

Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua



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Catholic Bishops' Conference for England and Wales statement – “Following the Prime Minister’s historic announcement (23rd March) strengthening restrictions in an attempt to combat the spread of COVID-19, **Catholic Churches are closed to the public at this time.**

Cardinal Vincent Nichols stresses that we must all play our part to safeguard the NHS and to save ‘precious lives’. “We’re going to play our full part in it. That was the call of St. Paul that we ought to be good citizens and today we ought to be good citizens playing our part in the protection of the vulnerable, in our support for the NHS and in the preserving of human life, which is so precious to God in the face of this virus.”

Please continue to pray at home for scientists, doctors, nurses and health care workers.

Message from Fr Vincent: “You are all very much in my thoughts at this difficult time. I shall continue to say Mass at Calne in private on a daily basis, and you will be remembered. I will be praying for you all, and for an early end to this unhappy situation”.

Daily Readings

Sunday 29th March: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Word: Ez 37:12-14. Psalm 129; Rom 8: 8-11; Jn 11: 1-45.

Hours: Psalter 1 and Proper of Season.

Monday 30th March: Word: Dn 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Psalm 22; Jn 8: 1-11.

Hours: Psalter 1 and Proper of Season.

Tuesday 31st March: Word: Nm 21: 4-9; Psalm 101; Jn 8: 21-30.

Hours: Psalter 1 and Proper of Season.

Wednesday 1st April: Word: Dn 3: 14-20, 24-25, 28; Psalm Dn 3; Jn 8: 31-42.

Hours: Psalter 1 and Proper of Season.

Thursday 2nd April: Word: Gn 17: 3-9; Psalm 104; Jn 8: 51-59

Hours: Psalter 1 and Proper of Season.

Friday 3rd April: Word: Jer 20: 10-13; Psalm 17; Jn 10:31-42

Hours: Psalter 1 and Proper of Season.

Saturday 4th April: Word: Ez 37: 21-28 Jer 31; Jn 11: 45-56

Hours: Psalter 1 and Proper of Season.

Mass on the Internet

As the virus situation deepens, Parishioners may wish to know that the celebration of mass can be followed on smart TV, laptops, iPads and mobile phones, using the following links: <https://churchservices.tv/salisbury> (St Osmund’s Church Salisbury – daily mass at 10.00 am) or <https://www.churchservices.tv/churches/> There is also a daily Mass said at Clifton Cathedral: <https://cliftondiocese.com/> Our Lady of Walsingham provides 24 hour coverage of a variety of devotions: <https://www.churchservices.tv/walsingham>

Prayers of the Faithful for 5th Sunday in Lent 29th March 2020

The readings assure us that Jesus is the giver of life. “I am the resurrection and the life.” Confident that Jesus has given us a share in his divine life, we put our prayers before God.

Petitions:

1. We pray for all those who are suffering from the Coronavirus, and for all who are treating them or are involved in the effort to stem the spread of the disease. We remember all those for whom self-isolation means and increasing sense of loneliness.

Let us pray to the Lord ...

2. We pray for our own parish, and for the parishioners of St Catherine's, Chipping Camden with Moreton in the Marsh; Our Lady and St Kenelm, Stow on the Wold with Bourton on the Water; for the United Church in Melksham; that they may retain a sense of community through prayer for one another, and service to one another where possible.

Let us pray to the Lord ...

3. We ask Mary, the Mother of Jesus, to add her prayers to ours: Hail Mary ...

Prayer:

Lord God, who raised Jesus from the dead, give us life through the Spirit of your Son who lives within us.

We make this prayer through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

Gervase O'Donohoe

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, Patrick Egan, Mrs Jonasz. Deacon David Wakefield, Rebecca Matthews, Paul Hogg, Keith Healy, Alan Glass, Fr Richard Northey, Tricia Rigg, Henie Dixon, Brian Hillhouse, June Carey. All those suffering from coronavirus, and those finding isolation difficult.

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.

Wordsearch – Lent week 5:



BETHANY
 DISTRESS
 GLORY
 JESUS WEPT
 JOHN
 LAZARUS

LORD
 MARY
 MEET
 MESSAGE
 RABBI
 REDEMPTION

REVIVE
 ROMANS
 SISTERS
 VILLAGE
 WAKE
 WATCHMAN

Find the above words from Sunday's readings - horizontal, vertical and diagonal.

It includes the shortest and most poignant verse in the Bible. The remaining 6 letters read in order should give a word which we are constantly being called to do.....

Hilary Clifton

Just a thought;

“They said a mask and gloves were enough to go to the grocery store. They lied. Everyone else was wearing clothes.”

Flora Goodwin

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