



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Mass will be celebrated Wednesday 19th May at 10.00 am and Sunday 23rd May 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, contact Anne Doyle telephone 01225 707486 or email anne.doyle16@blueyonder.co.uk on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday of each week

Heartfelt thanks to all our volunteer stewards and cleaners who make reopening possible.

**Sunday 16th May - Seventh Sunday of Easter
Sunday Year B; Psalter week 3, Proper of Season**

Reading 1 – Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26

Psalm refrain: The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

Reading 2 – 1Jn 4: 11-16

Gospel – John 17: 11-19

Prayers of the Faithful, Seventh Sunday of Easter

God is love and compassion, let us follow in his footsteps and love ourselves and our neighbours.

Our world is in crisis, let us pray for it, for cessation of wars and conflicts, for our environment that we rely on to make life worthwhile. May we play our part in the future of the planet and mankind, and not think only of our own needs.

Let us pray for all in positions of authority, either in the Church or community. We pray that newly elected councillors may serve their communities to the best of their abilities.

We pray that the conflict in Israel is soon concluded, that neighbours will live together in peace, and that men of war really consider the damage they are doing to all.

Let us pray for the parishes of St. Gregory, St. Thomas More, Cheltenham and the Baptist Church in Melksham.

Our life is dominated by the media, print or on line, let us pray that all media is used for the common good.

As life begins to return to something approaching normal, we ask that people have the confidence to re-enter life with all its uncertainties, we pray for people feeling isolated and uncertain, may the Living God give them the courage to take up their previous life and activities.

Terri Welch

Monday 17th May: Word: Acts 19: 1-8; Ps 67; Jn 16: 29-33

Hours: Psalter 3, Proper of Season

Tuesday 18th May: Word: Acts 20: 17-27; Ps 67; Jn 17: 1-11

Hours: Psalter 3, Proper of Season

Wednesday 19th May: Word: Memorial of St Dunstan, Bishop

Word: Acts 20: 28-38; Ps 67; Jn 17: 11-19

Hours: Psalter 3, Proper of Season

Thursday 20th May: Word: Acts 22: 30, 23: 6-11; Ps 15; Jn 17: 20-26

Hours: Psalter 3, Proper of Season

Friday 21st May: Word: Acts 25: 13-21; Ps 102; Jn 21: 15-19

Hours: Psalter 3, Proper of Season

Saturday 22nd May: Word: Acts 28: 16-20, 30-31; Ps 10; Jn 21: 20-25

Hours: Psalter 3, Proper of Season

Retiring Collection Sunday 16th May – World Communication Day

Toilets: Toilets are now open for use by parishioners. In order to reduce infection risk, please note: Stewards **must** be informed if the toilet is needed in order to maintain social distancing; access and egress are outside the church **not** through the sacristy; you must use the wipes provided to wipe down the toilet seat, handle, door handle and taps; dispose of the wipes in the bins **not** in the toilet. Toilets will be cleaned after Mass, not after each use. Thank you.

Monday 10th to Friday 21st May; Temporary Closure of King Street and part of Semington Rd: Those who drive to church will need to inform one of the “gatekeepers” at either end of the closure that they are attending St Anthony’s. Please note that you will need to allow more time to travel to and from church as you may have to wait while heavy plant is moved to allow you to pass, or find alternative parking.

Sunday 16th May - World Communication Day: The theme for the 2021 World Day of Social Communications, chosen by Pope Francis, echoes the words of the Apostle Philip, “encountering people as and where they are”. For further information, please visit the Catholic Bishops Conference website

[Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales \(cbcew.org.uk\)](https://www.cbcew.org.uk)

Pentecost Prayers: There will be a Pentecost Prayer display at the back of the church from Sunday 23rd May. Paper “flames” will be placed on the board to display your prayers. Everyone is invited to write a short prayer on coloured paper flames which will be available in church for you to take away, then return them to church or Presbytery, to be added to the display. If you are unable to attend church, please send names to Sharon (using the email at the foot of the newsletter, leave a message on the parish answer phone, or pop them through the presbytery door) who will write a flame for you. **Please do not add flames to the display yourself;** this will compromise our Covid infection control systems.

COVID-19 Measures - Changes from 17th May: From Monday 17th May the number of attendees at funerals will be based on the social distancing capacity of the Church (current capacity for Masses), and up to 30 people will be able to attend weddings and Baptisms.

Wednesday 19th May – Finance Committee Meeting: This meeting will be held in the hall after Mass; Covid-19 procedures will be followed.

Monday 24th May – Mothers’ Prayers: We are pleased to recommence Mothers Prayers on Monday 24th May in the Hall. Covid-19 restrictions will apply, and you will need to book attendance with Mary Rooney on **07789 910591** or email maryaroonney@blueyonder.co.uk before Sunday 23rd May, please.

Praying a Novena to the Holy Spirit: Bishop Declan invites us all to participate in praying a Novena to the Holy Spirit. You can access the prayer resource for the Novena on the diocesan website: <https://cliftondiocese.com/novena> We hope as many people will join us in praying the Novena as we continue to ‘Dare to Dream’ and invite the Holy Spirit to bless our diocese as we move forward.

Sunday 16th to Monday 24th May - Laudato Si’ Week: The entire global Catholic family is committed to caring for creation. We recognise that much needs to be done, and we’ll start on the clear road map for the decade ahead. **[Join today to receive the official Laudato Si’ Week prayer and resources that will help you spread the good news!](#)** The theme for the celebration is, “for we know things can change” (LS 13).

Order of Mass Cards: We have purchased some Order of Mass cards if anyone would like to buy their own to keep. Priced at £1 per card, please contact Mary or Michael Rooney if you would like one.

Thanks from Tricia: Tricia Hoy sends her thanks to everyone who supported her “Walk for Life” for CAFOD during Lent. All donations are now in and the total raised was £320.00 – well done Tricia!

Parish Charities: 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>

Thursday 13th to Sunday 23rd May -Thy Kingdom Come 2021: New resources for 2021 will include an [11-part children's video series called Cheeky Pandas](#) - packed with Bible stories, prayers, animation, worship songs and interviews with special guests. Other new resources include [this year's Novena and the Prayer Journal](#) and a Prayer Adventure Map. For more information visit [New For 2021 | Thy Kingdom Come](#)

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 energy 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, 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, Alistair Strudwick, David Elliot, Callum Ford, Dennis Andrews, Maria Podraza. 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

Wordsearch – Seventh Sunday of Easter

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| CLOUD | MANY | SINS |
| DONE | PASTORS | SKY |
| EARTH | PEACE | TABLE |
| ENDS | PERFECT | WATER |
| FATHER | PROCLAIM | |
| GAVE | PROMISED | |

Eliminate only the words given in the list. Any others are purely coincidental and should be **ignored**. The remaining letters describe Christ in heaven in

The word from last week was "FAVOURITES" / Hilary Clifton

Words of Wisdom:

Put your hand in the hand of the man who stilled the waters. Put your hand in the hand of the man who calmed the sea. Gene MacLellan

Just a thought...

A £1 coin met a £20 pound note and asked "Where have you been?"

The £20 pound note said "Oh you know, cruise, casino, stuff like that. What about you?"

The £1 coin replied "Same old, same old, Church, Church, Church."

Holy Joke

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 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 . Alternatively contact Bill McEntee at Clifton Diocese bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com **07710 094976** for more information – he would be delighted to hear from you.

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.*

Contact: comms.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftondiocese.com

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