



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Masses

Sunday Mass at 9.00 am.

Tuesday 15th February at 11.00 am.

NO Saturday Mass this week.

Government advice is that face coverings/masks are worn in crowded, enclosed places.

Sunday 13th February – Sixth Sunday

Sunday Year C; Psalter 2

Reading 1 – Jer 17: 5-8

Psalm refrain: Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

Reading 2 – 1Cor 15: 12, 16-20

Gospel – Lk 6: 17, 20-26

Monday 14th February: Feasts of Ss Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of Europe

Word: Acts 13: 46-49; Ps 116; Lk 10: 1-9

Hours: Psalter 2

Tuesday 15th February: Word: Jas 1:12-18;

Ps 93; Mk 8: 14-21 Hours: Psalter 2

Wednesday 16th February: Word: Jas 1:19--27;

Ps 14; Mk 8: 22-26 Hours: Psalter 2

Thursday 17th February: Word: Jas 2:1-9; Ps 33;

Mk 8: 27-33 Hours: Psalter 2

Friday 18th February: Word: Jas 2: 14-24, 26;

Ps 111; Mk 8: 34-9: 1; Hours: Psalter 2

Saturday 19th February: Word: Jas 3: 1-104;

Ps 11; Mk 9: 2-3 Hours: Psalter 2

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

PARISH NEWS

Sunday 13th February – Racial Justice Day: All Catholics are encouraged to mark this day by praying the words of Pope Francis taken from his encyclical letter *Fratelli Tutti* – on fraternity and social friendship. Please see the prayer at the end of the newsletter.

Please note Change of Day and Mass time: This week, Mass will be held on Tuesday 15th February at 11.00, followed by Breaking Open and Sharing the Word in the Hall

Your Thoughts for the Synod: We are holding one last meeting to hear your thoughts, on **Wednesday 16th February in the hall at 10.00 am** - please do come! For those of you who have been unable to attend one of our meetings, there are still paper questions in church for you to complete and return to us by 20th February, please. If you have any questions, please do contact one of our volunteer delegates; **Joan Boorer** on **07815 753542**, **Hilary Clifton** on **07947 052035** or **Patrick Evans** on **07732 544965**. Your answers can be anonymous; please leave your completed papers in the black post box by the front door, hand to a delegate (as above), or if you would prefer, you can email Sarah Adams sarah.adams@cliftondiocese.com or synod@cliftondiocese.com, both at Clifton Diocese.

Friday 18th February - Divine Mercy Chaplet in church 3.00 pm. This will take place every Friday.

WHAT'S ON

Sunday 13th February: Refreshments in the hall after Mass.

Monday 14th February: Mothers' Prayers 10.30 am in the hall.

First Holy Communion Classes at 5.30 pm in the hall.

Tuesday 15th February: Breaking Open and Sharing the Word in the hall after Mass

Wednesday 16th February: Your thoughts for Synod 2023 meeting in the hall 10.00 am.

Thursday 17th February: Eucharistic Adoration from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm.

Friday 18th February: Divine Mercy Chaplet, 3.00 pm in the church.

Diocesan News

Diocesan Reconciliation Liturgies: Bishop Declan will celebrate Liturgies of Reconciliation during the Season of Lent at five venues across the diocese. The dates & venues are: Thursday 10th March (St Osmund, Salisbury),

Thursday 17th March (St John, Bath), Thursday 24th March (St Gregory, Cheltenham),
Thursday 31st March (St John, Trowbridge)
All Masses start at 7.00 pm.
There will be priests available at each venue to celebrate sacramental reconciliation.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2022: Clifton diocese has announced that the 2022 pilgrimage to Lourdes will not be going ahead due to the ongoing pandemic. Bishop Declan made the announcement this week following careful consideration on the impact it could have on the pilgrims, especially those who would need assistance.

Bishop Declan said 'Many pilgrims have journeyed to Lourdes over the years to pray alongside St Bernadette; for healing and also for deepening their faith. In a time of pandemic, where there is a serious risk to health, especially to vulnerable pilgrims, this decision, while regrettable, is a necessary one in the present situation.' The relics of St Bernadette however are to visit Clifton cathedral later this year. A section of bone from her thigh is to be taken to the major cathedrals and churches of the dioceses of England, Scotland and Wales in the autumn

OTHER NEWS

Right To Life UK – Assisted Suicide

Amendment: Right To Life UK has had a challenging and busy month, with the assisted suicide lobby attempting to hijack the Government's Health and Care Bill and force them to lay an assisted suicide bill before Parliament within a year of the Bill passing into law. The Health and Care Bill will shortly move onto Report Stage where there is a high risk that Lord Forsyth will retable his amendment. As such, Right To Life UK is asking parishioners to sign up to their Action Alerts, so they can effectively participate in their efforts to stop this amendment passing, and others like it. You can do so by visiting the following link:
www.righttolife.org.uk/#action-alerts

CHARITIES

Our Parish Charities: If you would like to donate to **Wiltshire Air Ambulance**, please use the link:
<https://www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk/donate/>
Mary's Meals: Every donation to Mary's Meals will be doubled until 31st January 2022 through their **Double the Love** campaign – they also have an internet "Giving Page":
<https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/donate>

Gift Aid: Your Parish Gift Aid contact is Tricia Hoy,

phone number **01225 704805**.

Melksham Food Bank Is grateful for the help from St Anthony's parishioners: A basket for donations is in the church porch, or you can use 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: This is for those who need emergency relief (items such as energy meter payments, uniform costs for school children etc.). If anyone would like to contribute to this, please contact Melksham Foodbank or Sharon (Parish office) for further information.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please pray for: Geoff Blwyddin, Mrs Jeanette Allsop, Zofia Clarke, Chris Bate, Andrew Bate, Katja Lubina, Patrick Egan, Rebecca Matthews, Paul Hogg, Keith Healy, Alan Glass, Tricia Rigg, Henie Dixon, Brian Hillhouse, Judith Curtis, Janice Kuranlu, Alistair Strudwick, David Elliot, Callum Ford, Anne Doyle, Sheila Likey-Ayling, Anne O'Mahony, Lorraine Pavey, Francis Ballinger, Grace Disney, Shireen Doyle. All who are suffering from coronavirus, 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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 4th March – World Day of Prayer; 10.30 am, Melksham United Church
Wednesday 9th March – PPC/Liturgy meeting after Mass in the Hall
Friday 11th March – CAFOD fast Day; Stations of the Cross followed by a soup lunch, 11.00 am each Friday during Lent

AND FINALLY –

Did you know?

Sudan has more Pyramids than Egypt.

Words of Wisdom

The most difficult lesson in life is to learn to accept the commonplace.

Anon

Wordsearch – Sixth Sunday

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| CHILDREN | KINGDOM | ROOTS |
| CRAVED | NOW | SALT |
| CURED | PIECE | SCRUB |
| DRIVE | PREACHED | THINGS |
| EYES | PROTECTOR | TREE |
| GOOD | RAISED | TYRE |
| GREAT | REJOICE | WEEP |
| HAPPY | RELIES | WELL |
| HOPE | RESURRECTION | |

Eliminate only the listed words. No word should be entirely inside another. The remaining letters complete the following phrase for the day:

Our _ _ _ _ _ in the _ _ _ _ _

The completed phrase from last week was:

“Christ makes us APOSTLES”

Hilary Clifton

Prayer for Racial Justice



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

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

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