



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Mass will be celebrated Wednesday 14th April at 10.00 am, Sunday 18th April at 9.00 am.
Please do not arrive at church hoping to attend Mass if you have not booked in advance.

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday is currently suspended.

*It is mandatory for face coverings/masks to be worn in places of worship
unless you have an exemption from wearing one (Children under 11, illness, disability, etc.)*

Please note that Covid regulations require young children to be supervised by an adult, remaining with them at all times in and around the Church. Thank you.

To pre-book your attendance at Mass, contact Anne Doyle telephone 01225 707486 or email anne.doyle16@blueyonder.co.uk on the following days:

Monday, Tuesday or Thursday of each week

Please note: Toilet facilities will remain closed; please remember this when planning your visit. Heartfelt thanks to all our volunteer stewards and cleaners who make reopening possible.

Sunday 11th April - Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Sunday Year B; Psalter week 2, Proper of Season

Reading 1 – Acts 4: 32-35

Psalm refrain: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Reading 2 – 1Jn 5: 1-6

Gospel – John 20: 19-31

Prayers of the Faithful, Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Lord God Almighty, you are the font of all knowledge, we your humble servants need your help. Help us to understand your love and live to the best of our poor understanding. Guide us Lord that we may live to glorify The Lord.

In these days of hope, we pray to the Risen Lord that we will take his word to our world and proclaim his might.

We pray for the Pope, for his ministers and all Catholic laity who bring hope and love to those around. We pray for the sick, the elderly, the neglected and for the dead and those who are suffering, may your risen light shine upon them.

Let us remember all whose livelihoods have been damaged by the pandemic, may we, as a community stretch out our hands to those in need.

We pray for the people and clergy of St Patrick's, Brockworth, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Churchdown and The Good News Church of Melksham.

Lord, by your resurrection you showed the world your love and power may we be strong and able to spread the Good News to those we know.

Terri Welch

Monday 12th April: Word: Acts 4: 23-31; Ps 2; Jn 3: 1-8

Hours: Psalter 2, Proper of Season

Tuesday 13th April: Word: Acts 4: 32-37; Ps 92; Jn 3: 7-15

Hours: Psalter 2, Proper of Season

Wednesday 14th April: Word: Acts 5: 17-26; Ps 33; Jn 3: 16-21

Hours: Psalter 2, Proper of Season

Thursday 15th April: Word: Acts 5: 27-33; Ps 33; Jn 3: 31-36

Hours: Psalter 2, Proper of Season

Friday 16th April: Word: Acts 5: 34-42; Ps 26; Jn 6: 1-15
Hours: Psalter 2, Proper of Season

Saturday 17th April: Word: Acts 6: 1-7; Ps 32; Jn 6: 16-21
Hours: Psalter 2, Proper of Season

Sunday 11th April – Holy Hour for Divine Mercy Sunday at St Edmund’s: You are invited to St Edmund’s to join Holy Hour from 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm. Booking not necessary.

Gift Aid: Giving envelopes are available at church. Please start using these envelopes now and dispose of any of the old envelopes you hold. Many thanks for Gift Aiding your donations. Your Gift Aid contact is Tricia Hoy, phone number **01225 704805**.

CAFOD’s Big Walk for Water: Tricia Hoy joined CAFOD’s Big Walk for Water this Lent to raise money to provide clean, safe water in Ethiopia. A big thank you to all the people sponsoring her through the Just Giving link: Tricia | Walk for Water | CAFOD - <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/tricia2022> which will stay open but if you would prefer, a basket will still be available at the back of the church for you to put an envelope containing your donation addressed to Tricia. Thank you.

Parish Charities: If you would like to make a donation to **Wiltshire Air Ambulance**, please use the following link: <https://www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk/donate/> **Mary’s Meals** also has an internet “Giving Page”: <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/donate>

Diocesan Virtual Lourdes Pilgrimage – Friday 16th April is the Feast Day of St Bernadette Soubirous, so as part of Clifton Diocese’s ongoing virtual pilgrimage Monseigneur Liam Slattery will celebrate a livestream Mass at 7:00 pm, please join us through the Clifton diocese website at www.cliftondiocese.com .

The Sanctuary of Lourdes – We have heard from the Rector of the sanctuary that due to the unfortunate new lockdown in France, they are still not able to accept pilgrimages. So, until visitors from outside the local area are allowed, the chaplains will be offering Masses and Rosaries throughout the day which can be viewed either on their website <https://www.lourdes-france.org/en/tv-lourdes/> or on their You Tube channel <https://www.youtube.com/user/LourdesWebTV> or on your smart TV You Tube app. The rector invites our intentions and petitions which can be requested through their website <https://www.lourdes-france.org/en/> . This is a difficult time for all of us, but please pray for the local people of Lourdes, along with the Chaplains and those who serve at the shrine. The Rector assures us of his prayers.

Clifton Diocesan Trustees: The Diocese is recruiting someone to join the Board of the Trustees and chair the new Safeguarding sub-committee. They should have a strong understanding of safeguarding and ideally have experience as a leader in a safeguarding role. Candidates should also have experience in finance and financial management, or in charity governance, or in commercial leadership. The commitment is to one 3 hour meeting per month on a Wednesday from 9.30 am in Bristol as well as work on the Safeguarding sub-committee, and meeting preparation. The approximate commitment is 6 hours per month plus travelling time. If you would like to apply, please send your details to the Bishop’s Private Secretary, St Ambrose, North Rd, Leigh Woods, Bristol BS8 3PW by **16th April**.

Melksham Food Bank: There has been a huge rise in the number needing the Food Bank. To donate food items, please use either the 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: Melksham Family of Churches also supports those who need emergency relief help (non-food items such as energy meter payments, etc.). If anyone would like to contribute to this, please contact Sharon (email as at foot of newsletter) for further information.

Please pray for the following: Don d’Cruz, John Doyle, Geoff Blwyddin, Mrs Jeanette Allsop, Zofia Clarke, Chris Bate, Andrew Bate, Katja Lubina, Patrick Egan. Deacon David Wakefield, Rebecca Matthews, Paul Hogg, Keith Healy, Alan Glass, Tricia Rigg, Henie Dixon, Brian Hillhouse, June Carey, Janet Ruddick, Judith Curtis, Janice Kuranlu, Merv Pearce, Marie and Bill Jowett, Alan McFall, Alistair Strudwick, David Elliot, Callum Ford. All who are 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.**

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

Could you be a School Foundation Governor? St Edmund's school in Calne, urgently needs more governors. If you might be willing to help by becoming a school governor, and would like to find out more about what is involved, please contact the Chair of governors at St Edmunds, Ross Swan, either by email at rswan@st-edmunds-pri.wilts.sch.uk or by phone on **07906 918373**.

Our parish school, St Patrick's in Corsham also requires Governors; contact Clerk to the Governors Sharon Gilbert, **01249 713125**, email admin@st-patricks.wilts.sch.uk . Alternatively contact Bill McEntee at Clifton Diocese bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com **07710 094976** for more information – he would be delighted to hear from you.

Just a thought.... Who was the greatest businessman in the Bible? Noah – he was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation... The Joyful Newsletter

Words of Wisdom:

At the close of another day, we come to you, Lord.
 We thank you for all that has been good and happy
 In our work and leisure.
 For all who have helped us by their kindness and example.
 For all those whom, by thy grace, we have been enabled to help.
 For lessons we have learnt through new experiences. Thank, you, Lord.

Traditional

Wordsearch – Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

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| AMONG | ISRAEL | RETAIN |
| BLOOD | LOVE | ROOM |
| BUILDERS | MARVEL | SEEN |
| CORNERSTONE | MEMBERS | SELL |
| DEEDS | NAILS | SIGNS |
| DEEMED | NAME | STOOD |
| DOORS | OTHER | THOMAS |
| FEAR | PEACE | UNITED |
| FORGIVEN | POWER | WATER |
| HELD | REFUSE | |
| HOLES | RESURRECTION | |

Eliminate only the words given in the list. Any other words are purely coincidental and should be ignored. The remaining letters give a famous exclamation:

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The word from the Palm Sunday wordsearch was "GETHSEMANE", and Easter Sunday was "VICTORIOUS"

Hilary Clifton

Any Comments? *Is there anything you would particularly like to see included in the weekly newsletter? Please send any comments 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.*

Contact: comms.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftondiocese.com

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