



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Diary

Sunday 8th March Second 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 9th March Mothers' Prayers 10.30 in the Hall

Tuesday 10th March The Church will be open for Rosary, 10.30 am.

Wednesday 11th March Morning Prayer 9.40 am; Morning Mass 10.00 am; Breaking open and sharing the Word in the Hall

Thursday 12th March Adoration 10.00 am to 7.00pm

Friday 13th March Stations of the Cross 11.00 am, followed by Lent lunch. Prayer Group 7.30 pm

Saturday 14th March Morning Prayer 9.40 am; Morning Mass 10.00 am. Sacrament of Reconciliation from 10.45 am

Sundays Year A; Psalter Week 2 and Proper of Season

Readings: Reading 1 – Genesis 12: 1-4

Psalm Refrain: **May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.**

Reading 2 – 2Timothy: 1: 8-10

Gospel – Matthew 17: 1-9

Collections: Sunday 1st March £214.30. Standing orders to the parish total £243.00 per week. This 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. Holy Communion will be offered under one kind only – i.e. no Chalice, and will be distributed in the hand only. Shaking hands at the sign of peace will be omitted. Church cleaners – please note the cleaning advice in the hall. Thank you.

Fr Danny writes from Peru: My sincere thanks to Fr Vincent and to your good selves for remembering my 50 years in the priesthood. I duly received your card signed by yourselves the parishioners. I can't believe 50 years have passed but it is certain that the Lord has blessed me with 50 years of priesthood. They have been wonderful years with so many blessings first of all in the Clifton diocese and then for so many years in Peru. Once again many many thanks. May the Lord bless you and please always remember me in your prayers. Un abrazo fuerte. Fr Daniel J.O'Sullivan

Tuesday 10th March - Lent Groups continue: Tuesday 10th, 17th & 24th March in the church hall at 10.30am; Tuesday 3rd, 10th, 24th & 31st March at 16 Sherwood Avenue at 7.00pm. The theme this year is the "Joy of Hope"

Thursday 12th March – Joint PPC meeting with St Edmund's, Calne: 7.30 pm in the hall.

Saturday 14th March – Baptism: We are pleased to welcome Luca and Theo Stathis Jones into our parish family.

Sunday 15th 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. Please hand scarves for sale to Anne as soon as possible. Good gifts for Mothers' Day, birthdays, or just to treat someone!

St Patrick's Day Cards - now available at the back of the church

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
Please sign up on the sheet in the porch if you are taking part in this pilgrimage.

Tuesday 17th 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.

Tuesday 17th March - Morning for the separated, divorced and remarried: to meet for 'Coffee, Cake and Conversation', 11.00am at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, South Parade, Bath. All welcome for friendship, support and the opportunity to explore how the Church can meet the needs of Catholics who have experienced separation, divorce or remarriage.

Friday 21st – 28th August - Bishop Declan invites you to take part in the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Further information email: lourdes@cliftondiocese.com or tel 0117 902 5590 – Option 7

October 22nd - 29th - Diocesan Pilgrimage to Northern Spain: Bishop Declan is leading this year's [diocesan pilgrimage to Northern Spain](#) for the Year of Communion. For further information contact Gill on 01732 886666 or Sarah Adams on 0117 9025595 / 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.

Foodbank Volunteers: Melksham Foodbank needs more volunteers; can you please spare some time to help? For further information, please contact Alan McFall on 07720 769662.

Lent Studies at St. Michael's Church – All welcome: Thursdays from 7.30pm to 9pm, in St. Michael's Church Room, Canon Square based upon the book "Say Yes to Life" by Ruth Valerio.

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:

Clifton Diocese Vacancies: RE lead Salary: £42,000 - £45,000 depending on experience Hours: 35 hours full time Permanent. **Closing date 13th 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: 13th March;** also **Office Administrator, part-time** 24 hours per week over 5 days. Contact: Janet Parker, Financial Administrator 0117 902 5591. **Closing date: 11th March**

Tuesday 24th March - 40th Anniversary Mass of St Oscar Romero: 7.00pm, St Nicholas of Tolentino Church, Lawford's Gate, Bristol BS5 0RE. On the 24th March, eve of the Feast of the Annunciation, Archbishop Oscar Romero was shot by a government death squad while he was celebrating Mass. He was canonised by Pope Francis in 2018. He is undoubtedly the Patron Saint of the Church's core Mission of promoting Justice, Peace and Freedom and calls us all to live with courage God's Option for the Poor. Come, be inspired by how 'Word was made Flesh' in this courageous Pastor, and celebrate this at St Nick's. It will be followed by Latin American refreshments.

"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: 23rd April, 30th April, 7th May, 14th May, 28th May, and 4th June.**

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 10th – Friday 14th 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 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

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 30th 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.

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 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.