



# Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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## Diary

- Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March First Sunday of Lent; 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 2<sup>nd</sup> March** Mothers' Prayers 10.30 in the Hall
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** The Church will be open for Rosary, 10.30 am.
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March Morning Prayer 9.40 am; Morning Mass 10.00 am;** Breaking open and sharing the Word in the Hall
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March** Adoration 10.00 am to 7.00pm
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March** World Day of Prayer 11.00 am, followed by Lent lunch. Prayer Group 7.30 pm
- Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March** Morning Prayer 9.40 am; Morning Mass 10.00 am. Sacrament of Reconciliation from 10.45 am

## Sundays Year A; Psalter Week 1 and Proper of Season

Readings: Reading 1 – Genesis 2: 7-9, 3: 1-7

Psalm Refrain: **Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

Reading 2 – Romans 5: 12-19

Gospel – Matthew 4: 1-11

**Collections: Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February £186.00. Standing orders to the parish total £243.00 per week. Next week, retiring collection for CAFOD Family Fast Day.**

***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.***

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - Lent Groups begin:** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> March in the church hall at 10.30am; Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> March at 16 Sherwood Avenue at 7.00pm. The theme this year is the "Joy of Hope" – please sign up on the sheet in the porch to indicate which group you will attend.

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020 – CAFOD Family Fast Day:** This Lent, CAFOD's Family Fast Day is an opportunity to reach out to some of the poorest, most marginalised of our sisters and brothers. Your donations go to highly-trained, highly-skilled local experts around the world who save and support the health of the world's poorest families. Sister Consilia is one of these people. She is a nun in an out-of-town health centre in Zimbabwe. Sister Consilia is a trained pharmacist who saves lives each and every day. Without support like yours, her brilliant work just couldn't continue as there wouldn't be enough funding to support it. But we urgently need your help to fund more local experts like Sister Consilia to reach out to even more people who need treatment, care and love. On Friday 6 March, will you eat a simple meal in solidarity and give what you save to help people like Sister Consilia to continue her life-saving work – helping the health of the world's poorest people? Please collect your Family Fast Day envelope from church this week and give whatever you can.

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March after Mass - Scarf Sale in aid of our charities:** Have you any scarves that you never wear? Please bring them along, someone else may like them! Good gifts for Mothers' Day!

**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.**

**Can anyone please help** one of our parishioners who would like to attend Wednesday or Saturday Mass, but needs a lift? Woodrow Road area. Please contact Sharon Pearce or Mary Rooney.

**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

**Clifton Diocese is recruiting a number of posts. Details are on the noticeboards in the porch.**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> August - Bishop Declan invites you to take part in the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** Further information email: [lourdes@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:lourdes@cliftondiocese.com) or tel 0117 902 5590 – Option 7

**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. A poster is in the porch with details. You will also find on this [link](#) the booking forms and terms & conditions for the pilgrimage. 40 places are available. If you are 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).

**All EU, EEA and Swiss citizens living in the UK:** The Bishops' Conference has reminded us that following the UK's exit from the EU, there is a settlement scheme that non-UK nationals need to be aware of. For further info, please contact Anne or Sharon or visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/eu-settlement-scheme-applicant-information>

**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.

**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.

Please send items and information for the newsletter to:

[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:

**“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 5th March, 23rd April, 30th April, 7th May, 14th May, 28th May, and 4th June.**

**All EU, EEA and Swiss citizens living in the UK** are required by the government to apply through its Settlement Scheme to continue living, working and accessing services here. Deadline for applications is 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021. Details and links to the application process can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/eu-settlement-scheme-applicant-information> Please bring this to the attention of friends, family members and fellow parishioners who may need to apply. Information on assistance for those who may have difficulty applying is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families> The Catholic Church in England and Wales stands in solidarity with all European citizens who have made their homes here. They are a valued part of our parishes, schools and communities.

**Clifton Diocese Vacancies: RE lead** Salary: £42,000 - £45,000 depending on experience Hours: 35 hours full time Permanent. **Closing date 13<sup>th</sup> March.** Job description, person specification and application form available on the website: <https://schools.cliftondiocese.com/>: **Safeguarding Officer, part-time** – 21 hours per week (Wednesday to Friday) Contact: Becky Cawsey, Safeguarding Co-ordinator, Clifton Diocese on 0117 954 0993. **Closing date: 13<sup>th</sup> March;** also **Office Administrator, part-time** 24 hours per week over 5 days. Contact: Janet Parker, Financial Administrator 0117 902 5591. **Closing date: 11<sup>th</sup> March**

**Living Your Faith – Diocesan Summer Camps** Bookings are now being taken for the ‘Living Your Faith’ Diocesan Summer Camps. The camps will be held over one week at Viney Hill Christian Outdoor Centre in the Forest of Dean, with two age streams being available. **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2020.** The cost of the camp is £210 per person which includes accommodation, all food, catechesis & outdoor activities, and Diocesan T-shirt. Bookings can be made online by visiting [www.cliftondiocese.com](http://www.cliftondiocese.com) To secure bookings, a non-refundable deposit of £40 per person is required. Places are limited so book now to avoid disappointment. To contact the Volunteer leaders, email: [summercamps@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:summercamps@cliftondiocese.com)

**School Admission Appeals Panel Members** The Department for Schools and Colleges are looking to recruit new panel members for School Admission Appeals. The appeals generally take place during the months of May, June and July. However, there are popular schools across the diocese who also have a few in-year appeals during the academic year. As a panel member you will receive regular training and can claim for travel expenses. During the bulk appeals (May – July) or when there are several appeals to be heard in one day, then lunch and refreshments are also provided. Every appeal panel consists of both lay members and education members. Our panels are made up of three members, with one member also chairing the hearings. If you would like to find out more about how appeals are conducted and what is involved, or to book onto the training please contact Jenny Fitzgerald on 0117 9025599 or by e-mail to: [Jenny.fitzgerald@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:Jenny.fitzgerald@cliftondiocese.com) The training session will be at Alexander House, 160 Pennywell Road, Bristol, BS5 0TX on Monday, 23 March from 10 am until 12.30 pm.