are cards/leaflets in the porch.

NEXT WEEKEND: Monthly Collection for the Building/Maintenance Fund.

MOTHERS' PRAYERS: Monday, 10.30 am in the hall.

BREAKING OPEN & SHARING THE WORD: Sharing on next Sunday's Gospel, Wednesday, after Mass & refreshments.

ADORATION: Thursday, 10 am – 7 pm.

JOINT PPC MEETING with Calne, hall, 7.30 pm.

PRAYER GROUP: Friday, 7.30 pm in the hall.

1st COMMUNION: Next Sunday at the 9.30 am Mass – just 1 candidate this year.

LET IT BE – INSPIRING NEW FILM COURSE ON MARY: We are running the new CaFE film on the life of Mary past & present. Filmed around the world with well-known experts and down-to-earth testimonies about how the example and prayer of Mary can help us grow in our everyday faith. As part of the course you will get your own Let It Be Book which includes the main content of the film plus lots of useful follow-on info and optional daily prayer reflections. Why not bring a friend and come and check out Session 1. Starting *this* Tuesday 19 June in the Parish Hall at 10.30 am. Refreshments included.

DIOCESAN FAMILY DAY: St. Brendan's 6th Form College, Brislington, Bristol, Sat 30 June, 10.15 am, ending with Mass at 3.30 pm. Starting with Keynote, various workshops & displays. If you would like to attend, please telephone 0117 902 5595 or email adult.education@cliftondiocese.com Lunch will be provided for all participants, so they will need to know by Fri. 22 June.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION & READERS: There will be workshops for both existing and newly-appointed Extraordinary Ministers and Readers (if you are both Readers and Ext..Ministers, you will have to choose!) at the Diocesan Family Day mentioned above; but you will have to be sent by your parish rather than book in yourself. If you have one of these ministries, please sign up on the list in the porch, in the column for the appropriate ministry. Readers will receive a special blessing at the Mass and Ext. Ministers will be (re-) commissioned.

(RE-)COMMISSIONING OF EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: In view of the day mentioned above, we will wait until after that event to see how many of our Ext. Ministers are (re-)commissioned at that event.

SICK OR HOUSEBOUND: Please let Fr. Richard know of anyone who is sick, elderly or housebound who would like to be visited and receive Holy Communion.

RUH BATH RC CHAPLAINCY: Mandy Baker – 07775895814, email: mandybaker@live.co.uk please contact Mandy if you have a relative or friend in hospital.

PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH every third Thursday at 9:30 am in church before Adoration begins. Prayer intentions: for God's guidance, a smooth transition and for a new parish priest and

thanksgiving to God for our parish priest. All are warmly welcome to join in at church or home if you can.

PARISH CENSUS: In view of the requirements of the GDPR, and also because Fr. Vincent has asked for a full parish list to be prepared for when he takes over, we will be making new census forms available to parishioners in the next few weeks, for them to fill in and return. Sorry for anyone who has filled in one recently; but we do need *everyone* or at least every household to fill in one of these new forms irrespective of how many times they may have filled one in before! So please, *every household* take one and fill in and bring it back; otherwise you will no longer be officially recorded as a member of this parish. As there is only space for 4 names per form, if there are more than 4 people in your household, please take an extra sheet to fill in, and if possible staple or paper-clip them together. Completed forms may be handed in or placed in the post-box inside the porch door.

NEWSLETTER: As from the end of September, I will obviously be unable to continue to produce a newsletter, and it will be impossible for Fr. Vincent to do so. We will therefore need to find a parishioner to take responsibility for it. Perhaps if you have typing skills, etc, you might at least start to think about the possibility of offering your services.

THE TURNING LAUNCH: Thur 21 June, 7 – 8.30 pm. Melksham Assembly Hall with Yinka Oyekam. Praise and prayer to God for his harvest in Wiltshire.

PARKING: a) Could those parking on the corner of the car park please pull in tightly? It can be difficult for other cars to get past. b) As Christians, consideration of our neighbours is of primary importance. If you park in the street, please take care not to block our neighbours' parking areas, or park on yellow lines. If our church car park is full, there *is* a nearby public car park; please try to avoid upsetting our neighbours.

MELKSHAM FOODBANK: (www.melkshamfoodbank.org.uk). They are most in need of potatoes (instant), peas (canned), carrots (canned), sugar, pasta. They no longer use boxes – thank you to those who have donated boxes, but please do not leave them in the church porch any more. Does anyone know anyone who is going through a difficult time and might be in need of the help of the Foodbank?

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE: unaccompanied children church hall during Mass.

DRIVERS: Please drive entering or leaving the of children – and adults –

NEWSLETTER: Any please send to the supplied on the front of



who is going through a be in need of the help of

for safety reasons, are not allowed in the

with great care when car park, so that the lives may not be put at risk.

information, articles, etc, presbytery at the address the newsletter.