



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Sunday 15th May – Fifth Sunday of Easter: Mass 9.00 am.

Wednesday 18th May: Mass 10.00 am

Saturday 21st May: No Mass

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

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

Readings at end of newsletter

PARISH NEWS

Retiring Collections:

This weekend – Priests' Retirement Fund

Mary Harris, RIP: We are sad to announce that Mary Harris passed away peacefully on 11th May. Please pray for her and her family. Funeral details will be available later.

Monday 16th May – First Holy Communion Rehearsal, 5.30 pm

Wednesday 18th May – Finance Meeting: In the hall after Mass.

Rosary: During the month of May, the Rosary will be said in church every Tuesday at 10.00 am

Eucharistic Adoration: It would be helpful to have more Adorers to cover the hours of 10.00 to 11.00 am and 2.00 to 3.00pm. If you can help, please contact Mary Rooney. Thank you.

Sunday Coffees: We need more volunteers for our rota to help with refreshments after Mass on Sunday; please see Carolina.

Altar Servers: Thanks to those who have already signed up, but more altar servers will be helpful. Our young people are especially invited to become servers; please sign up on the sheet in the porch. Full training given.

Sunday 15th May: Refreshments in the hall after Mass.

Monday 16th May: Mothers' Prayers 10.30 am in the hall.

Tuesday 17th May: Rosary in the church 10.00 am.

Wednesday 18th May: Breaking Open and Sharing the Word in the **Presbytery** after Mass.

Thursday 19th May: Eucharistic Adoration 10.00 am to 3.00 pm.

Friday 20th May: Divine Mercy Chaplet 3.00 pm

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, Tricia Rigg, Henie Dixon, Brian Hillhouse, Judith Curtis, Janice Kuranlu, Anne Doyle, Sheila Likey-Ayling, Anne O'Mahony, Lorraine Pavey, Francis Ballinger, Shireen Doyle, Chris Harvey, Fr John O'Toole. 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***

DEANERY

Could you support prisoners as a chaplain at HMP Erlestoke? There is an opening for a priest or suitably qualified lay person to be appointed as Catholic chaplain at HMP Erlestoke. The position is offered as flexible working, full-time, job share or part-time. The minimum theological training required is CCRS. Salary: £32,405 - £36,476. Visit: [Roman Catholic Priest, Deacon, Religious Sister or Brother, or](#)

[a suitably qualified lay Chaplain - HMP Erlestoke \(Ref: 57904\) - Civil Service Jobs - GOV.UK](#)

Apply before 11:55 pm on Friday 27th May 2022

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Linktree – Events, Formation and Opportunities:

The Department for Adult Education now has a Linktree account to connect people with all their content and is a useful way to hear about future events, opportunities for formation and other items of interest: [@cliftonevangelist | Linktree](#).

Flame 2023: The theme of Flame 2023 (which is 150 days before World Youth Day in Lisbon) takes the WYD Scripture “Mary arose and went in haste” and crystallises it into the theme “Rise Up!” Rise up as young Catholics, Rise up, as Mary did, for the surprising and beautiful adventure that is our Catholic faith. Learn more about Flame 2023 at [FLAME – CYMFed](#) This year Clifton Diocese has booked tickets and a coach for 50 people. If you’re interested in booking a ticket through and traveling with the diocese, please send an email to youth@cliftondiocese.com.

WYD 2023: World Youth Day will next take place in Lisbon in 2023. The Department for Adult Education and Evangelisation is organising an eight-day pilgrimage from **July 31st to August 8th, 2023**, for young adults [18-35] in our diocese. The provisional plan is to spend six nights in Lisbon and two nights in Fatima. There will be formation sessions for the group before the pilgrimage to build community and support one another in our faith journey. If you are interested in learning more about the Clifton Diocese World Youth Day 2023 Pilgrimage, and will be at least 18 years old on 1st April 2023, please register your interest at [World Youth Day 2023 | Clifton Diocese](#)

OTHER NEWS

Monks Chapel Open Day: Monks Chapel is a Grade 1 listed building in Monk’s Lane, Corsham. An open day will be held on **Saturday 21st May, 11.00 am to 3.00 pm**. Light refreshments offered. For further information, tel **01249 712991**. Do pop in and visit this beautiful and historic place of worship.

Jubilee Organ Concert, St Michael’s Church, Thursday 2nd June, 7.30 pm: Local organists will play a mixture of classical and popular music. Tickets £10, to include refreshments, available from www.melksham.church/jubilee or visit the Tourist Information Centre.

The Bereavement Journey – a Place to Talk, Thursday 9th June, 7.00 pm: There are only 4 places left on this course, which has helped many people begin to work through the difficult emotions of separation from their loved ones in bereavement. Telephone **01225 707387** or **07389 866714** for more information. Cost £10.

CHARITIES

Gift Aid: Your Parish Gift Aid contact is Tricia Hoy, phone number **01225 704805**.

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>

Melksham Food Bank Is being Called Upon More than ever: They are 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 etc). If anyone would like to contribute to this, please contact Melksham Foodbank or Sharon (Parish office) for further information.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 22nd May – First Holy Communion

Wednesday 22nd June - Synod Evening Liturgy, Clifton Cathedral, 7.00 pm. Book via

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/evening-liturgy-synod-tickets-327123734897>

Saturday 2nd July – Celebration of Marriage, Clifton Cathedral, to attend please email adult.education@cliftondiocese.com

Sharing the Journey These conversations will take place on *Microsoft Teams*, 7.30pm – 8.45pm. To register please contact: adult.education@cliftondiocese.com. A *Microsoft Teams* invitation will be sent out a day before each talk.

Thursday 19th May – Supporting people in our parishes who present with intellectual difficulties – Cristina Gangemi

Thursday 16th June: Being a Catechist – David Wells

AND FINALLY –

Words of Wisdom

According to a proverb from the Far East, “a wise person, looking at the egg can see an eagle; looking at the seed he glimpses a great tree; looking at the sinner he glimpses a saint.” That is how God looks at us: in each of us, he sees a certain potential, at times unbeknownst to ourselves, and throughout our lives he works tirelessly so that we can place this potential at the service of the common good. Pope Francis

Wordsearch: Fifth Sunday of Easter

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| BACK | FRUIT | OPENED |
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| BEFORE | GOD | REIGN |
| BLESS | GRACE | RULE |
| BRIDE | HEAVEN | SAILED |
| COMING | JOHN | VINE |
| DELIVERANCE | KINGDOM | VOICE |
| DOOR | LASTS | WONDERS |
| EARTH | LORD | |

Eliminate only the listed words. No word should be entirely inside another. The remaining letters complete this commandment from Jesus:

Love one _ _ _ _ _

The word from last week was “THRONE”
Hilary Clifton

Did you know...?

In 1977, a signal – still not known how or where it came from – was received from deep space that lasted 72 seconds.

Prayer for the Synod

This prayer is said at the end of each Mass for the success of Synod 2021-2023

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.

Amen

Readings Easter Week 5

Sunday Year C; Psalter 1 and Proper of Season

Sunday 15th May – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Reading 1 – Acts 14: 21-27

Psalm refrain: I will bless your name forever, O God my King.

Reading 2 – Apoc 21: 1-5

Gospel – Jn 13: 31-35

Monday 16th May: Word: Acts 14: 5-18; Ps 113, 42; Jn 14: 21-26 **Hours:** Psalter 1 and Proper of Season

Tuesday 17th May: Word: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 114; Jn 14: 27-31 **Hours:** Psalter 1 and Proper of Season

Wednesday 18th May: Word: Acts 15: 1-6; Ps 121; Jn 15: 1-8 **Hours:** Psalter 1 and Proper of Season

Thursday 19th May: Memorial of St Dunstan, Bishop

Word: Acts 15: 7-11; Ps 95; Jn 15: 9-11 **Hours:** Psalter 1 and Proper of Season

Friday 20th May: Word: Acts 15: 23-29; Ps 56; Jn 15: 12-17 **Hours:** Psalter 1 and Proper of Season

Saturday 21st May: Word: Acts 16: 1-10; Ps 99; Jn 15: 18-21 **Hours:** Psalter 1 and Proper of Season

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

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