



# Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Mass will be celebrated Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 10.00 am, and Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 9.00 am.

Please do not arrive at church hoping to attend Mass if you have not booked in advance.

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday is currently suspended.

*It is mandatory for face coverings/masks to be worn in places of worship unless you have an exemption from wearing one (Children under 11, illness, disability, etc.)*

Please note that Covid regulations require young children to be supervised by an adult, remaining with them at all times in and around the Church. Thank you.

To pre-book your attendance at Mass and Stations of the Cross, contact Anne Doyle telephone 01225 707486 or email [anne.doyle16@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:anne.doyle16@blueyonder.co.uk) on the following days:

**Monday, Tuesday or Thursday of each week**

**Please note: Toilet facilities will remain closed;** please remember this when planning your visit. Heartfelt thanks to all our volunteer stewards and cleaners who make reopening possible.

**Prayer for Melksham** - you are invited to spend some time each Wednesday in prayer for all who live and work in Melksham, our Council, industry and shops, hospital, care homes and surgeries.

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March: Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**Sunday Year B; Psalter week 4, Sundays of Lent**

**Reading 1** – 2Chr 36: 14-16, 19-23

**Psalm refrain: O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!**

**Reading 2** – Eph 2: 4-10

**Gospel** – John 3: 14-21

**Prayers of the Faithful, Fourth Sunday of Lent**

On this Laetare Sunday we are encouraged to rejoice in the Lord. We rejoice and give thanks for his gifts of family, friends, parish community and our wider community.

We pray for those who have no family or friends, those who feel isolated, alone and forgotten. We pray that they will be given the support and love that they need.

We pray for Hannah and all those preparing to receive the sacraments at Easter.

We pray for Deacon Shaun Murphy and all those who have died recently.

We offer our prayers and petitions to the Father through his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Anne Doyle

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March: Word:** Is 65: 17-21; Ps 29; Jn 4: 43-54

**Hours:** Psalter 4, Mondays of Lent

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March: Word:** Ez 47: 1-9, 12; Ps 45; Jn 5: 1-3, 5-16

**Hours:** Psalter 4, Tuesdays of Lent

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March: Feast of St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland**

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

**Hours:** Psalter 4, Wednesdays of Lent

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March: Word:** Ex 32: 7-14; Ps 105; Jn 5: 31-47

**Hours:** Psalter 4, Thursdays of Lent

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March: Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin**

**Word:** 2Sm 7: 4-5, 12-14, 16; Ps 88; Mt 1: 16, 18-21, 24  
**Hours:** Psalter 4, Fridays of Lent  
**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March: Word:** Jer 11: 18-20; Ps 7; Jn 7: 40-52  
**Hours:** Psalter 4, Saturdays of Lent

**We are sad to Announce:** Mrs Marian Frawley, Mrs Jean Irwin and Mr Tom Hunter have passed away. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

**Stations of the Cross:** Every Friday during Lent, we will be observing the Stations of the Cross at 10.00 am. Attendance must be pre-booked – please contact Anne Doyle (contact details above) on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday of each week. Please note that to ensure Covid restriction measures are maintained, there will be no movement around the church, and everyone must stay in their pew until asked to move by a steward.

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March:** There will be a PPC/Liturgy meeting after Mass in the hall; Covid regulations (masks, social distancing etc.) will apply. Please give any issues you would like discussed to a PPC member, email the parish office (address as above), or put a note through the Presbytery door.

**CAFOD's Big Walk for Water:** Tricia Hoy is joining CAFOD's Big Walk for Water this Lent. This involves walking 10,000 steps every day during Lent totalling over 400,000 to raise money to provide clean, safe water in Ethiopia. She is looking for sponsors for this great cause - please give through the Just Giving link: [Tricia | Walk for Water | CAFOD](#). If you would prefer to give without using the internet, a basket will be available at the back of the church for you to put an envelope containing your donation addressed to Tricia. Thank you.

**CAFOD Lent Fast Day:** Thank you so much. Your generous gift will help people like Hagos in Ethiopia, struggling to cope in an increasingly hotter and drier climate. Hagos and his family nearly starved due to drought, but thanks to our church family and support like yours, CAFOD provided him with solar-powered water pumps. Hagos and his neighbours now have flowing water to cultivate their land. Remember it's not too late to give to the CAFOD Lent Appeal: [Lent Appeal 2021 | CAFOD](#)

**Parish Charities:** Zofia Clark still has some facemasks to sell for our charities; they are 3 layered. If you would like to buy some, please contact Zofia direct on **01225 340998**. If you would like to make a donation to **Wiltshire Air Ambulance**, please use the following link: <https://www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk/donate/> **Mary's Meals** also has an internet "Giving Page": <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/donate>

**Traidcraft:** A limited number of Traidcraft catalogues are available in the church to take home and browse. Orders can be placed with Adrienne Dart, the Fairtrade Agent from St Edmund's Church **01249 740604**, email [amdarts1@gmail.com](mailto:amdarts1@gmail.com) with the item description and quantity required and preferably the catalogue number. You can also browse online <https://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk/christmas>, and order through Adrienne.

**Could you be a School Foundation Governor?** St Edmund's school in Calne, urgently needs more governors. If you might be willing to help by becoming a school governor, and would like to find out more about what is involved, please contact the Chair of governors at St Edmunds, Ross Swan, either by email at [rswan@st-edmunds-pri.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:rswan@st-edmunds-pri.wilts.sch.uk) or by phone on **07906 918373**. Our parish school, St Patrick's in Corsham also requires Governors; contact Clerk to the Governors Sharon Gilbert, **01249 713125**, email [admin@st-patricks.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-patricks.wilts.sch.uk). Alternatively contact Bill McEntee at Clifton Diocese [bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com) **07710 094976** for more information – he would be delighted to hear from you.

**National Novena to St Joseph to 18<sup>th</sup> March:** The National Novena to St Joseph will take place from 10<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at St Joseph's Church, Maidenhead. In this Year dedicated to St. Joseph, the Mill Hill Missionaries are preparing for the Feast of St Joseph, their patron, 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. Masses are on Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00am, Monday –Thursday (15<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> March) at 7.30pm. If you would like to join in from home, Masses from St. Joseph's Church will be available on Zoom and YouTube via the parish website: [stjosephsparish.co.uk](http://stjosephsparish.co.uk) and the Mill Hill website: [www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena](http://www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena), where you will also find the Novena Prayer leaflet. You can also join in by praying the daily Novena prayer, which will be in your Novena prayer leaflet. You are welcome to send in your petitions and/or to request a printed Novena prayer leaflet. Please write to the **Novena Director, 41 Victoria Road, Liverpool, L37 1LW**, or email [novenamhm@gmail.com](mailto:novenamhm@gmail.com).

**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.

**Melksham Family of Churches' Crisis Support:** Melksham Family of Churches also supports those who need emergency relief help (non-food items such as fuel meter payments, etc.). If anyone would like to contribute to this, please contact Sharon (email as at foot of newsletter) for further information.

**Please pray for the following:** Don d’Cruz, John Doyle, Geoff Blwyddin, Mrs Jeanette Allsop, Zofia Clarke, Chris Bate, Andrew Bate, David Coughlin, Katja Lubina, Patrick Egan. Deacon David Wakefield, Rebecca Matthews, Paul Hogg, Keith Healy, Alan Glass, Tricia Rigg, Henie Dixon, Brian Hillhouse, June Carey, Janet Ruddick, Judith Curtis, Janice Kuranlu, Merv Pearce, Marie and Bill Jowett, Alan McFall. All who are 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.**

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](mailto:ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net)

Wordsearch – Fourth Sunday of Lent

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| CAPTORS         | JUDAH     | SOIL         |
| CLEAVE          | LAND      | SONS         |
| CYRUS           | ONLY      | TIRELESSLY   |
| DESERT          | PRIZE     | TRUTH        |
| DOWN            | RAISED    | UP           |
| FURTHER         | REMEMBER  | <b>YEARS</b> |
| <b>GENEROUS</b> | RIGHT     |              |
| HARPS           | RIVERS    |              |

Eliminate only the words given in the list. No word should be completely inside another. Ignore any words that might appear which are not in the list.

The remaining letters give another name for this Sunday \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

The two words in bold give the initial letter of this word.

Last week’s words were “WISDOM OF GOD”

Hilary Clifton

**Just some thoughts:**

I threw out my old vacuum cleaner the other day. It was just gathering dust.

Last night my wife and I watched three DVDs back to back. Luckily, I was the one facing the TV. Tim Vine

**Words of Wisdom:**

The Gospel has two sides, the believing side  
And the living side.

A preacher in the USA

**Care for Creation – Countdown to COP26:** The **COP26** event is a global United Nations' summit about climate change and how countries are planning to tackle it. The Pope has asked for a new appreciation of the interdependence of all things in our beautiful planet:

**Fourth week of Lent**

*Trust in providence; Luke 16-24*

This passage begins with the man who had such a good crop he planned to build new barns to store and ends with the 'lilies of the field' in the Matthew version. This might be seen as a criticism of the culture that demands infinite growth in a finite planet. As David Attenborough said, the person who believes this is possible is either mad or an economist! Modern technology has, as the Pope says in *Laudato Si*, brought so many benefits and so much beauty, but has also led to our using up the resources of the planet quicker than they can be replenished. If that is where our treasure is, the planet will soon be exhausted, whereas if we live more like the lilies of the field in harmony with our surroundings and not depleting them, we will appreciate the riches, variety, and beauty of creation...Change really is possible. This is the year we need to make major change at COP26.

**Any Comments?** *Is there anything you would particularly like to see included in the weekly newsletter? Please send any comments 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.*

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

**Diocesan Prayer**

**Prayer for the elect and the Candidates, as they begin their period of final preparation for the celebration of the Sacraments**

God of love and power,  
It is your will to establish  
Everything in Christ,  
And draw us into his all-embracing love.  
Guide these chosen brothers and sisters of ours,  
Strengthen their vocation,  
Build them into the kingdom of your Son,  
And seal them with the Spirit of your promise,  
We ask this through Christ our Lord,  
Amen

**Prayer**

(From Keith)

Father,  
pour out your Spirit  
upon our parish,  
and grant us  
a new vision of your glory,  
a new experience of your power,  
a new faithfulness to your Word,  
and a new consecration  
to your service,  
that your love may grow among us  
and your Kingdom come;  
through Christ our Lord,  
Amen