

DIARY

SAT	1 st Mass of Sunday at 5.30 pm.
SUN	<u>SUNDAY 6 OF THE YEAR</u> Mass at 9.30 am, followed by refreshments in the hall.
MON	Morning Prayer at 9.15 am; Mass at 9.30 am. Mothers' Prayers in the hall, 10.30 am
WED	ASH WEDNESDAY. (<i>Day of Fast & Abstinence</i>). Morning Prayer at 9.15 am; Mass at 9.30 am with distribution of ashes, followed by refreshments (<i>tea & coffee only!</i>) and Breaking Open and Sharing the Word. Evening Mass at 7 pm, with distribution of ashes.
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, (1 Lent) at 5.30 pm.

Sundays Year B; Weekdays Year 2; Psalter Week 2 (4 from Wednesday).

MASS COMMEMORATIONS:

READINGS

Reading 1: Leviticus 13: 1-2, 45-46.

Psalm (31) Refrain: ***You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation***

Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 10: 31 – 11: 1

Gospel Reading: Mark 1: 40-45.

Please pray for the following who are sick: Mr Frank Manning, Mr Richard Eades, 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, Don Mackenzie, Faith Wheat, Mrs Rebecca Matthews, Gail Ballinger, Eric Conn, Joyce Alford, Chris Bate, John Doyle, David Coghlan, Helen Krause, David Gompels, Derek Dyer, Michael Lees, Elizabeth Travers, Nuala Barron, June Carey, Tom & Claire Hunter, Mrs Marian Frawley.

Richard Eades is very ill at present – please keep him and Margaret in your prayers; also Eric Conn.

Please remember in prayer Jack Thomas, Tricia Hoy's father, who died on Friday; and please remember too the family. May he rest in peace.

Welcome to The Parish of St Anthony of Padua



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SUNDAY 11 FEBRUARY, 2018

Dear Friends,

Imagine that you visited your doctor tomorrow, and he/she said that your future health depended upon some strict regime regarding, say, diet, exercises, and various other things. That unless you followed this strictly, you could die at any time.

Would you just shrug it off, and carry on precisely as normal? Or would you take the warning very seriously and launch yourself into this new diet and exercises? I think when faced with serious fears about our physical health, we tend to take things very seriously indeed. Why is it that we are inclined to take our physical health needs so much more seriously than our spiritual health needs?

We are being warned that we are not in very good spiritual health, and that in the next 6 weeks or so we are being called to take part in a special regime to help us to overcome these problems and become more spiritually healthy. If we fail to do so, we might lose not just our physical health, but life for eternity! So – are we prepared to take this season of Lent seriously? Or are we less bothered about our spiritual health than our physical health? Since our spiritual health is about eternity, it makes sense to take that call seriously.

Let us truly listen to God's call for a real time of spiritual renewal this Lent. Let us not just take the easy way out of doing the same old things; let us face it more as a challenge and truly enter the spirit of Lent as never before!

In the love of Christ,

Richard Northey

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: £173.90

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

BREAKING OPEN & SHARING THE WORD: Sharing on next Sunday's Gospel. Wednesdays, after Mass & refreshments.

ASH WEDNESDAY: Because people like the opportunity to express their commitment to their Lenten exercises, we have two Masses on this day, at 9.30 am and 7 pm, both with the distribution of ashes. Please note that this day is one of Fast and Abstinence.

ADORATION: Thursday, 10 am – 7 pm.

PRAYER GROUP: None this week.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY Friday 23rd February CAFOD Family Fast Day this Lent is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters who don't have enough to eat. On Friday 23rd February can you give up a meal, or eat a simple meal, in solidarity. With malnutrition still killing almost three million children a year, your fasting, prayers and donations will ensure more of God's children have enough good food to eat. This Lent your donation will make double the difference. For every pound you donate to CAFOD, the UK Government will also donate a pound, up to a total of £5 million, meaning twice the number of lives can be transformed. Twice the number of children can have the opportunity to grow up healthy and strong. Fast Day envelopes will be handed out after both Masses next weekend 17th/18th February. Please give generously.

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.

LENT GROUPS: There is a list in the porch for you to sign up for one of the Lent groups. There is also a list of groups of other local Churches if you prefer to try one of them.

MASS OF ANOINTING: our next Mass for the Housebound and the Anointing of the Sick will be on Sunday 25 February at 2.30 pm.

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.

LIFTS TO/FROM MASS: Anyone willing to offer lifts to/from Mass when required, please let Mary Harris know.

PREPARING FOR MISSION - Life in the Spirit Seminars Tuesday evenings Lent: Clifton Cathedral is hosting Life in the Spirit seminars for 5 Tuesday evenings in Lent starting on Tuesday 20th February at 7.30pm. This is a great way to help us all prepare for mission. The speakers are: Mgr David Oakley of Oscott Seminary, David Payne and Jenny Baker of Café, Fr Richard McKay from our diocese and Fr Chris Thomas from the Archdiocese of Liverpool. For more information, email renewal@cliftondiocese.com or call 07815 751 556.

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 with great care when entering or leaving the car park, so that the lives of children – and adults – may not be put at risk.

NEWSLETTER: Any information, articles, etc, please send to the presbytery at the address supplied on the front of the newsletter.

