



# Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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## Diary

- Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February** Sixth Sunday of the Year; Mass 9.00 am. Children's Liturgy; all children up to 12 years old welcome. Refreshments in the hall. (Mass at St Edmund's Sat. 6.00pm; Sun. 11.00 am).
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February** Mothers' Prayers 10.30 in the Hall
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February** The Church will be open for Rosary, 10.30 am.
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February** Morning Prayer 9.40 am; Morning Mass 10.00 am. Breaking open and sharing the Word in the Hall
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February** Adoration 10.00 am to 7.00pm
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February** Morning Prayer 09.40 am. No Prayer Group – recommences 28<sup>th</sup> February
- Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** Feast of the Chair of St Peter the Apostle. Morning Prayer 9.40 am; Morning Mass 10.00 am. Sacrament of Reconciliation from 10.45 am

## Sundays Year A; Psalter Week 2

Readings: Reading 1 – Eccles 15: 15-20

Psalm Refrain: They are happy who follow God's law!

Reading 2 – 1Corinthians 2: 6-10

Gospel – Matthew 5: 17-37

**Collections: Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February £131.95. Standing orders to the parish total £243.00 per week.**

*Please note – in order to reduce the chance of spreading viral infections, everyone is asked to use the hand sanitisers on entering the church and on entering the church hall. Church cleaners – please note the cleaning advice in the hall. Thank you.*

Father Danny sends his thanks to everyone at St Anthony's for their generosity and kind wishes on his golden jubilee.

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February – Finance Committee Meeting:** After morning Mass in the Presbytery.

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February – trip to Clifton Cathedral:** If you would like to go to Clifton Cathedral for the Triduum of Prayer and Dowry exhibition, (see below) please sign up on the sheet in the porch – Nora will organise transport if enough people are interested.

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 7.00 pm in the Hall - CAFOD Livesimply Award Presentation:** In response to the Global Caring course we have invited Liz Baldwin CAFOD's Community Participation Co-ordinator to visit our parish and explain all about the Livesimply award. The Livesimply award is given to Catholic parishes, schools and communities that have taken significant steps to respond to the Church's call to live simply so that others can simply live. It is awarded to communities who can show how they have been living:

- simply
- in solidarity with people in poverty
- sustainably with creation.

All are welcome to come and hear what Liz has to tell us - and enjoy pancakes as it's Shrove Tuesday!

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March - Fairtrade Stall:** As it's Fairtrade Fortnight we are having a Fairtrade stall in the hall after Mass, stocking Fairtrade products including Easter eggs. Fairtrade products ensure that farmers in the developing world receive a fair price, plus an extra premium to invest in community projects.

**Pilgrimage to Krakow with St Edmund's Calne – September 21<sup>st</sup>- 25<sup>th</sup> 2020:** Information packs available in the porch, or email [admin.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:admin.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftondiocese.com)  
**Please sign up on the sheet in the porch if you are taking part in this pilgrimage.**

**Vacancy - Parish Secretary, Our Lady, the Immaculate Conception, Devizes & St Joseph, West Lavington:** 12 hours per week. Full details on the parish website: <https://devizes.cliftondiocese.com/>  
**Closing date 29<sup>th</sup> February.**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March - Reconciliation Liturgy, 7.00 pm St John's Trowbridge:** Bishop Declan celebrates the Sacrament of Reconciliation in our Deanery. He invites our community to gather with him in celebration of God's merciful love as part of our Lenten journey and this Year of Communion. There will be priests available to celebrate and hear confessions.

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February - Mass with Healing Ministry, Confession and Adoration:** St John the Evangelist, Bath 7.00pm

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February - Dowry exhibition and Triduum of prayer at Clifton Cathedral:** Clifton will receive the statue of Mary, Mother of Jesus on 20<sup>th</sup> February from the Slipper Chapel at the Catholic National Shrine in Walsingham. This is part of the preparation for this year which marks the start of 'Behold, Your Mother' when the people of England are being invited to dedicate themselves to Mary, Mother of Jesus, in 2020. More information is available on the Diocesan website <https://cliftondiocese.com/events/>  
(See above for parish group attendance)

**October 22<sup>nd</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> - Diocesan Pilgrimage to Northern Spain:** Bishop Declan is leading this year's [diocesan pilgrimage to Northern Spain](#) as part of our celebration for the Year of Communion. The pilgrimage will be a celebration of the forthcoming 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (2022) of St Ignatius at Manresa and the writing of his Spiritual Exercises. A poster is in the porch with details. You will also find on this [link](#) the booking forms and terms & conditions for the pilgrimage. There are 40 places available. If anyone is interested in attending please complete the booking form and return with a deposit to Gill Didino at Tangney Tours (*Pilgrim House, Station Court, Borough Green, Kent, TN15 8AF*). For further information contact Gill on 01732 886666 or Sarah Adams on 0117 9025595 / [adult.education@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com).

**Melksham Foodbank:** Desperately need donations; please look on the website for further information: <http://melkshamfoodbank.org.uk/foodbox-contents/> . Please donate non-perishable food, e.g. potatoes (instant) Peas, carrots (canned) sugar, pasta, UHT milk, and ensure that these items are within the "use by" dates.

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February – Prayer for Melksham:** 8.00 am, St Andrew's Church

**Gift Aid:** Contact for all queries: Tricia Hoy 01225 704805.

**Sick & Housebound:** Please let Fr Vincent or Mary Harris 01249 730340 know if anyone sick, elderly or housebound would like to be visited and receive Holy Communion.

**If anyone is going into the Royal United Hospital and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact the RUH Chaplaincy; direct line 01225 428331, or email: [ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net](mailto:ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net)**

**Please pray for the following:** Mrs. Rosa Menghini, Vilma D'Sousa, Don d'Cruz, Mrs Kathleen Murphy, John Doyle, Mrs Marian Frawley, Geoff Blwyddin, Mrs Jean Irwin, Mrs Jeanette Allsop, Mrs Bridie Liddle, Zofia Clarke, Chris Bate, David Coughlin, Katja Lubina, Mrs Audrey Tickner, Patrick Egan, Mrs Jonasz. Deacon David Wakefield, Rebecca Matthews, Paul Hogg, Keith Healy, Alan Glass, Fr Richard Northey, Tricia Rigg, Henie Dixon, Brian Hillhouse.

**Please note – due to GDPR regulations, we are obliged to have the consent of the person you wish to pray for (or that of a close family member) before publishing their name in the newsletter.**

**Drivers:** Please be careful entering and leaving the car park and leave the turning area free. Please do not block neighbours' entrances.

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[comms.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:comms.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftondiocese.com) or give to Sharon Pearce or Anne Doyle by each Thursday **Please email to the above address if you would like to receive the newsletter electronically, or complete the form at the back of church.**

## Dates for your Diary:

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 10.30 am – World Day of Prayer:** Hosted by St Anthony's; devised by the women of Zimbabwe.

**February 28<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> March - Vocations Weekend for young women, Liverpool:** Theme: Discernment and Vocation. The weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). There is nothing quite like religious life – it's an extraordinary adventure into a deep relationship with God. If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. For more information contact Sr Lynne fcJ at [lynnefcj@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnefcj@hotmail.com) or visit our website [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org)

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter – 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> March, Swindon:** For the past 50 years Worldwide Marriage Encounter has been offering marriage enrichment retreats all around the world. Focused on couples who want to enrich their relationship and gain a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Marriage, the retreat offers a unique experience. It's a chance to explore your relationship at a deeper, more intimate level, regardless of how long you have been together. Thousands of couples in the UK have benefited from a Marriage Encounter weekend retreat, why not find out more at [wwme.org.uk](http://wwme.org.uk)

**“Catholicism” Film screenings - St Patrick's, Corsham:** are screening Bishop Barron's 'Catholicism' series of films over several months on a big screen in their church hall. All screenings will be at 7.30pm (though people are asked to arrive in plenty of time). It's completely free, and there will be popcorn and other cinema-type drinks and snacks laid on. **Dates are 20<sup>th</sup> Feb, 27<sup>th</sup> Feb, 5<sup>th</sup> March, 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 30<sup>th</sup> April, 7<sup>th</sup> May, 14<sup>th</sup> May, 28<sup>th</sup> May, and 4<sup>th</sup> June.**