



## Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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**Palm Sunday Mass 9.00 am.**

**NO MASS Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April – Chrism Mass at Clifton Cathedral 11.00 am**

**Holy (Maundy) Thursday: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7.00 pm**

**Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)**

**Office of Readings and Morning Prayer, 10.00 am; Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3.00 pm**

**Holy Saturday: Office of Readings and Morning Prayer, 10.00 am**

**Easter Vigil 8.00 pm.**

**Sunday of the Resurrection Mass 9.00 am**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April Mass 10.00 am**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April Mass 10.00 am**

**Reconciliation after Mass on Saturdays, or by arrangement with Fr Vincent**

**Government advice is that face coverings/masks are worn in crowded, enclosed places.**

***Readings at end of newsletter***

### PARISH NEWS

***Retiring Collections:***

***April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> – Easter flowers***

***Holy Thursday – Fr Danny***

***Good Friday – Holy Places of Palestine***

***Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday – Fr Vincent***

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April (Palm Sunday):** No Children's Liturgy of the Word this week, as we break for Easter. The Children's Liturgy will re-commence on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May.

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April:** No Breaking Open and Sharing the Word today.

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April:** No Adoration today

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Sunday:** There will be No refreshments after Mass today. Refreshments will be available next Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> April.

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Baptism:** We welcome Oliver Hards into our parish family as he is baptised today. Please pray for him and his family.

**Altar Servers needed:** We need more altar servers! Our young people are especially invited to become servers – you can serve as soon as you have received your First Holy Communion, and we would be very grateful for your help. Full training will be given. Please sign up on the sheet in the porch.

### OTHER NEWS

**CARITAS social action agency of the Catholic Church, England & Wales - Poverty**

**Challenge; See, Judge, Act:** Many households face new hardships as prices rise. Caritas has released a free new booklet to increase awareness of Catholic Social Teaching on poverty, and to inform local responses. Please download this from [www.csan.org.uk](http://www.csan.org.uk)

**Refugees from Ukraine:** Caritas is in close dialogue with the UK Government on responding to the war in Ukraine. Guidance on how Catholic households and groups can support refugees from Ukraine is available on our website and updated as new information becomes available –

[www.csan.org.uk/ukraine/](http://www.csan.org.uk/ukraine/)

### CHARITIES

**Gift Aid:** Your Parish Gift Aid contact is Tricia Hoy, phone number 01225 704805.

**Our Parish Charities:** We are re-evaluating our parish charities; more information to follow at a later date.

If you would like to donate to **Wiltshire Air**

Ambulance, please use the link:

<https://www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk/donate/>

Mary's Meals: have an internet "Giving Page":

<https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/donate>

**Melksham Food Bank Is grateful for the help from**

**St Anthony's parishioners:** A basket for donations

is in the church porch, or you can use designated trollies in the Supermarkets, or deliver to the Baptist Church. Items needed – cans of meat, vegetables and fruit, pots of jam, crisps. Do not send chilled, or frozen foods or fresh fruit or vegetables as these cannot be stored. Thank you.

**Melksham Family of Churches' Crisis Support:** This is for those who need emergency relief (items such as energy meter payments, uniform costs for school etc). If anyone would like to contribute to this, please contact Melksham Foodbank or Sharon (Parish office) for further information.

### OUR PARISH FAMILY

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please pray for:** Geoff Blwyddin, Mrs Jeanette Allsop, Zofia Clarke, Chris Bate, Andrew Bate, Katja Lubina, Patrick Egan, Rebecca Matthews, Paul Hogg, Keith Healy, Tricia Rigg, Henie Dixon, Brian Hillhouse, Judith Curtis, Janice Kuranlu, Anne Doyle, Sheila Likey-Ayling, Anne O'Mahony, Lorraine Pavey, Francis Ballinger, Shireen Doyle, Chris Harvey, Mary Harris, . All who are suffering from coronavirus, and those finding life 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.* If anyone in the Royal United Hospital would like to receive Holy Communion, please telephone 01225 824039 and leave a message, or Email [ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net](mailto:ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net)

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April – Mystagogia – it's Not a Swear Word;** David Wells, online conversation. contact [adult.education@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com). to register your interest.

**April 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and May 5<sup>th</sup> - Laudato Sí: A New Creation;** online course, 19:00-20:30. Please register your interest by email to [adult.education@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com),

**April 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> - Pastoral Ministry Information Evenings,** online information sessions, please see [Pastoral Ministry information evenings | Clifton Diocese](#)

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – First Holy Communion**

## AND FINALLY –

### Did you Know?

In a small town in the south of France people gather every Easter Monday to share a massive omelette! Around 15,000 eggs are used and it's big enough to feed thousands of people. BBC Newsround

### Wordsearch – Palm Sunday

F	S	S	O	R	C	E	R	D	S	T	A	B	L	E
E	R	W	P	R	T	K	C	A	A	C	B	A	N	L
D	T	I	O	L	R	U	B	I	G	E	O	E	A	P
O	E	W	E	P	T	B	I	T	T	E	R	L	Y	M
R	D	N	D	N	A	E	P	S	L	Y	N	B	T	E
S	K	I	I	R	D	R	P	U	C	O	E	I	V	T
S	A	K	A	E	A	S	S	M	T	U	V	A	V	E
T	S	B	A	Y	D	M	O	B	O	T	H	E	X	H
A	N	T	B	E	M	R	E	B	M	E	M	E	R	T
K	H	A	V	A	F	O	A	M	B	O	C	R	H	F
E	N	A	N	N	T	R	D	L	O	U	W	A	E	O
T	S	I	O	E	R	H	O	G	T	R	N	S	R	L
H	E	M	R	E	V	O	O	E	N	K	I	E	O	I
I	I	Y	N	D	D	O	D	U	S	I	E	A	D	E
S	M	I	H	Y	F	I	C	U	R	C	K	C	L	V

ASK	DEATH	REVOLT
ARABBAS	DENIED	RODE
BARREN	DRINK	SABBATH
BEHAVE	EXECUTED	SAVED
BLOOD	FRIENDS	SIMONFROMCYRENE
BORNE	HEROD	TABLE
BREAD	HOUR	TAKETHIS
CAESAR	KINGDOM	THANKS
CITY	KNELT	TOMB
COLT	MEMORIAL	TWO
COVENANT	MUST	VEILOFTHETEMPLE
CROSS	OUT	VINEGAR
CROWD	PRAY	WEPTBITTERLY
CRUCIFYHIM	REBUKE	WOMBS
CUP	REMEMBERME	YET

Longer scripture readings so a bigger wordsearch this week. Usual rules apply. The remaining letters give the place where Jesus promised the 'good thief' would go to:

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Last week's word was "FINGER"

Hilary Clifton

### Words of Wisdom

Easter is the event that brought radical news for every human being, for history and for the world: the triumph of life over death; it is the feast of reawakening and of rebirth. Let us allow our lives to be conquered and transformed by the Resurrection!

Pope Francis, Regina Caeli, 6<sup>th</sup> April 2015

**Wordsearch – Easter Sunday**

H	S	E	S	S	E	N	T	I	W	N	E	S	I	R
H	I	A	U	U	E	E	L	N	A	L	G	T	A	I
G	S	S	I	L	O	C	B	M	U	N	D	I	E	D
U	H	H	L	Y	W	I	E	A	I	O	S	L	E	E
O	D	A	E	O	T	O	R	T	P	E	C	L	E	R
N	F	A	N	E	V	J	S	O	D	T	N	E	E	S
E	S	M	R	D	P	E	M	I	T	C	I	V	R	A
T	L	U	O	K	R	R	H	N	P	C	O	S	T	C
D	I	S	C	I	P	L	E	A	A	S	I	L	M	R
D	T	T	I	D	A	V	U	D	S	E	O	V	D	I
E	U	H	O	N	I	W	I	A	C	N	U	N	S	F
N	B	O	G	G	N	E	P	E	H	L	O	R	S	I
O	G	E	R	I	L	E	V	R	A	M	A	E	T	C
T	L	O	N	H	R	K	R	B	L	E	A	M	N	E
S	F	R	E	T	S	A	F	S	L	A	I	N	B	D

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| ANGELS          | LAMB       | SEEN       |
| BAPTISM         | MARVEL     | SHEEP      |
| BENT            | MUST       | SHROUD     |
| BREAD           | NAME       | SINNERS    |
| CORNELIUS       | OLD        | SLAIN      |
| DARK            | PASCHAL    | SONS       |
| DIED            | PASSOVER   | STILL      |
| DISCIPLE        | RAISED     | STONE      |
| ENOUGH          | RECOUNT    | TREE       |
| FALLEN          | REIGN      | TRUE       |
| FASTER          | REJOICE    | TWO        |
| FORGIVEN        | RESTING    | VICTIM     |
| GOOD            | RID        | VICTORIOUS |
| HAND            | RIGHT      | WEEK       |
| HISLOVEHASNOEND | RISEN      | WITNESSES  |
| ISRAEL          | SACRIFICED | YEAST      |

Another large wordsearch for this great feast. Usual rules. The remaining letters give a word not allowed during Lent but very appropriate for this day!

Hilary Clifton

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Is there anything you would particularly like to see included in the weekly newsletter? Help us make our newsletter an enjoyable read!

Please send any comments or items for the newsletter to the email address below, 'phone the office on **01225 702128** and leave a message or put a note through the Presbytery door. Thank you

**If you know of any parishioners who do not have access to email, please print this newsletter for them.**

**Newsletter/contact**

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**I looked at Your Cross**

Pam Muller

Lord, I looked at your Cross,  
And saw your love,  
The love of God for me,  
It struck a chord on my heart,  
And your vision I could see.

The vision of a world at peace,  
Of men with outstretched hands,  
Across the barriers we've built,  
Had come your great command.  
Of "Love your neighbour as yourself"  
But first put God in sacredness.  
On these great words the world could turn -  
To peace from its distress.

Taken from Pam's prayer and poetry book "Travelling On". Copies available to purchase; contact the parish office for details

**A Prayer for Ukraine**

Loving God,

We pray for the people of Ukraine,  
for all those suffering or afraid,  
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders,  
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide  
their choices. We pray for the world  
that in this moment of crisis,  
we may reach out in solidarity  
to our brothers and sisters in need.

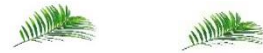
May we walk in your ways  
so that peace and justice  
become a reality for the people of Ukraine  
and for all the world.

Amen.





**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April - Palm Sunday**  
**Sunday Year C; Psalter 2 and Proper of Season**



**Reading 1** – Is 50: 4-7

**Psalm refrain: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

**Reading 2** – Phil 2: 6-11

**Gospel** – Lk 22: 14 - 23: 56

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April: Word:** Is 42: 1-7; Ps 26;

Jn 12: 1-11 **Hours:** Psalter 2 and Proper of Season

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April: Word:** Is 49: 1-6; Ps 70;

Jn 13: 21-33, 36-38 **Hours:** Psalter 2 and Proper of Season

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April: Word:** Is 50: 4-9; Ps 68;

Mt 26: 14-25 **Hours:** Psalter 2 and Proper of Season

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April: Holy (Maundy) Thursday**

**Reading 1** - Ex 12: 1-8, 11-14

**Psalm refrain: The blessing cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ.**

**Reading 2** – 1Cor 11: 23-26

**Gospel** – Jn 13: 1-15

**Hours:** Psalter 2 and Proper of Season



**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April: Friday of the Passion of the Lord**

**Reading 1** - Is 52: 13 – 53: 12

**Psalm refrain: Father, into your hands I commend my spirit**

**Reading 2** – Heb 4: 14-16; 5: 7-9

**Gospel** – Jn 18: 1- 19: 42

**Hours:** Proper of Season



**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April: Easter Vigil**

**Reading 1** - Gen 1: 1- 2:2;

**Psalm refrain:** Send forth your spirit, O Lord and renew the face of the earth

**Reading 2** – Gen 22: 1-18

**Psalm refrain: Preserve me, Lord, I take refuge in You.**

**Reading 3** – Ex 14: 15 – 15:1

**Psalm refrain: I will sing to the Lord, glorious His triumph**

**Reading 4** – Rom 6: 3-11

**Psalm refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Gospel** – Lk 24: 1-12

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April: Sunday of the Resurrection**

**Reading 1** -Acts 10: 34, 37-43

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

**Reading 2** – Col 3: 1-4

**Gospel** – Jn 20: 1-9

**Hours:** Proper of Season



**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April: Word:** Acts 2: 14, 22-33; Ps 15; Mt 28: 8-15 **Hours:** Proper of Season

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April: Word:** Acts 2: 36-41; Ps 32; Jn 20: 11-18 **Hours:** Proper of Season

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April: Word:** Acts 3: 1-10; Ps 104; Lk 24: 13-35 **Hours:** Proper of Season

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April: Word:** Acts 3: 11-26; Ps 8; Lk 24: 35-48 **Hours:** Proper of Season

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April: Word:** Acts 4: 1-12; Ps 117; Jn 21: 1-14 **Hours:** Proper of Season

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April: Word:** Acts 4: 13-21; Ps 117; Mk 16: 9-15 **Hours:** Proper of Season