



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Diary

Sunday 12th May Fourth Sunday of Easter; Mass 9.00 am Children's Liturgy, all children up to 12 years old welcome. Refreshments in the hall. (Mass at St Edmund's Sat. 6.00pm; Sun. 11.00 am).

Monday 13th May Mothers' Prayers 10.30 in the hall

Tuesday 14th May Rosary in the Church 10.30

Wednesday 15th May Morning Prayer 9.45am; No Mass today. Breaking Open and Sharing the Word.

Thursday 16th May Adoration 10.00am – 7.00pm

Friday 17th May Morning Prayer 09.30 am; Prayer Group 7.30 pm

Saturday 18th May Morning Prayer 9.45am; Morning Mass 10.00 am, Sacrament of Reconciliation 10.30 am

Sundays Year C-1; Psalter Week 4 Sunday and Proper of Season

Readings: Reading 1 – Acts 13:14, 43-52

Psalm Refrain – We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Reading 2 – Apocalypse 7: 9, 14-17

Gospel – John 10: 27-30

Collections: Sunday 5th May £174.00: Retiring collection for Sisters of St Peter Claver Mission Appeal £210.00. This week - retiring collection for Clergy Training Fund. *We currently have seven seminarians in training and that spiritual and financial support is always greatly appreciated!*

Next week – retiring collection for Priests' Retirement Fund

Please remember in your prayers Mrs Mary Adderly, RIP. Requiem Mass Monday 20th May, 12.30.

1st June – Open meeting to discuss the future of our Deanery with fewer Priests, St John's Centre, Trowbridge, 10.30 am. All parishioners are encouraged to attend and have their say about the future of the parishes in our Deanery.

Sunday 19th May – First Holy Communion

Thursday 6th June to Friday 7th June - 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration: We join "Thy Kingdom Come", a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension, May 30th, and Pentecost, June 9th, for everyone to come to know Jesus Christ. This time of silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament will be part of our regular weekly Eucharistic Adoration and we are asking as many parishioners as possible to sign up to an hourly slot to

ensure that at least two people are praying before the Blessed Sacrament at all times for the 24 hrs. Please sign up on the spread sheet in the church porch.

Rag Bag Brooches: As part of this year's parish charity fundraising venture we are making "Rag Bag" Brooches to sell, using cloth, beads and baubles which would otherwise have been thrown away. Please donate any piece of fabric, beads, earrings, and ribbon, etc. and we will make them into brooches. A box is in the porch for donations.

Diocesan Directories: We have three or four left and they are available at £3.00 each

Saturday 8th June - Bishop Declan is celebrating Mass in the Cathedral 10.30 am: with all those newly baptised and received this Easter. Please let Sharon or Anne know if you would like to attend, so that numbers can be provided for catering purposes.

Saturday 6th July - Diocesan Day, St Brendan's College Bristol. We gather at St Brendan's Sixth Form College with our Bishop and with people from across all parishes in the diocese. It is always a good day and the hope is that there is something for everyone. The day begins at 9.45am with an opening liturgy and concludes at 4.15pm with Mass. Refreshments served from 9.15am. Details can be found on the poster and booklets at www.cliftondiocese.com. Lunch is provided, please email just to let us know you are coming: adult.education@cliftondiocese.com.

Sunday 26th May, Melksham Baptist Church: Members of Melksham's Christian community are invited to attend the Commissioning Service for Pastor Joshua Parmar at 4.00 pm. The service will be followed by light refreshments in the church hall; please let Anne know if you want to attend.

Saturday 1st June – Ladies' Breakfast: Queensway Chapel 8.45 am. Please sign up on the sheet in the porch.

Melksham Foodbank: Desperately need donations; please look on the website for further information: <http://melkshamfoodbank.org.uk/foodbox-contents/> . Please donate non-perishable food, e.g. potatoes (instant) Peas, carrots (canned) sugar, pasta, UHT milk, and ensure that these items are within the "use by" dates.

Gift Aid: All queries contact Tricia Hoy 01225 704805.

Sick & Housebound: Please let Fr Vincent or Mary Harris 01249 730340 know if anyone sick, elderly or housebound would like to be visited and receive Holy Communion.

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, Mrs Audrey Tickner, Patrick Egan, Mrs Jonasz. Deacon David Wakefield, Rebecca Matthews, Paul Hogg, John and Anne Dobbin, Keith Healy, George Goodwin.

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.

Drivers: Please be careful entering and leaving the car park and leave the turning area free. Please do not block neighbours' entrances.

Please send items and information for the newsletter to:

comms.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftondiocese.com or give to Sharon Pearce or Anne Doyle by each Thursday **Please send to the above address if you would like the newsletter emailed to you, or give Sharon your email address.**

Future dates for your diary:

29th May – Monthly Prayer for Melksham at St Anthony's, 8.00 am

9th June – Joint celebration at St Edmunds for Fr Vincent's 30th anniversary, 12.00 pm

9th June - Ecumenical Evening Prayer, 6.00 pm St Anthony's
29th June – Mass and Celebration of 50th Wedding Anniversary
6th July – Diocesan Day, St Brendan's College
7th July – Melksham Civic Service, St Michael's Church
14th July – Diocesan Pilgrimage to Glastonbury