



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Diary

Sunday 9th February Fifth Sunday of the Year; 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 10th February Mothers' Prayers 10.30 in the Hall

Tuesday 11th January The Church will be open for Rosary, 10.30 am.

Wednesday 12th February Morning Prayer 9.40 am; Morning Mass 10.00 am. Breaking open and sharing the Word in the Hall

Thursday 13th February Adoration 10.00 am to 7.00pm

Friday 14th February Morning Prayer 09.40 am. No Prayer Group – recommences 28th February

Saturday 15th February Morning Prayer 9.40 am; Morning Mass 10.00 am. Sacrament of Reconciliation from 10.45 am

Sundays Year A; Psalter Week 1

Readings: Reading 1 – Isaiah 58: 7-10

Psalm Refrain: **The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.**

Reading 2 – 1Corinthians 2: 1-5

Gospel – Matthew 5: 13-16

Collections: Sunday 2nd February £113.90. Building and Maintenance fund £ 174.50. Standing orders to the parish total £243.00 per week.

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.

Friday 21st February – trip to Clifton Cathedral: If you would like to go to Clifton Cathedral for the Triduum of Prayer and Dowry exhibition, (*see below*) please sign up on the sheet in the porch – Nora will organise transport if enough people are interested.

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!

Sunday 1st March - Fairtrade Stall: As it's Fairtrade Fortnight we are having a Fairtrade stall in the hall after Mass, stocking Fairtrade products including Easter eggs. Fairtrade products ensure that farmers in the developing world receive a fair price, plus an extra premium to invest in community projects.

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 will be 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 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 - Dowry exhibition and Triduum of prayer at Clifton Cathedral: Clifton 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/> (See above for parish group attendance)

October 22nd - 29th - 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. The pilgrimage will be a celebration of the forthcoming 500th Anniversary (2022) of St Ignatius at Manresa and the writing of his Spiritual Exercises. A poster is in the porch with details. You will also find on this [link](#) the booking forms and terms & conditions for the pilgrimage. There are 40 places available. If anyone is 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.

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.

Monday 10th February – Melksham Family of Churches Annual General Meeting: 7.30 pm, Melksham United Church, refreshments served from 7.00 pm. Speaker John Weller, volunteer, Wiltshire Air Ambulance; come and learn more about our parish charity.

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:

Wednesday 26th February – Prayer for Melksham: 8.00 am, St Andrew's Church

Friday 6th March 10.30 am – World Day of Prayer: Hosted by St Anthony's; devised by the women of Zimbabwe.

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

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.