



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Diary

Sunday 18th August Twentieth Sunday of the Year. Mass 9.00 am. No Children's Liturgy of the Word until September. Refreshments in the hall after Mass. (Mass at St Edmund's Sat. 6.00pm; Sun. 11.00 am).

Monday 19th August No Mothers' Prayers until 2nd September

Tuesday 20th August Funeral of Frank Manning, 11.30am; the Church will remain open for Rosary.

Wednesday 21st August Morning Prayer 9.45 am; Morning Mass 10.am. Memorial of St Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church. Breaking Open and Sharing the Word.

Thursday 22nd August Adoration 10.00 am to 7.00pm

Friday 23rd August Morning Prayer 09.30 am; No Prayer Group until 6th September

Saturday 25th August Morning Prayer 9.45am; No Mass today.

Sundays Year C-1; Psalter Week 4

Readings: Reading 1 – Jeremiah 38: 4-6, 8-10

Psalm Refrain: Lord, come to my aid.

Reading 2 – Hebrews 12: 1-4

Gospel – Luke 12: 49-53

Collections: Sunday August 11th £182.45. Proceeds from the Parish Picnic £121.30; this will go towards our nominated charities for this year.

Parish Charities 2020: We invite parishioners to nominate parish charities for 2020, both local and abroad. Suggested charities will be reviewed at the PPC meeting in September, and if necessary reduced to 3 nominations each for local and overseas. Parishioners will then be asked to vote for the charity they would like the parish to support in 2020. Nomination forms are available in the porch – please put completed forms in the black post-box on the inside of the church front door (in the porch). Closing date 31st August.

Wednesday 25th September Deanery Day Follow-up: St John's Parish centre, Trowbridge at 7.00 pm. A "Wisdom Group" for our Deanery will be discussed.

Wednesday 9th October – Formation Evening on Children's Liturgy of the Word: St Edmund's Catholic Primary School, Calne, SN11 9BX, from 7.30 -9.00pm. This formation welcomes all those who wish to enable the children in our parishes to hear and reflect upon the word of God through CLOW. All are welcome, no experience necessary.

Saturday 19th October – A Life Lived in Communion: St Brendan’s College, Brislington, 9.15am – 2.30 pm. with Fr. James Hanvey SJ, to reflect upon *A life lived in Communion*, to prepare us for the coming *Year of Communion* (beginning the first Sunday of Advent) and introduce us to the resources that will be available to us from the end of November. All are welcome! Please sign up on the sheet in the porch by **Wednesday 9th October**. Please bring a packed lunch.

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.

Wednesday 28th August – Prayer for Melksham: 8.00 am, Baptist Church. Please support Prayer for Melksham.

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.

Catholic Marriage Care: Marriage Care provides couples with courses to enable them to participate in the Sacrament of Marriage in a Catholic Church and which prepares them for married life. The current remaining Marriage Preparation Courses (held in Swindon) are 5th October & 9th November. Counselling is also available for couples who might be having difficulties in their relationship. Please see the website <https://www.marriagecare.org.uk/> Volunteers are needed to assist with marriage preparation and, trained counsellors are welcome to volunteer to train as a couple’s counsellor. A new treasurer is also required.

14th - 17th November trip to Lourdes: The charity Fratello is organising four days in Lourdes for and with socially excluded people. More information is available on their website www.wearefratello.org/en

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, Anne Dobbin, Keith Healy, George Goodwin.

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:
Thursday 5th September – PPC meeting 7.30 pm in the hall

Saturday 26th October – Day on Prayer and Meditation, and Exhibition of Contemporary Icons, Clifton Cathedral 10.30 am – 3.15 pm; entrance only on ticket (£10) available from www.cliftondiocese.com/beauty-spirit-matter tel 0117 9025591