



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Diary

Sunday 17th November **Thirty-third 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 18th November Mothers' Prayers 10.30 in the Hall

Tuesday 19th November The Church will be open for Rosary, 10.30 am.

Wednesday 20th November **Morning Prayer 9.40 am; Morning Mass 10.00 am.** Breaking open and sharing the Word in the Hall

Thursday 21st November Adoration 10.00 am to 7.00pm

Friday 22nd November **Morning Prayer 09.40 am;** Prayer Group 7.30 pm

Saturday 23rd November **Morning Prayer 9.40 am; No Mass today.**

Sundays Year C-1; Psalter Week 1

Readings: Reading 1 – Malachi 3: 19-20

Psalms Refrain: The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness.

Reading 2 – 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel – Luke 21:5-19

Collections: Sunday 10th November £186.10; this week, retiring collection for the Building and Maintenance Fund. Next week retiring collection for the Catholic Youth Service.

Sunday 17th November - Traidcraft Stall: In the hall after Mass, stocking all kinds of Fairtrade products including Advent calendars, Christmas cards and gifts.

Advent Course: Global Caring – Continues Tuesdays 19th & 26th November: 10.30 am in the hall and 7.00 pm at 16, Sherwood Avenue: Global Caring will help us explore how we enjoy, care and share the great gift of Creation.

Christmas Cards – Now available to buy at the back of the church, packs of 5 large cards £2.00, packs of 10 small cards £1.50

St Anthony's Parish Charities 2020: The shortlisted charities for our support in 2020 are the following:
Local charities – St Mungo's <https://www.mungos.org/>, Wiltshire Air Ambulance <https://www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk/>; Young Melksham <https://youngmelksham.org.uk/>; Overseas Charities – Mary's Meals <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>, Mercy Ships UK <https://www.mercyships.org.uk/>, Hope for Justice <https://hopeforjustice.org/>, The Little Way Association <http://littlewayassociation.com/>. Please vote by completing a slip and posting in the black post box by the door in the porch. Closing date for votes Sunday 24th November.

Pilgrimage to Krakow with St Edmund's Calne – September 21st- 25th 2020: Information packs available in the porch, or email admin.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftondiocese.com

Fr. Richard is now at home to convalesce, though full recovery will take some time. He would like to thank Fr Vincent and parishioners for their prayers and kind wishes.

Mary's Meals: Backpacks and stationery, pencils etc. still needed, please! Donations to Carolina gratefully received.

Tuesday 19th November - Pastoral Ministry Formation Course Information Evening: St John's Parish hall, Trowbridge, 7.30 – 9.00pm (refreshments from 7.00pm). An evening to learn about a proposed course in Pastoral Ministry starting September 2020. All are welcome to find out more.

Friday 22nd November - 7.00pm Clifton Cathedral: Bishop Declan invites our diocesan community to join him at a celebration of Evening Prayer during which he will present to each parish, community and school the resources for the *Year of Communion*, starting Sunday 1st December.

Saturday 23rd November - Diocesan Youth Gathering, 11.00 am – 4.00 pm: To celebrate National Youth Sunday (NYS) 2019 in the Clifton Diocese, we are holding our annual Diocesan Youth Gathering at St Bede's Catholic College. This event is for young people of Secondary School age and above. To book your place click on the NYS logo on www.cliftondiocese.com

Wednesday 27th November - Women and Faith, Apostle Room, Clifton Cathedral: This *Interfaith* evening starts at 7.00 pm (refreshments available from 6.30pm). The evening will focus on 'Women and Faith', an exploration of the changing role of women in three religions: Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

Wednesday 27th November - Exploring St Matthew: As we begin next month to read St Matthew liturgically, John Huntriss leads an evening talk on deepening our understanding of the Jesus we encounter in Matthew's Gospel. On, from 7.30pm, at **Emmaus House, Sleep Lane, Whitchurch, Bristol**, John will focus on **St Matthew's Infancy Narrative**. Emmaus House will give you a warm welcome.

Safeguarding Co-ordinator Vacancy: Based in Alexander House, 35 hours per week. Closing date for receipt of applications: **4 December 2019**. For further information/informal discussion about this role please contact Lyn Murray, Chief Operating Officer, Clifton Diocese on 0117 902 5598. For the job description, personal specification and application form please visit: www.cliftondiocese.com/diocese/working-for-us/

Sunday 17th November - Praise Service: Baptist Church, Old Broughton Road, 6.00 pm

Tuesday 19th November - Music Quiz in support of Marie Curie: Baptist Church, Old Broughton Road, 7.00 pm

Wednesday 27th November – Prayer for Melksham: This month hosted by St Anthony's, 8.00 am.

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.

Free Foodbank Advent Calendars – Now available at the back of the church; a practical way to help Foodbank during Advent!

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.

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, George Goodwin, Alan Glass, Fr Richard Northey, Tricia Rigg, Rev. Alison Sowton.

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.

Please send items and information for the newsletter to: 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 give Sharon your email address.**

Dates for your Diary:

Youth Ministry - Catechists' Formation Courses starting Wednesday 29th January 2020, St Osmund, Salisbury SP1 2SF: Designed for the formation of the catechists of our diocese, this course includes the diocesan day gathering on Saturday 27th June 2020. There are some engaging and stimulating facilitators for each session. The session on 29th January is designed to set the scene for the monthly sessions that follow. Sessions start at 7.30pm with refreshments from 7pm. Further information can be found on the Clifton Diocese [website](#). Those wishing to take part in the series will need to send their registration details to Alexander House, 160 Pennywell Road, Bristol, BS5 0TX by the end of January. There is a minimal cost to the course of £50 which may be subsidised by your parish. Cheques are to be made payable to *Clifton Diocese*.

Starting School? If you have a child born between **1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016**, then **now** is the time to apply for a place at a primary school for admission from September 2020 onwards. You must complete an application form that is available from the school admissions team of the **Wiltshire Council**. If your child has been baptised and you are applying for a Catholic school, you **must** also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to the school concerned – contact the school for full details. Our parish school is St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Corsham <http://www.stpatricks-wilts.co.uk/>, telephone number 01249 713125; email admin@st-patricks.wilts.sch.uk Please ensure you apply by the closing date of **15 January 2020**. **St Patrick's Catholic Primary School Open day – Monday 11th November; please contact the school if you wish to attend.**

Teachers – including those who are now retired: Teachers and retired teachers can make a valuable contribution to the governing body of a school. Sharing experience and good practice benefits the governing body and the school and enables you to utilise and grow your skills and experience in a different context. We would love to hear from you. Please contact bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com for more information about becoming a Foundation Governor.