



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Masses

Sunday Mass at 9.00 am.

Wednesday Mass and Saturday Mass at 10.00 am.

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

Sunday 13th March – Second

Sunday of Lent

Sunday Year C; Psalter 2 and Proper of Season

Reading 1 – Gn 15: 5-12, 17-18

Psalms refrain: The Lord is my light and my help.

Reading 2 – Phil 3: 17-4: 1

Gospel – Lk 9: 28-36

Monday 14th March: Word: Dn 9: 4-10; Ps 78;

Lk 6: 36-38 Hours: Psalter 2 and Proper of Season

Tuesday 15th March: Word: Is 1: 10, 16-20;

Ps 49; Mt 23: 1-12 Hours: Psalter 2 and Proper of Season

Wednesday 16th March: Word: Jer 18: 18-20;

Ps 30; Mt 20: 17-28 Hours: Psalter 2 and Proper of Season

Thursday 17th March: Feast of St Patrick,

Bishop, Patron of Ireland

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

Hours: Psalter 2 and Proper of Season

Friday 18th March: Word: Gn 37: 3-4, 12-13,

17-28; Ps 104; Mt 21: 33-43, 45-46;

Hours: Psalter 2 and Proper of Season

Saturday 19th March: Solemnity of St Joseph,

Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

First Reading: 2Sm 7: 4-5, 12-14, 16;

Psalms refrain: His dynasty shall last for ever.

Second Reading: Rom 4: 13, 16-18, 22

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

Hours: Psalter 2 and Proper of Season

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

PARISH NEWS

This week – retiring collection for proceeds of CAFOD family fast day

Lent Course 2022 - Belong & Believe: How our Celtic past can help us today. Refreshing our communities and renewing our mission. Tuesdays 10.00 am in the hall and 7.00 pm at 16, Sherwood Avenue. All welcome. If you are unable to attend on Tuesdays, you are welcome to come to the same course held at St Edmund's church hall, Calne, Wednesdays from 7.30 – 9.00 pm.

Wednesday 16th March: Finance Committee meeting after Mass.

Friday 18th March: Stations of the Cross, 11.00 am

Followed by **Lenten Lunches in the hall:** We need **soup making volunteers** to help with these lunches. Donations for charity. If you are able to help, please contact Mary Rooney on 07789910591 or email maryaroney@icloud.com also - Divine Mercy Chaplet, 3.00 pm in the church.

Church Flower Arrangers: It is always lovely to see fresh flowers in church. Easter is on the way we are definitely going to need help to make our church beautiful. At the moment it is falling on just two people to keep the flowers replenished and fresh. **We really need people to come forward to help out**, male or female, young or not so young! You only need to know how to put flowers in a vase, not so tricky! Guidance will be provided if required. Please contact **Carolina 01225 706953** or **Tricia 01225 704805**.

Chrism Mass: If you would like transport to the Chrism Mass at Clifton Cathedral on Wednesday 13th April, please sign up on the sheet in the porch.

SYNOD: An international survey of Catholic women is being conducted for the Synod; please visit <https://catholicwomenspeak.com/catholic-women-international-synod-survey/> for more information. There will also be a link to the survey on the Synod website.

Parish Listening Sessions: Copies of the summary report of our parish listening sessions are available in the porch, for information.

Sunday Ministries - Easter: A sign-up sheet for readers, welcomers, etc for our Easter Services is now in the porch – please sign up as soon as you can! Thank you.

WHAT'S ON

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

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

Wednesday 16th March: Breaking Open and Sharing the Word after Mass.

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

Friday 18th March: Stations of the Cross followed by Lent Lunch in the hall. Donations for charity. Divine Mercy Chaplet 3.00 pm in the church.

CLIFTON DIOCESE

Lenten Reflections: Each day in Lent, a video will be published in which a member of our diocese shares their thoughts and prayers on our website [Lent 2022 | Clifton Diocese](#), and on The Clifton Evangelist Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Please pray with each of them and show your support by sharing these videos with family and friends. We hope to find more creative and effective ways to support and encourage people to share their faith with others and proclaim the Good News in their lives. If you have any ideas, or questions about evangelisation, we would love to hear from you. Email us your thoughts at adult.education@cliftondiocese.com

Property Management Officer: An exciting job opportunity has arisen in the Property Services Team at Clifton Diocese. The role is full-time position based in Alexander House, in Bristol. The postholder will need to be self-motivated and well organised with good timekeeping and record keeping abilities. Further information at <https://cliftondiocese.com/diocese/working-for-us/> For an informal discussion about this role please contact Jo Long, Head of Property Services.

OTHER NEWS

Join Missio and Mill Hill Missionaries praying a special Novena to St Joseph 10th -18th

March: Every year, the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph 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 would like to join in on Zoom from home, Masses from St. Joseph's Church will be available via the Mill Hill website

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, SL6 7GZ, telephone **01628-676909**, or email novenamhm@gmail.com.

CHARITIES

Our Parish Charities: We are re-evaluating our parish charities; more information to follow at a later date.

If you would like to donate to **Wiltshire Air Ambulance**, please use the link:

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

Mary's Meals: 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, Shireen Doyle, Chris Harvey, Mary Harris. 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

Wednesday 16th March – Finance Committee Meeting, after Mass in the Hall.

Thursday 17th March - Diocesan Reconciliation Liturgy, 7.00 pm, St John's, Bath.

Wednesday 23rd March - **Sharing the Journey;** Entering the Mystery, Praying the Triduum – Fr James Hanvey SJ, online conversation

Thursday 31st March - Diocesan Reconciliation Liturgy, 7.00 pm, St John's, Trowbridge.

Wednesday 13th April – Chrism Mass, Clifton Cathedral.

Sunday 22nd May – First Holy Communion

AND FINALLY –

Did you know?

In New York City, pinball was illegal until 1976.

Wordsearch – Second Sunday of Lent

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F	S	O	A	U	Y	S	P	O	K	E	N
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ABRAM	HALF	SAYING
AWAKE	HEART	SLEEP
CHOSEN	HOPE	SMOKING
CLOUD	JOHN	SPOKEN
COMPANIONS	JOY	TENTS
COUNT	KNOW	THREEYEAROLD
CROWN	LAND	TRANSFIGURE
DAY	LISTEN	UNITED
GLORIOUS	LOST	VOICE
GOAT	MERCY	
GOODNESS	SAME	

Eliminate only the listed words. No word should be entirely inside another. The remaining letters complete a line from today's psalm:

It is your _ _ _ _ that we _ _ _ _

The completed phrase from last week was "Jesus IS LORD"
Hilary Clifton

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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