



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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**We are pleased to announce the opening of our Church for Mass, beginning next week.
Mass will be held on Wednesday 15th July at 10.00 am, Sunday 19th July at 9.00 am, and
Wednesday 22nd July at 10.00 am**

Attendance will need to be pre-booked to maintain social distancing, and so that people will not have to be turned away at the door if we reach maximum occupancy. **Please do not arrive at church hoping to attend Mass if you have not booked in advance.** It is possible that we may not be able to accommodate all parishioners at Mass every week. We will keep a record of attendees so that everyone will have the opportunity to attend Mass at some time. Future Mass times and dates will be advertised in our newsletter. Anne Doyle will co-ordinate bookings. **To pre-book your attendance at Mass on one of the above dates, contact Anne on Monday 13th July, from 09.00 am - 11.00 am, and 6.00pm – 8.00pm;** telephone 01225 707486 or email anne.doyle16@blueyonder.co.uk Requests outside these times cannot be accepted.

Please note: Toilet facilities will remain closed to prevent any risk of transmission of infection; please remember this when planning your visit. The obligation to attend Mass on Sunday remains suspended. Heartfelt thanks to all our volunteers who make reopening possible.

Please read the Guidance for Attending Mass During COVID-19 Restrictions at the end of the newsletter.

Sunday 12th July: Fifteenth Sunday of the Year
Word: Is 55: 10-11; Psalm 64; Rom 8: 18-23; Mt 13: 1-23
Hours: Psalter 3

Prayers of the Faithful, Fifteenth Sunday of the Year

God our Father you are our help and our shield as we bring our prayers before you.

We pray for those in government that they may be true servants of their people, be principled in their decisions and generous to those who are in most need.

Also for the vulnerable in our society, particularly the sick and elderly who continue to experience fear, loneliness and isolation during this pandemic crisis; that they receive the care, support and encouragement they need.

We hope that all in our country will abide strictly by the guidelines which our government recommends to defeat the Covid-19.

We pray for our parish community that we may be open to the power of God's spirit in all we do.

We pray for the Churches of St Dunstan, Keynsham, St Bernadette, Whitchurch and Queensway Chapel in Melksham.

We celebrate a day of prayer for all Seafarers.

Father trusting in your love we bring these prayers before you through Jesus Christ your Son, Amen.

Mary Harris

Monday 13th July: Word: Is 1: 10-17; Ps 49; Mt 10: 34-11: 1
Hours: Psalter 3

Tuesday 14th July: Word: Is 7: 1-9; Ps 47; Mt 11: 20-24
Hours: Psalter 3

Wednesday 15th July: Memorial of St Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
Word: Is 10: 5-7, 13-16; Ps 93; Mt 11: 25-27

Hours: Psalter 3
Thursday 16th July: Word: Is 26: 7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 101; Mt 11: 28-30
Hours: Psalter 3

Friday 17th July: Word: Is 38: 1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38; Mt 12: 1-8
Hours: Psalter 3

Saturday 18th July: Word: Mi 2: 1-5; Ps 98; Mt 12: 14-21
Hours: Psalter 3

Parish Finance: Many thanks to the parishioners who contribute by standing order or online and those who have arranged new standing orders recently. We realise that the current situation has had an adverse effect on many household incomes but if anyone can or would like to contribute to the parish, they can do so by either posting a cheque made out to “St Anthony of Padua Parish Melksham” to “The Presbytery, 22 West End, MELKSHAM, Wilts., SN12 6HJ or email the Treasurer with your name and telephone number at treasurer.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftondiocese.com to arrange a regular standing order or online individual donation to the Parish. Thank you.

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.

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.

Wordsearch – Fifteenth Sunday of the Year:

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BEGINNING	EDGE	NEVER
BODIES	ENTIRE	ONLY
BREAD	FELL	RICH
COARSE	FREE	RIVER
CONVERTED	FULFILLED	ROCK
COVERED	HEART	ROOT
CREATION	HEAVENS	SEED
CROP	LISTEN	SENT
DECKED	LITTLE	UNREVEALED
EARS	LURE	
EARTH	MYSTERIES	

Only eliminate the words given in the list. No words should be completely inside any others. The remaining 8 letters describe Christ as ___ / _____

The remaining word from last week was COMPASSIONATE. I should have highlighted the word FOAL to complete the hidden letter, brain got tired, sorry!

Hilary Clifton

Just some thoughts:

My husband found a cockroach in the kitchen. He has cleaned everything top to bottom. I have put the cockroach in the bathroom.

Via Flora Goodwin

I went to a fancy dress party dressed as an oven. A friend of mine also came dressed as an oven and he was really annoyed. He said, "I thought you said that you were coming as a parrot?" I said, "No, what I said was 'I'm coming as a cooker too'".

I went to a sweet shop, I asked the assistant "Do you do Twix?" He said, "I'm quite good at juggling."

Tim Vine

Words of Wisdom:

An Irish Blessing

May there always be work for your hands to do.
May your purse always hold a coin or two.
May the sun always shine on your window pane.
May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain.
May the hand of a friend be always near you.
May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.

Gold Collection, Fr Brian Darcy

Any Comments?

Is there anything you would particularly like to see included in the weekly newsletter, while we are unable to gather together to worship? Please send any comments to the email address below, or 'phone the office on 01225 702128 and leave a message. Thank you.

For electronic newsletters, please email: comms.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftondiocese.com

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

Guidance for Attending Mass During COVID-19 Restrictions

Please do NOT come to the church (even if you have booked) if you have any of the symptoms of COVID-19.

There will be stewards at each Mass - please give your name to the welcoming steward and sanitise your hands on arrival. Stewards will control entrance, movement within and exit of the church.

There will be no holy water in the stoups at the entrances.

The stewards will wear PPE (single-use apron and gloves and a face covering) at each Mass. It is not mandatory for the congregation to wear a face covering but it is recommended.

The church has been marked out to clearly indicate which seats may be used.

Please follow the direction of the stewards with regards to where to sit, when to move forward for Communion and when to depart after Mass. All movement around the church will be organised in order to maintain correct social-distancing.

There will be no Order of Mass cards available. Please take this guidance home with you for disposal.

Reception of Holy Communion - after the prayer 'Behold the Lamb of God'..., the priest will elevate the Sacrament and proclaim 'The Body/Blood of Christ' to the congregation who will reply 'Amen'. There will be no individual dialogue between the priest and communicant at the point of reception.

Stewards will control the movement of people taking communion – please do not leave your seat until you have been called to do so.

Communion will be under one kind and in the hand only. The communicant should approach the priest with outstretched arms, and hands extended as flatly as possible, to maintain social distancing.

A one-way system will be in place until the Mass is over. After receiving Holy Communion, please leave the church via the sacristy and make your way back to your seat through the entrance door,

There will be no singing.

The guidance received states that the homily should be brief and that the Prayer of the Faithful and the offertory procession will be omitted.

There will be a retiring collection only. However, please be aware that the safest way to contribute to the parish is by standing order/direct transfer. Please see the newsletter.

When Mass has ended, the congregation will leave the church via the entrance door as directed by the stewards, with those at the back leaving first. Please do not leave your seat until you have been called to do so.

The toilets will remain closed to prevent any risk of transmission of infection. Please bear this in mind when you plan your attendance.

Please maintain social distancing both inside and outside the church.

Thank you all for your patience, and stay safe everyone.