

EASTER NEWSLETTER 2018

Welcome to The Parish of St Anthony of Padua



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SUNDAYS 25 MARCH, 1 & 8 APRIL 2018

Dear Friends,

The other day when passing a shop I remembered I was short of milk. For reasons I won't go into I thought I would try almond milk. At home, examining the carton, I found the warning: "May contain traces of nuts"! Wow! What, you mean almond milk may accidentally have been exposed to one or two real almonds?!! Similarly some Christians might need the label, "May contain traces of faith"! They might have been accidentally exposed a little to the Gospel, but nothing too serious! But this is not what it is about! We need to be *totally transformed* by the Gospel, and especially by the central event of our faith, the Paschal Mystery, the passage of Jesus through death to new life!

Physical limitations mean I can't do certain things this year, eg prostrate or kneel at the beginning of the Good Friday liturgy, but only bow; but please kneel if you can, and let us make it a profound moment of adoration of Jesus who gave his life for us. Let us enter as deeply as we can into the spirit of the whole Triduum so that it may help to transform us!

I don't know what will happen in the future and I am deeply sorry that my going may make it more difficult for some of you to take part in the whole of the Triduum in future years, as this is so precious and vital to our faith; but while you still have a resident pp, do participate fully and enter into the spirit of the Paschal Mystery in the Triduum this year. May you have a truly blessed Easter.

In the love of the Risen Christ,

Richard Northey

SEPTEMBER: as announced last week, Fr. Vincent Curtis will have responsibility for both St. Anthony's and St. Edmund's parishes from September.

EASTER VIGIL: Please assemble in hall ready to gather around fire. Disabled may wait in church, but *this will be in darkness*. If you have a **portable bell** you would like to bring to ring at the Gloria, please do so; but please keep it carefully muffled until then!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Wednesday of Holy Week, 7 pm.

MOTHERS' PRAYERS: Mondays, 10.30 am in the hall, *but not Easter Monday*.

PRAYER GROUP: none until 20 April.

ADORATION: None, of course, on Holy Thursday; will resume 5 April.

GIFT AID. This year's envelopes are ready for collection. The charity number used by Clifton Diocese has changed this year ***so it is important to dispose of your old envelopes and from 7th April only use the new envelopes.*** May I remind you as a tax payer please ensure your contributions are still valid for Gift Aid. All queries contact Tricia Hoy 01225 704805.

PARKING: a) Could those parking on the corner of the car park please pull in tightly? It can be difficult for other cars to get past. b) As Christians, consideration of our neighbours is of primary importance. If you park in the street, please take care not to block our neighbours' parking areas, or park on yellow lines. If our church car park is full, there is a nearby public car park; please try to avoid upsetting our neighbours.

MELKSHAM FOODBANK: (www.melkshamfoodbank.org.uk). They are most in need of potatoes (instant), peas (canned), carrots (canned), sugar, pasta. They no longer use boxes – thank you to those who have donated boxes, but please do not leave them in the church porch any more. Does anyone know anyone who is going through a difficult time and might be in need of the help of the Foodbank?

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE: for safety reasons, unaccompanied children are not allowed in the church hall during Mass.

DRIVERS: Please drive with great care when entering or leaving the car park, so that the lives of children – and adults – may not be put at risk.

NEWSLETTER: Any information, articles, etc, please send to the presbytery at the address supplied on the front of the newsletter

SUNDAYS: Year B; **PSALTER:** Week 2 + Lent reading etc for Holy Week; proper office for Triduum, Easter Octave & Annunciation; Week 2 + Easter readings etc for Tue. 10 April onwards.

SUNDAY READINGS

Passion Sunday: Isaiah 50: 4-7; Philippians 2: 6-11; Mark 14: 1 – 15: 47.

Psalm (21) Refrain: ***My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?***

Easter Vigil: Genesis 1:1-2:2; Genesis 22:1-18; Exodus 14:15-15:1; Isaiah 54:5-14; Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Romans 6:3-11; Mark 16:1-8.

Easter Day: Acts 10: 34, 37-43; Colossians 3: 1-4; John 20: 1-9.

Psalm (117) Refrain: ***This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.***

2 Easter: Acts 4: 32-35; 1 John 5: 1-6; John 20: 19-31.

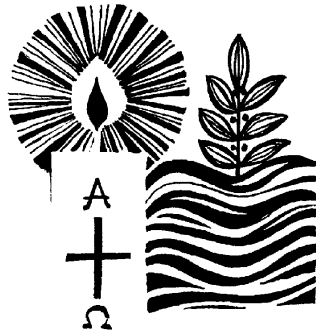
Psalm (117) Refrain: ***Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.***

Please pray for the following who are sick: Mr Frank Manning, Mr Richard Eades, Mrs R. Menghini, Mrs Bridie Liddle, Mrs Jonasz, Fr Lloyd, Zofia Clarke, Vilma D'Souza, Don d'Cruz, Mrs Audrey Tickner, Mrs Kathleen Murphy, Charlie Canavan, Ann O'Mahony, John Porter, Faith Wheat, Mrs Rebecca Matthews, Gail Ballinger, Eric Conn, Joyce Alford, Chris Bate, John Doyle, David Coghlan, Helen Krause, Derek Dyer, Michael Lees, Elizabeth Travers, Nuala Barron, June Carey, Tom & Claire Hunter, Mrs Marian Frawley, Geoff Blwyddin, Pamela Polizzotto.

Richard Eades is very ill at present – please keep him and Margaret in your prayers; also Eric Conn.

Please keep in prayer Don Mackenzie, who died recently, and please also remember Coral and the family at this time.

MASS COMMEMORATIONS: Mon(9): Don Mackenzie RIP; **Wed(11)** Treacy Family; **Sat(14):** Don Mackenzie RIP.



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £152.30; Easter Flowers: £151.30. There will be a plate at the back of church this week in case you missed last week & would like to donate for Easter Flowers.

CAFOD LENT FAST PROCEEDS: Now £800.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: Holy Thursday: Main collection for Fr. Danny & his work in Peru; **Good Friday:** The Holy Places & Christians in the Holy Land (a basket will be placed on a table near the main door that day for this collection); **Easter Vigil/Easter Day:** By tradition, the main collection today is for the priest(s) of the parish; **7/8 April:** Building/Maintenance Fund.

HOLY THURSDAY COLLECTION: As this is a special collection of our Lenten fast proceeds for the poor, instead of baskets being passed around you are invited to come forward to put your donation into the large basket at the front. If disabled, please ask someone to bring it for you. You may use a Gift Aid envelope – but make cheques payable to *the parish*. If you wish to donate but are not here on Holy Thursday, put in a plain/gift aid envelope in any collection or hand it in clearly marked “Fr. Danny”.

PALM PROCESSION: at 9.30 am Mass only on 25 March. Please assemble in the hall unless too disabled to join procession. Solemn Entrance on Sat evening with palm blessing – please assemble in church.

CHRISM MASS: 11 am Wednesday. Leaving from Kings St. Car Park at 8.45 am. Don't be late! Cost 12.50 each. There are a few places left. For anyone driving – **no parking at or near Cathedral** – nearest car park Alma Rd. multi-storey, about 10 minutes' walk away.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 2 opportunities before Easter: Wed. 7.30–8 pm; Thu. 11-11.30 am.

CHURCH OPEN/CLOSED: Open as usual for personal prayer G.Fri, & H. Sat. early morning but closed after Off. of Readings/Morn.Prayer on Sat. so it can be prepared for Easter Vigil & Day.

PASCHAL FAST: Good Friday is a Day of Fast & Abstinence; the Church asks us if possible to continue until the Vigil on Holy Saturday. This is not part of Lent, but a special fast to help us prepare for our greatest celebration of the year.

OUTDOOR WITNESS: Good Friday. This will start earlier this year. There will be a gathering at the United Church at 9.30 am for refreshments & reflection (**but remember if there is food, we are fasting!**) but the Witness proper will begin at 10 am. I have said that we who are praying Office of Readings/Morn.Prayer will join them then. There are new texts for the Witness this year. Try to keep a respectful silence between venues, without looking gloomy!

OFFICE OF READINGS/MORNING PRAYER: Strongly encouraged by the Church for Good Fri/Holy Sat. – opportunity to pray together & make the Triduum a real time of prayer.

HOLY THURSDAY ADORATION: Altar of Repose, from after Mass – 11 pm. Please sign up for ½ hour slots on clipboard in porch; at least 2 per slot if possible. Please use chairs around altar of repose or front pews so you are within sight of the altar of repose. Please do support this!

Easter 3-Week Diary

SAT (24 March) **1st Mass of Sunday with Solemn Entrance at 5.30 pm.**

SUN (25) **PASSION SUNDAY**

Mass with Palm Procession at 9.30 am, followed by refreshments in the hall.

MON (26) Morning Prayer at 9.15 am; Mass at 9.30 am.
Mothers' Prayers at 10.30 am in the hall.

WED (28) CHRISM MASS, Clifton Cathedral, 11 am.
Stations of the Cross at 7 pm.
Sacrament of Reconciliation 7.30 – 8 pm.

THU (29) Sacrament of Reconciliation 11 – 11.30 am.

THE SACRED TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY: MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AT 7 pm, followed by adoration at the Altar of Repose until 11 pm.

(Please observe silence before & after today's Liturgy)

[Main Collection to support Fr. Danny in Peru]

1st part of the 3-day Passover journey, celebrating our participation in Christ's New Covenant, sealed in his Blood. We re-commit ourselves to this, & to living it out daily in lives of loving service.

GOOD FRIDAY *(Day of Fast & Abstinence)*

Office of Readings & Morning Prayer at 9 am.

United Street Witness: Gathering United Church 9.30 am for start at 10 am.

LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION at 3 pm.

(Please observe silence before & after today's Liturgy)

[Retiring Collection for the Holy Places & Christians of the Holy Land.]

(The Risen Lord invites us to reflect on the wood of the cross as the instrument of our redemption, & our calling to share in his redemptive work by bearing our cross too in his footsteps.)

HOLY SATURDAY

(The Church encourages us to continue the Triduum Fast today if at all possible.)

Office of Readings & Morning Prayer at 10.30 am.

THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL at 10 pm.

(The most important of the Triduum gatherings & of the whole liturgical year. As we wait up to greet the Day of Resurrection the powerful symbols of darkness, light & water help us to reflect on what it means to be baptised into Christ's Death and Resurrection. We hear anew our Christian story through God's Word, and celebrate together the first and chief Eucharist of Easter.)

EASTER DAY

Easter Morning Mass at 9.30 am. (No refreshments today)

MON-FRI (No Liturgy in church, but see below)

THU(5) Adoration 10 am – 7 pm.

SAT (7 Apr) 1st Mass of Sunday at 5.30 pm.

SUN (8) SUNDAY 2 OF EASTER
Mass at 9.30 am, followed by refreshments in the hall.

MON (9) SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
Morning Prayer at 9.15 am; Mass at 9.30 am.
Mothers' Prayers at 10.30 am in the hall.

WED (11) St. Stanislaus.
Morning Prayer at 9.15 am; Mass at 9.30 am, followed by refreshments and Breaking Open and Sharing the Word in hall.

THU (12) Adoration 10 am – 7 pm.

FRI (13) Morning Prayer at 9.15 am; Mass at 9.30 am.

SAT (14) Sacrament of Reconciliation 11-11.30 am.
1st Mass of Sunday (3 of Easter) at 5.30 pm.

