



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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In order to keep each other safe, save lives and support the NHS, at this time **our Catholic churches are closed to the public.**

Message from Fr Vincent: I continue to pray for you every day at Mass. Please pray for me. You will see below prayers from the Pope and our Cathedral for you to say at home.

Sunday 10th May: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Word: Acts 6: 1-7; Psalm 32; 1Pt 2: 4-9; Jn 14: 1-12

Hours: Psalter 1 and Proper of Season.

Prayers of the Faithful for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Let us remember, in today's Gospel Jesus said "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me."

Let us pray for all those affected by the coronavirus directly or indirectly, those living in isolation and find it difficult to manage and those who suffer in body, mind, and spirit.

Let us pray for our parish and the parish of the Abbey Church Downside with St Benedict, Stratton on the Fosse and the Baptist Church Melksham,

Almighty God bestow your peace on us during this time of uncertainty, through your Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Mary Harris

Monday 11th May: Word: Acts 14: 5-18; Psalm 113; Jn 14: 21-26

Hours: Psalter 1 and Proper of Season.

Tuesday 12th May: Word: Acts 14: 19-28; Psalm 114; Jn 14: 27-31.

Hours: Psalter 1 and Proper of Season

Wednesday 13th May: Word: Acts 15: 1-6; Psalm 121; Jn 15: 1-8.

Hours: Psalter 1 and Proper of Season

Thursday 14th May: Feast of St Matthias, Apostle

Word: Acts 1: 15-17; Psalm 112; Jn 15: 9-17

Hours: Psalter 1 and Proper of Season

Friday 15th May: Word: Acts 15: 22-31; Psalm 56; Jn 15: 12-17

Hours: Psalter 1 and Proper of Season

Saturday 16th May: Word: Acts 16: 1-10; Psalm 99; Jn 15: 18-21

Hours: Psalter 1 and Proper of Season

Mass on the Internet: The celebration of Mass (and other devotions) can be followed on smart TVs, laptops, iPads and mobile phones, using the following links:

Britain, Ireland and the USA; <https://www.churchservices.tv/churches/>

Daily Mass said at Clifton Cathedral, 9.30 am: <https://cliftondiocese.com/>

St Osmund's Church Salisbury; daily Mass at 10.00 am <https://churchservices.tv/salisbury>

Fr Chris at St John's, Bath; Masses, Rosary and Adoration: <https://stjohnsrcbath.org.uk>.

Fr Richard at St Catherine's, Frome; now also streaming Mass <https://www.stcatharines.co.uk/> .

Our Lady of Walsingham; 24 hour coverage of devotions: <https://www.churchservices.tv/walsingham>

CAFOD hosts a live online **children's liturgy** for families, on Sundays at 10.00 am.

Pentecost 24 Hour Prayer Vigil at Home - from 10am Thursday 21st May to 10am Friday 22nd May: As we approach Pentecost, this time on Ascension Thursday provides an opportunity to pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit afresh on ourselves and on our parish. We join "Thy Kingdom Come" a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension, May 21st and Pentecost, 31st May, for family, friends and neighbours to come to know Jesus Christ. We ask as many parishioners as possible to sign up to an hourly slot to ensure that every hour is covered by prayer for the 24 hours. Please can you contact Mary Rooney either by email, text or phone. Contact details; maryar Rooney@blueyonder.co.uk Mobile 07789 910591, landline 01225 708029.

Thursday 14th May – Message from Pope Francis: "Since prayer is a universal value, I welcome the proposal of the Higher Committee for Human Fraternity that believers of all religions should unite spiritually on 14th May for a day of prayer and fasting and works of charity, to implore God to help humanity overcome the coronavirus pandemic. Remember: on May 14th, all believers together, believers of different traditions, to pray, fast, and perform works of charity."
Pope Francis

"Million Minutes" website: During this time of COVID-19 it is important to support our young people who may be feeling isolated. This website may be of interest: <https://millionminutes.org>

Office Administrator vacancy at Alexander House: Working within the Finance team, flexibility, attention to detail and excellent organisational skills are essential for this role. Salary circa £20,000 pa depending upon experience, 33 days holiday pa, including public holidays and a 5% matched contributory pension scheme. For full details of this vacancy and an application form visit: www.cliftondiocese.com/diocese/working-for-us For an informal discussion about this role please contact Janet Parker, Diocesan Financial Administrator, Clifton Diocese on 07751 258820. **Closing date for receipt of applications: Friday 15th May 2020.** INTERVIEW PROCESS DURING COVID-19: Applications should be sent by email to janet.parker@cliftondiocese.com Please do not post applications at this time as Alexander House is currently closed. It is likely that we will be conducting interviews via video conference, so access to the internet and the ability to participate in a video call will be required.

CAFOD Emergency Appeal: CAFOD launched its coronavirus emergency appeal on 30th April. The effects of coronavirus on developing countries where CAFOD works are likely to be devastating. Families without enough to eat and without access to clean water and healthcare are particularly vulnerable to coronavirus. The poorest and most marginalised communities will be pushed further into poverty. Your prayers and gifts are needed now more than ever to help protect the lives of those in poor communities. While we are not able to hold physical collections in our church, you can donate as individuals at cafod.org.uk/coronavirus.appeal. You can see a two-minute video message about the appeal from Christine Allen, Director, CAFOD at cafod.org.uk/parishes, where you'll also find tips for gathering virtually, prayer resources, children's activities, etc. There is also a programme of [online talks](#) about our response work as well as a weekly live-streamed Mass and Sunday Children's Liturgy.

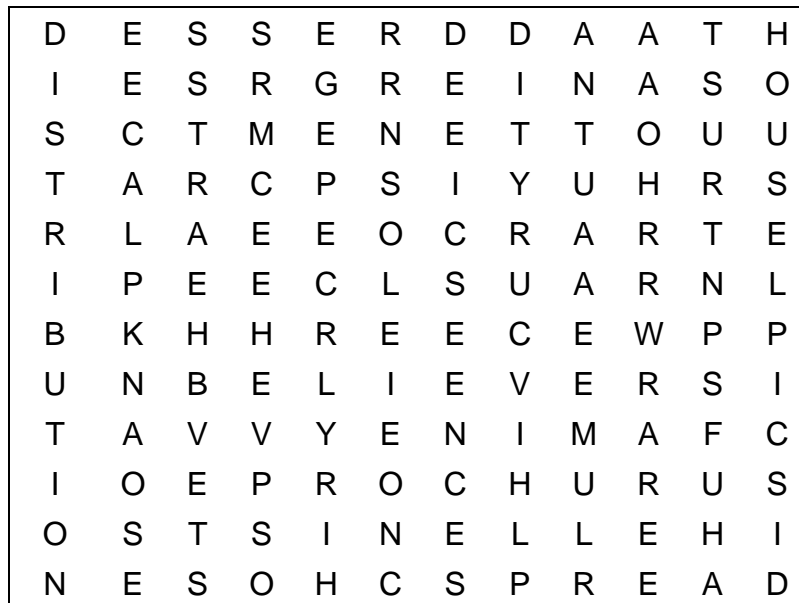
Collections: Some parishioners have asked how they can continue to make their offerings while our churches are closed. This will be much appreciated. If you normally put cash or a cheque in the collection plate during Mass, you could now donate via your bank. If you currently pay by standing order, this will continue as usual unless you tell your bank to vary it. We realise that the current emergency is affecting many people's income and they may not be able continue their present level of offerings; in which case, we fully understand and our prayers are with you. Payments can be made direct to our parish bank account via Internet or telephone banking. You can make individual payments whenever you like, or you can set up a Standing Order. If you would like to pay directly into our parish account- please email treasurer.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftondiocese.com providing your name and telephone number and we will contact you with the necessary details.

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, Patrick Egan, Mrs Jonasz. Deacon David Wakefield, Rebecca Matthews, Paul Hogg, Keith Healy, Alan Glass, Tricia Rigg, Henie Dixon, Brian Hillhouse, June Carey. All those suffering from coronavirus, and those finding isolation 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.

Diocesan Newsletter: If you would like to receive the Diocesan electronic newsletter, please visit their web page <https://cliftondiocese.com/>, scroll down the page to where it says "Stay in the Loop!" and follow the instructions given to subscribe.

Wordsearch – Fifth Sunday of Easter:



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HELLENISTS
HOUSE
KEEP
OURSELVES
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PROCHURUS

RACE
RESCUE
RETURN
RING
SPREAD
TRUST
UNBELIEVERS

Only those words on the list are in the grid. Any others are accidental and should be ignored. The remaining letters give another statement of Jesus used today - / - - / - - - / - - -
last week's words were "I am the gate"

Hilary Clifton

Just some thoughts...;

Church Notices via Fr Bosco:

Ladies, don't forget the jumble sale. It's a chance to get rid of those useless things lying about the house. Don't forget to bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off, let the church help.

Next Thursday there will be auditions for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Words of Wisdom.

Closed-minded people know it all.

Open-minded people realise how little we all know.

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comms.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftondiocese.com

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

Prayers during COVID-19

Many thanks to Fr. Bosco for this prayer that is said every day before Mass at Clifton Cathedral:

In this time of COVID-19, we pray:

When we are unsure, O God, help us be calm;
when information comes from all sides, accurate and false,

help us to discern;

When fear makes it hard to breathe,
and anxiety seems to be the order of the day,
slow us down, God;

help us to reach out with our hearts,
when we can't touch with our hands;

help us to be socially connected,
when we have to be socially distant;
help us to love as perfectly as we can,
knowing that "perfect love casts out all fear."

For the doctors, we pray,

for the nurses, we pray,

for the technicians and the caretakers and the
cleaners and the caregivers, we pray,

for the researchers and the epidemiologists
and for those who are trying to develop a vaccine,
for those who are sick,

and those who are grieving, we pray,

for all who are affected,

all around the world...

we pray

for safety,

for health,

for wholeness.

May we feed the hungry,

give drink to the thirsty,

clothe the naked and house those without homes;

may we walk with those who feel they are alone,

and may we do all that we can to heal

the sick -

in spite of the epidemic,

in spite of the fear.

Help us, O God,

that we might help each other. Amen.

"We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God".

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.