



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Diary

- Sunday 26th January** Third Sunday of the Year. Mass 9.00 am. Children's Liturgy; all children up to 12 years old welcome. (Mass at St Edmund's Sat. 6.00pm; Sun. 11.00 am).
Monday 27th January Mothers' Prayers 10.30 in the Hall
Tuesday 28th January The Church will be open for Rosary, 10.30 am.
Wednesday 29th January No Mass today. Prayer for Melksham, 8.00 am, followed by refreshments in the Hall. Morning Prayer 9.40 am. Breaking open and sharing the Word in the Hall
Thursday 30th January Adoration 10.00 am to 7.00pm
Friday 31st January Morning Prayer 09.40 am; No Prayer Group this week
Saturday 1st February Morning Prayer 9.40 am; Morning Mass 10.00am. Sacrament of Reconciliation 10.45 am.

Sundays Year A; Psalter Week 3

Readings: Reading 1 – Isaiah 8:23, 9:3

Psalm Refrain: The Lord is my light and my help.

Reading 2 – 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

Gospel – Matthew 4: 12-23

Collections: Sunday 19th January £256.60 Total collection for Red Missio boxes £220.72. Standing orders to the parish total £243.00 per week. Next week, retiring collection for the Building and Maintenance fund (January and February)

Sunday 26th January- no refreshments after Mass today, to allow attendance at the Covenant Service.

Sunday 26th January – Melksham Family of Churches Covenant Service: 11.00 am St Michael's Church. All are welcome; please come and support your parish's membership of Melksham Family of Churches.

Wednesday 29th January – Prayer for Melksham at St Anthony's: 8.00 am, followed by refreshments in the hall, before Morning Prayer at 9.40 am

Parish Charities 2018 & 2019: Final payment of £450.00 was paid to Mary's Meals and £450.00 to Julia's House on the 23rd December 2019. The total sent over the two years to these two charities was £3,030 (fund raising and personal donations). A very big thank you from both charities for your support. Our parish charities for 2020 are Wiltshire Air Ambulance and Mary's Meals.

Thursday 13th February – PPC meeting: 7.30 pm in the Hall. Please pass anything you would like raised at this meeting to a PPC member by 12th February.

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

Starting Thursday 13th February - "Catholicism" Film screenings: St Patrick's, Corsham is going to be screening Bishop Barron's 'Catholicism' series of films over several months on a big screen in our 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 13th Feb, 20th Feb, 27th Feb, 5th March, 23rd April, 30th April, 7th May, 14th May, 28th May, and 4th June.

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.

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:

Tuesday 25th 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 any explain all about the Livesimply award.

What is 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!

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