



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Diary

Sunday 14th April Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - Mass 9.00 am. Gather in the hall for the blessing of Palms. Refreshments in the hall. (Mass at St Edmund's Sat. 6.00pm; Sun. 11.00 am).

Sundays Year C-1; Psalter Week 2 and Proper of Season

Readings: Reading 1 – Isaiah 40: 4-7

Psalm Refrain – My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Reading 2 – Philippians 2: 6-11

Gospel – Luke 22: 14-23, 56

Monday 15th April Mothers' Prayers 10.30 in the hall

Tuesday 16th April Rosary in the Church 10.30.

Wednesday 17th **No Morning Prayer or Mass today (Chrism Mass at the Cathedral).**

Thursday 18th April Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper Mass at 7.00pm. At the end of Mass, follow the priest and servers to the Altar of Repose in the hall. Vigil until 10.30 pm; Night Prayer 10.15 pm.

Friday 19th April Good Friday – Office of Readings and Morning Prayer 09.30 am. Walk of Witness, 10.15 am, United Church; Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord 3.00 pm. Please join in with the crowd scenes in the Passion Gospel.

Please enter and leave the church in silence.

Saturday 20th April Holy Saturday - Office of Readings and Morning Prayer 9.30am. The Easter Vigil 8.30 pm; please gather in the hall to receive processional candles. Bells to ring at the Gloria are welcome for all to join in.

Parking may be difficult; you are encouraged to use the King St. car park.

Collections: Sunday 7th April £96.15; Easter flowers £194.55 – thank you for your generous donations. Retiring collections: 18th April – Fr Danny; 19th April – Holy Places; Easter Sunday – collection for our parish priest.

Wednesday 17th April - Chrism Mass: A bus has been arranged for those wishing to attend the Chrism Mass at Clifton Cathedral. Cost is £15.00 each, leaving King St Car Park at 8.45 am April. **Please sign up on the sheet in the porch – only 5 places left!**

Easter Ministries: Still time to sign up on the sheet in the porch.

CAFOD's Family Fast Day: Thank you for your support. The total raised by our parish was **£750.50**. Many thanks also to those who supported 'Cyclone Idai Appeal' to help those in Southern Africa, who have lost everything in the devastating cyclone and floods.

Prayer Groups: Please note that there will be no Prayer Groups on April 5th, 12th and 19th; the group will recommence on Friday 26th April.

Gift Aid. This year's envelopes are ready for collection. May I remind you as a tax payer please ensure your contributions are still valid for Gift Aid. Also if you have moved house please let me know. All queries contact Tricia Hoy 01225 704805.

Rag Bag Brooches: The Advent course 'Global Healing' (Care for our Common Home) challenged us to reflect on our attitude to our world and how we care for it. Pope Francis has said that we must care for creation. With this in mind, as part of this year's parish charity fundraising venture we are going to make some "Rag Bag" Brooches, using cloth, beads and baubles which would otherwise have been thrown away. Please donate any old material and we will make it into brooches. Examples are: any piece of fabric which you would otherwise have just discarded, beads, earrings, and ribbon, etc. A box is in the porch for donations.

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.

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, Mrs Adderly, Zofia Clarke, Chris Bate, David Coughlin, Katja Lubina, Mrs Audrey Tickner, Patrick Egan, Mrs Jonasz. Deacon David Wakefield, Rebecca Matthews, Anna Prangley, 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:

20th April – Children's games (weather permitting), Skylark Rd Park

24th April – Monthly Prayer for Melksham, 8.00 am, St Andrew's Church

2nd May – St Anthony's PPC meeting, 7.30 pm

11th May – "The Beatles" at Forest and Sandridge School, fundraiser for St Andrew's Church

19th May – First Holy Communion

1st June – Open meeting on redeployment of priests, St John's centre, Trowbridge

9th June – Ecumenical Evening Prayer, 6.00 pm St Anthony's

7th July – Melksham Civic Service, St Michael's Church