



## Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March: Third Sunday of Lent: Mass 9.00am**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March: Morning Prayer 9.40 am, Mass 10.00am**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March: Adoration in the hall 10.00am - 3.00pm**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March: Stations of the Cross 11.00 am, followed by Lent Lunch in the Hall  
Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3.00 pm**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March: Mass 10.00am**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March: Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday): Mass 9.00am**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March: Morning Prayer 9.40 am, Mass to be announced**

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**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March: Stations of the Cross 11.00 am, followed by Lent Lunch in the Hall  
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**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March: Mass to be announced**

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

**Government advice is that face coverings/masks can help reduce the spread of Covid.**

*Daily readings at end of newsletter*

During the cold weather, we ask everyone to make sure they dress for warmth when they come to church. We continue to keep windows open in the church to reduce the spread of virus – and due to increased utility costs, church heating cannot be set to as high a temperature as we would like. Thank you.

### PARISH NEWS

***This weekend (11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> March) there will be a retiring collection for the proceeds of CAFOD family Fast Day***

***Next weekend (18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> March) there will be a retiring collection for the Easter Flowers***

**Easter Cards** are available to buy in church; please see Sheila Likely-Ayling

**Traidcraft:** Adrienne Darts will host a Traidcraft stall in the hall after Mass on **26<sup>th</sup> March**. Please contact her before then on 01249 740604 if you would like to order before then on 01249 740604 if you would like to order Traidcraft Easter eggs

**Chrism Mass at Clifton Cathedral, Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>**

**April:** If you would like to attend the Chrism Mass at Clifton Cathedral, please sign up on the sheet in the porch.

**Lent Courses:** We continue the Lent Course "Following Christ in the Footsteps of the Saints" each Tuesday in Lent, **10.00 am** in St Anthony's Church

**Musicians and Singers - Please Help!** Even if you can only commit to an occasional Sunday, we would love to hear from you. **We also welcome new members to our choir.** Please speak with Anne or contact Sharon in the parish office if you would like to become involved.

Hall, and 7.00 pm at 16, Sherwood Avenue SN12 7HJ. All are welcome; sign-up sheets are in the porch.

**Also:**

**Mondays 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> March:** Mothers' prayers in the hall at 10.30 am.

**Wednesdays 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March:** Breaking Open and Sharing the Word After Mass.

**OUR PARISH FAMILY**

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please pray for: Geoff Blwyddin, Zofia Clarke, Chris 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, Fr John O'Toole, Tess Jones, Kelvin Boorer, Maureen Westlake, Liz McGrane, Chris Harvey, Isaac Anderson. All who are suffering from illness, 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)

#### CLIFTON DIOCESE

**Liturgies of Reconciliation:** Bishop Declan will celebrate Liturgies of Reconciliation during the Season of Lent at four venues across the diocese. The closest one to St Anthony's will be **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March (St Catharine of Alexandria, Frome)**, and will start at 7pm. There will be priests available at each venue to celebrate sacramental reconciliation.

**Vacancy for Adult Formation and Evangelisation Officer, Clifton Diocese:** The person appointed to this role will be someone committed to the mission of the Church, a confident communicator, able to promote the Gospel and support parishes to grow in their capacity to be places of mission and outreach. He or she will work closely with the Officer for Caritas and Environment, particularly in the area of Youth Ministry. If you are interested in such a role and would like to work for Clifton Diocese, please send your application to [sarah.adams@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:sarah.adams@cliftondiocese.com). For more information and an informal conversation prior to applying, please contact Sarah Adams, Director for the Department of Adult Education and Evangelisation, on 0117 902 5595. Further Information and an application form can be found at

<https://cliftondiocese.com/diocese/working-for-us/>

**Closing Date for Applications: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April.**

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April – Chrism Mass**

Clifton Cathedral

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Ascension Mass**  
10.00am, followed by Adoration in the Church until 10.00 pm.

#### OTHER NEWS

**The National Novena to St Joseph** will take place from **11<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023** at St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead. Every year, the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, their Society Patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on

their Society's missionary outreach, and for the intentions of all those who support their work. If you are able, and if it is possible to attend, Masses are on Saturday (11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>) at 10.00am; Sunday (12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>) at 11.00am; Monday -Friday (13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>) at 7.30pm. If you would like to join in from home, Masses from St. Joseph's Church will be available on Zoom, via the Mill Hill website:

[www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena](http://www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena) You are welcome to send in your petitions and/or to request a Novena prayer booklet. Please write to the Novena Director at 6 Colby Gardens, Maidenhead, SL5 7GZ, telephone **01528-673178**, or email [novenamhm@gmail.com](mailto:novenamhm@gmail.com)

#### **How Can You Help Rough Sleepers? A Message from Wiltshire Council:**

If you see someone on the streets, you can provide details to [StreetLink](#) which connects rough sleepers with local services that can support them. StreetLink will provide the council with details so officers can talk to the rough sleeper, help them find a warm place to stay and offer ongoing support. People are also encouraged to donate to local charities in Wiltshire, which directly help those in need. If you are sleeping rough, or you know someone who is, let us know on **0300 456 0100** so we can provide accommodation and support.

#### CHARITIES and PARISH PROJECT

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

**Our Parish Charity is Wiltshire Air Ambulance.** You can donate by using this link:

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

**Our Parish Project is the repair and refurbishment of the Presbytery.** Funds raised will be split between our charity and our project with  $\frac{2}{3}$  allocated to Presbytery repairs, and  $\frac{1}{3}$  to Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

**Melksham Food Bank:** A basket for donations is in the church porch. 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** for those who need emergency non-food relief. If you would like to contribute, please contact Melksham Foodbank or Sharon (Parish office) for further information.

#### AND FINALLY –

##### Did you know?

The UK is smaller than the US state of Oregon.

At the ocean's deepest point, the water pressure is equivalent to having 50 jumbo jets piled on top of you.

### Wordsearch: Third Sunday of Lent

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

CATTLE	JACOBS WELL	ROCK
COME	JAR	ROMANS
ELDERS	JOY	SIR
ETERNAL LIFE	LOW	SPRING
EXODUS	MASSAH	TEST
EYES	MERIBAH	THIRST
FEET	MESSIAH	TRUTH
FIVE	MOSES	WATER
HAIL	PEACE	WORK
HARDEN	PEOPLE	
HOREB	PROPHET	

Eliminate only the listed words. No word should be entirely inside another. The remaining letters give an important request:

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The completed phrase from last week (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent) was "WHITE as the LIGHT"

### Wordsearch: Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

ALONG	EYES	POOL OF SILOAM
ANOINTED	FINE	RABBI
ARRIVED	FOES	REJOICE
BEGGING	HORN	REPOSE
BORN	JERUSALEM	RISE
CHOSEN	JUDGEMENT	SEIZED
COMFORT	LIFE	SHEPHERD
CONSOLING	MOURNING	SON OF MAN
CROOK	OIL	
DAYS	PATH	

The remaining letters give another, and reassuring, word from today's wonderful psalm:

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Hilary Clifton

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Third Sunday of Lent**

**Sunday Year A; Psalter 3, Proper of Season**

**Reading 1:** Ex 17: 3-7

**Psalm Refrain:** O that today you would listen to his voice! "Harden not your hearts."

**Reading 2:** Rom 5: 1-2, 5-8:

**Gospel:** Jn 4: 5-42

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March: Word:** 2Kgs 5: 1-15;  
Ps 41; Lk 4: 24-30 **Hours:** Psalter 3, Proper of Season

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March: Word:** Dn 3: 25, 34-43;  
Ps 24; Mt 18: 21-35 **Hours:** Psalter 3, Proper of Season

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March: Word:** Dn 4: 1, 5-9;  
Ps 147; Mt 5: 17-19 **Hours:** Psalter 3, Proper of Season

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March: Word:** Jer 7: 23-28; Ps 94;  
Lk 11: 14-23 **Hours:** Psalter 3, Proper of Season

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March: Feast of St Patrick, Bishop,  
Patron of Ireland**

**Word:** Jer 1: 4-9; Ps 116; Lk 10: 1-12,17-20

**Hours:** Proper of Saints

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March: Word:** Hos 5: 15- 6: 6;  
Ps 50; Lk 18: 9-14 **Hours:** Psalter 3, Proper of Season

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)**

**Sunday Year A; Psalter 4, Proper of Season**

**Reading 1:** 1Sam 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13

**Psalm Refrain:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**Reading 2:** Eph 5: 8-14

**Gospel:** Jn 9: 1-41

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March: Solemnity of St Joseph,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Reading 1:** 2Sam 7: 4-5,12-14, 16;

**Psalm Refrain:** His dynasty shall last forever.

**Reading 2:** Rom 4: 13, 16-18,22

**Gospel:** Mt 1: 16, 18-21,24

**Hours:** Proper of Solemnity

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March: Word:** Ez 47: 1-9,12; Ps 45;  
Jn 5: 1-3, 5-16 **Hours:** Psalter 4, Proper of Season

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March: Word:** Is 49: 8-15;  
Ps 144; Jn 5: 17-30 **Hours:** Psalter 4, Proper of Season

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March: Word:** Ex 32: 7-14; Ps 105;  
Jn 5: 31-47 **Hours:** Psalter 4, Proper of Season

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March: Word:** Wis 2: 1, 12-22; Ps 33;  
Jn 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30 **Hours:** Psalter 4, Proper of Season

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March: Solemnity of the  
Annunciation of the Lord**

**Reading 1:** Is 7: 10-14, 8:10

**Psalm Refrain:** Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.

**Reading 2:** Heb 10: 4-10

**Gospel:** Lk 1: 26-38

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.

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