



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Diary

Sunday 19th January **Second 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 20th January Mothers' Prayers 10.30 in the Hall

Tuesday 21st January The Church will be open for Rosary, 10.30 am.

Wednesday 22nd January **Morning Prayer 9.40 am; Morning Mass 10.00 am.** Breaking open and sharing the Word in the Hall

Thursday 23rd January Adoration 10.00 am to 7.00pm

Friday 24th January **Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 10.00 am**, followed by tea, coffee and cake; Prayer Group 7.30 pm

Saturday 25th January **Feast of the Conversion of St Paul, Apostle. Morning Prayer 9.40 am; Morning Mass 10.00am.** Sacrament of Reconciliation 10.45 am.

Sundays Year A; Psalter Week 2

Readings: Reading 1 – Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6

Psalm Refrain: **Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.**

Reading 2 – 1 Corinthians 1: 1-3

Gospel – John 1: 29-34

Collections: Sunday 12th January £217.10 Total collection for The Little Way Association £126.10. Red Missio boxes raised £165.77. Standing orders to the parish total £243.00 per week.

Father Danny Celebrates his 50th Anniversary: If you would like to make a private donation to Fr Danny, please speak with Sheila Likely-Ayling, or Anne Doyle (cheques payable to Fr Danny, please). There is a card for parishioners to sign after Mass this weekend.

January 18th – 25th - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: See below for details.

Friday 24th January – St Anthony's hosts a Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 10.00 am: followed by tea, coffee and cake. All are welcome!

Sunday 26th January – 11.00 am Covenant Service, St. Michael's Church: This year's service is being organised by St Anthony's and St Barnabas – please come and support your parish and Melksham Family of Churches.

First Holy Communion 2020: There will be a meeting for parents and candidates on Monday 20th January at 5.30 pm in the Hall.

Saturday 15th February - Mothers Prayer group: invites all women in the parish to a Thanksgiving Mass to celebrate the Joy of the Lord for the many wonders He has worked for all, over the years. Mass at 10.00am followed by breakfast and sharing our faith journey.

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

Thursday 20th - Saturday 22nd February - Clifton Cathedral hosts a Triduum of prayer: They will receive the statue of Mary, Mother of Jesus on 20th 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/>.

Marriage and Family Life Co-ordinator – Vacancy: Based at Alexander House, Bristol, this role supports and promote family life within our Diocese. The role of the Marriage and Family Life worker is key in supporting the implementation of the Bishop's vision for the diocese in 'A Future Full of Hope'. This is a part-time post, three days a week (21 hours). **Closing date: Friday 31st January.** For more information please contact: adult.education@cliftondiocese.com or tel 0117 902 5595.

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.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - 18th – 25th January: This year, resources have been created by Churches Together in Malta, and are called "Unusual Kindness". Melksham Family of Churches invite you to join them in their programme:

Wednesday 22nd January 11.00 am St Michael's – Prayer and praise followed by communion;

Thursday 23rd January 2.30 pm Queensway Chapel – Songs of Praise;

Friday 24th January – 10.00 am St Anthony's – Prayer for the seventh day;

Saturday 25th January – 11.00 am Melksham Baptist Church – prayer and praise

Sunday 26th January – Covenant Service 11.00 am St Michael's Church

Saturday 8th February – Ladies' Breakfast, Queensway Chapel 8.45 am: Please sign up on the sheet in the porch.

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

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.

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 complete the form at the back of church.**

Dates for your Diary:

Tackling Modern Slavery Together - "Hidden Voices": is an ecumenical and community process aiming to inform and support local communities taking action on Modern Slavery in their communities. "Hidden Voices" will help inform how to spot and challenge modern slavery and join with others in Bristol in tackling the issue.

Time: 10.00-12.30, dates: 25th January and 8th February, at St Nicholas of Tolentino Church, Bristol, BS5 0RE. To book or for more information please email: hvbristol@gmail.com

Our aim is to be equipped in understanding, detecting, and preventing slavery and trafficking, whilst also enabling those affected. The process takes place over three sessions. Please come even if you cannot manage all three sessions. Parking is available in Church Car Park on Pennywell Road. "Hidden Voices Bristol" is part of the growing <https://www.theclewerinitiative.org/> Please notify Fr Richard McKay Richard.mckay@cliftondiocese.com if you will be attending.

Faith in Politics - an internship run by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales:

Bishop John Arnold on behalf of the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales, has written a letter: 'We are looking to recruit six Catholic graduates to work for 11 months from September 2020 to July 2021 in Parliamentary and Public Affairs posts. The interns will be selected on the basis of ability and potential to gain most from the experience. The interns will all live together, with 70 other students, in More House, a Catholic Chaplaincy and Student Centre in Central London. Financial support will be provided to cover living and travel costs for the duration of the internship. Further information is available at www.faithinpolitics.org.uk; this is also where they must submit their application. **Closing date is 5pm on Friday 28th February 2020.**

I am delighted to tell you that Faith in Politics has been featured on www.laityinvolved.org, a website launched by the Holy See's Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life in November 2019, highlighting the mission of promoting and evangelizing laity. With best wishes for a peaceful Christmas and New Year.' Bishop John Arnold

Worldwide Marriage Encounter - 6th - 8th 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