

DIARY

SAT	1 st Mass of Sunday at 5.30 pm.
SUN	<u>SUNDAY 10 OF YEAR</u> Mass at 9.30 am, followed by refreshments in the hall.
MON	St. Barnabas, Apostle. Morning Prayer at 9.15 am; Mass at 9.30 am. Mothers' Prayers in the hall, 10.30 am
WED	St. Anthony of Padua (Patronal feast) Mass at 7 pm, followed by refreshments in the hall.
THU	Adoration 10 am – 7 pm.
FRI	Morning Prayer at 9.15 am; Mass at 9.30 am.
SAT	Sacrament of Reconciliation, 11-11.30 am 1 st Mass of Sunday (Sunday 11) at 5.30 pm.

Sundays Year B; Weekdays Year 2; Psalter: Week 2.

MASS COMMEMORATIONS: **Sat(9):** Don Mackenzie RIP; **Sat(16):** Bob Hoy RIP (anniv)

READINGS

Reading 1: Genesis 3: 9-15.

Psalm (129) Refrain: ***With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.***

Reading 2: 2 Corinthians 4: 13 – 5: 1.

Gospel Reading: Mark: 3: 20-35.

Please pray for the following who are sick: Mr Frank Manning, 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, Joyce Alford, Chris Bate, John Doyle, David Coghlan, Helen Krause, Michael Lees, Elizabeth Travers, Nuala Barron, June Carey, Tom & Claire Hunter, Mrs Marian Frawley, Geoff Blwyddin, Pamela Polizzotto.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Mr. Leonard Lockwood, who died last Saturday. Also his daughter, Maggie, and the rest of his family in their loss. The funeral will be in Cornwall on Friday, where he lived until a couple of years ago; we may possibly have a memorial Mass here later.

Welcome to The Parish of St Anthony of Padua



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SUNDAY 10 JUNE, 2018

Dear Friends,

For good old-fashioned (and nostalgic!) entertainment, free from coarseness and sexual innuendo, I think there are few things to beat the old Ealing comedies. Apart, possibly, from the Ladykillers, one of the ones I enjoy best is Passport to Pimlico. I expect most of you know the story. A formerly unexploded bomb explodes on an area of open ground in Pimlico, revealing an underground chamber full of treasures. Then documents are discovered which seem to imply that Pimlico does not actually belong to London, but to Burgundy!

Great! the locals think. We can become an independent state, keep "our" treasure, and flout the English laws with impunity! They do not think any further than the imagined "benefits" of this revelation. They forget to see that there might be a down-side, too, of declaring independence from England! But when they realise they no longer have the protection of the police force, when the authorities erect barriers around Pimlico and put customs desks at the exits to London, and eventually close up the area altogether so that the locals cannot get out to the rest of London to do shopping, and cut off the water supply on that hot summer, they are not at all happy about it!

There are probably times when most of us imagine it might be nice to be independent – of God, of the Church, of the state, and to be able to do what we like! But whether we only dream, or whether we actually take that step – which is really what we do when we choose sin rather than God and his Church, for example – do we really think out all the consequences; or realise how important in fact it is to belong rather than to live in isolation from God and others?

In the love of Christ,

Richard Northey

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: £217.00; Building/Maintenance Fund: £185.05

NEXT SUNDAY: Day for Life with retiring collection.

MOTHERS' PRAYERS: Monday, 10.30 am in the hall.

BREAKING OPEN & SHARING THE WORD: Sharing on next Sunday's Gospel. Not this Wednesday, because of the evening Mass.

PATRONAL FEAST: Wednesday – we will celebrate with an evening Mass & refreshments afterwards.

ADORATION: Thursday, 10 am – 7 pm.

PRAYER GROUP: Friday, 7.30 pm in the hall.

LET IT BE – INSPIRING NEW FILM COURSE ON MARY: We are running the new CaFE film on the life of Mary past & present. Filmed around the world with well-known experts and down-to-earth testimonies about how the example and prayer of Mary can help us grow in our everyday faith. As part of the course you will get your own Let It Be Book which includes the main content of the film plus lots of useful follow-on info and optional daily prayer reflections. Why not bring a friend and come and check out Session 1. Starting on Tuesday 19 June in the Parish Hall starting at 10.30 am. Refreshments included. A sign-up sheet is now available in the porch.

DIOCESAN FAMILY DAY: St. Brendan's 6th Form College, Brislington, Bristol, Sat 30 June, 10.15 am, ending with Mass at 3.30 pm. Starting with Keynote, various workshops & displays. If you would like to attend, please telephone 0117 902 5595 or email adult.education@cliftondiocese.com. Lunch will be provided for all participants, so they will need to know by Fri. 22 June.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION & READERS: There will be workshops for both existing and newly-appointed Extraordinary Ministers and Readers (if you are both Readers and Ext..Ministers, you will have to choose!) at the Diocesan Family Day mentioned above; but you will have to be sent by your parish rather than book in yourself. If you have one of these ministries, please sign up on the list in the porch, in the column for the appropriate ministry. Readers will receive a special blessing at the Mass and Ext. Ministers will be (re-) commissioned.

(RE-)COMMISSIONING OF EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: In view of the day mentioned above, we will wait until after that event to see how many of our Ext. Ministers are (re-)commissioned at that event.

SICK OR HOUSEBOUND: Please let Fr. Richard know of anyone who is sick, elderly or housebound who would like to be visited and receive Holy Communion.

RUH BATH RC CHAPLAINCY: Mandy Baker – 07775895814, email: mandybaker@live.co.uk please contact Mandy if you have a relative or friend in hospital.

PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH every third Thursday at 9:30 am in church before Adoration begins. Prayer intentions: for God's guidance, a smooth transition and for a new parish priest and thanksgiving to God for our parish priest. All are warmly welcome to join in at church or home if you can.

PARISH CENSUS: In view of the requirements of the GDPR, and also because Fr. Vincent has asked for a full parish list to be prepared for when he takes over, we will be making new census forms available to parishioners in the next few weeks, for them to fill in and return. Sorry for anyone who has filled in one recently; but we do need *everyone* or at least every household to fill in one of these new forms irrespective of how many times they may have filled one in before! So please, *every household* take one and fill in and bring it back; otherwise you will no longer be officially recorded as a member of this parish. As there is only space for 4 names per form, if there are more than 4 people in your household, please take an extra sheet to fill in, and if possible staple or paper-clip them together. Completed forms may be handed in or placed in the post-box inside the porch door.

DAY OF RENEWAL: St. Nicholas of Tolentino, Lawfords Gate, Bristol, with Mass, worship & teaching, sat. 16 June, 10 am – 4 pm. Bring lunch to share. Free parking.

THE TURNING LAUNCH: Thur 21 June, 7 – 8.30 pm. Melksham Assembly Hall with Yinka Oyekam. Praise and prayer to God for his harvest in Wiltshire.

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 entering or leaving the lives of children – and at risk.

NEWSLETTER: Any etc, please send to the address supplied on the



with great care when car park, so that the adults – may not be put

information, articles, presbytery at the front of the newsletter.