



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Diary

Sunday 29th September **Twenty Sixth 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 30th September Mothers' Prayers 10.30 in the Presbytery.

Tuesday 1st October The Church will be open for Rosary, 10.30 am

Wednesday 2nd October **Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels. Morning Prayer 9.45 am; Morning Mass 10.00 am.** Breaking Open and Sharing the Word

Thursday 3rd October Adoration 10.00 am to 7.00pm

Friday 4th October **Stations of the Cross 11.00 am**, followed by CAFOD lunch. Prayer Group 7.30 pm in the Presbytery

Saturday 5th October **Morning Prayer 9.45am; Morning Mass 10.00 am**, Sacrament of Reconciliation 10.30 am

Sundays Year C-1; Psalter Week 2

Readings: Reading 1 – Amos: 6: 1, 4-7

Psalm Refrain: My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Reading 2 – 1 Timothy 6: 11-16

Gospel – Luke 16:19-31

Collections: Sunday September 22nd £235.85; additional for Catholic Education £80.00; additional for Home Mission £90.00. Next week – retiring collection for CAFOD Fast Day

Building work continues on the hall: Mothers' Prayers, Prayer Group, Quiz Night, etc., will take place in the Presbytery. MIND will be meeting in St Michael's Church Hall, Canon Square

Wednesday 2nd October: Liturgy meeting after Mass

Friday 4th October, CAFOD Family Fast Day - Stations of the Cross at 11.00am, followed by lunch in aid of CAFOD: No one should be beyond reach of the love and support that they need to thrive. This Fast Day invites us to fast, pray and give, so we can extend the hand of friendship to the world's poorest people. Fabiano's village in rural Uganda has been devastated by drought. Every day children trek for miles for water, risking their education - and safety. Donations from parishes in England and Wales helped install a solar powered water pump in the village. Now children like Fabiano and his friends can collect water quickly and safely. On Family Fast Day CAFOD invites us to eat a simple meal for lunch or dinner and give the money we save to help children like Fabiano. Please collect a Fast Day envelope from church this Sunday and give generously. **Why not join us for a simple soup lunch, starting with Stations of the Cross at 11am.**

Saturday 2nd November 10.00 am – 2.00 pm - Coffee morning: In aid of Mary's Meals and Julia's House. Donations welcome of unwanted presents only, please. Also needed are good condition second hand backpacks, pencils, crayons and stationery for our Mary's Meals "school collection". Please leave all donations in the Presbytery porch, or give them to Carolina, Lydia or Ester.

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 note – lunch will be provided**

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.

Marriage and Family Life Co-ordinator, based at Alexander House, Bristol: The Diocese is recruiting for this role, which is key in supporting the implementation of the Bishop’s vision for the diocese in ‘A Future Full of Hope’. A Job Description & Application form can be found on the Clifton Diocese website:

<https://cliftondiocese.com/diocese/working-for-us/> This post is a part-time post, three days a week (21 hours). **Closing date: 4 October 2019.** For more information please email: 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.

Starting School? If you have a child born between **1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016**, then **now** is the time to apply for a place at a primary school for admission from September 2020 onwards. You must complete an application form that is available from the school admissions team of the **Wiltshire Council**. If your child has been baptised and you are applying for a Catholic school, you **must** also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to the school concerned – contact the school for full details. Our parish school is St Patrick’s Catholic Primary School, Corsham <http://www.stpatricks-wilts.co.uk/> , telephone number 01249 713125; email admin@st-patricks.wilts.sch.uk Please ensure you apply by the closing date of **15 January 2020**. **St Patrick’s Catholic Primary School Open day – Monday 11th November; please contact the school if you wish to attend.**

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, Keith Healy, George Goodwin, Alan Glass, Christopher Eades.

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:

30th October - Prayer for Melksham, Queensway Chapel 08.00 am

Saturday 26th October – Day on Prayer and Meditation, and Exhibition of Contemporary Icons: Clifton Cathedral 10.30 am – 3.30 pm; Aidan Hart will talk about the meaning of icons and how we can pray with them. He will be joined by Mother Sarah (Orthodox nun and chaplain) and Sarah Richards (Benedictine Oblate) who will talk about 'prayer of the heart' and praying the 'mystery of the rosary'. There will also be an exhibition of contemporary icons in the Cathedral gallery. Tickets are available from www.cliftondiocese.com/beauty-spirit-matter tel 0117 9025591

CELEBRATE Bristol, 26 - 27 October, 5pm: St Bede's Catholic College, Bristol BS11 0SU. Cost: Adults £42, Young Adults (Age 18-22) £24, Children (Yr7-Yr13) - £14. Children (Age3-6) £12 Children Under 3 yrs. - Free Crèche. Contact Tony & Katherine Wadley 01452 547754 or 07891 194853 "We look forward to being inspired and encouraged in our faith through moving talks, creative liturgy and exciting worship. CELEBRATE is for everyone. Come and join us." Website www.celebrateconference.org

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

Catechists' Formation Courses – starting Wednesday 29th January 2020, St Osmund, Salisbury SP1 2SF