



## Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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### Diary

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

**6.00pm; Sun. 11.00 am). Children's Liturgy, all children up to 12 years old welcome.**

**Second Sunday of Lent. Mass 9.00 am (St Edmund's Sat.**

Refreshments in the hall.

**Joint St Anthony's and St Edmund's Lenten prayer service at St Anthony's 3.00 – 4.00pm.**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

Mothers' Prayers 10.30 in the hall

Rosary in the Church 10.30, Lent groups 10.30 and 7.00 pm

**Morning Prayer 9.45am; Morning Mass 10.00 am.** Breaking Open and Sharing the Word.

Adoration 10.00am – 7.00pm

**Stations of the Cross 11.00am**, followed by Lent lunch

Prayer Group 7.30 pm

**Morning Prayer 9.45am; Morning Mass 10.00 am**, Sacrament of Reconciliation 11.00am

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

**Readings:** Reading 1 – Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18

**Psalm Refrain – The Lord is my light and my help**

Reading 2 – Philippians 3: 17-4: 1

Gospel – Luke 9: 28-36

**Collections: Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March £144.40. This week; collection of proceeds of CAFOD**

**Family Fast Day**

**Altar Servers:** Any young person who wishes to train to be an altar server, and who has made their First Communion and are aged 7 years and above, please sign up on the sheet in the porch. Parents please sign also. Training will be held on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00 am.

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March:** Joint St Anthony's and St Edmund's Lenten prayer service at St Edmund's at 3.30 pm

**Lent Liturgy of Reconciliations:** Our Deanery Liturgy of Reconciliation will be held at St John's Church, Trowbridge, on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00 pm**. Bishop Declan will be celebrating Liturgies of Reconciliation at five venues across the diocese; please see the Diocesan website for more information.

**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.

**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, we must be responsible stewards over nature, we must undergo an ecological conversion. A Big Ask.....A Big Task. With this in mind, as part of this year's parish charity fundraising venture we will be doing some recycling, using material which would otherwise have been thrown away. We are going to make some “Rag Bag” Brooches. These are made entirely from cloth, beads and baubles which would have been thrown away. So, if you have any old material please donate it to us and we will make it into brooches. Examples of what we need are: old denim, tweed, an old scarf, old remnants of curtain material, beads, earrings and ribbon. Any piece of fabric which you would otherwise have just discarded. We need small pieces of interesting material. A box will be in the porch for your donations.

**Mothers' Day Flowers:** Each year, Melksham Family of Churches create small posies to be given to ladies in Melksham town centre on the Saturday before Mothers' Day; this year this will be 30<sup>th</sup> March. Help is required after Lent lunch on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March to make some posies as part of St Anthony's contribution.

**Solution Focused Hypnotherapy.** Feeling stressed, anxious, depressed, lacking confidence, motivation or struggling to sleep properly?? Please contact Sue Watermeyer on 07773 236134 or go to <https://www.watermeyerhypnotherapy1.com/> to find out how Solution Focused Hypnotherapy can effectively help (adults and children alike) with these issues.

**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, Charlie Canavan, 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 Prangle, Paul Hogg, John and Anne Dobbin, Mrs Curtis.

***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.***

**RUH Bath Chaplaincy:** Contact Mandy Baker 07775 895814, email - [mandybaker@live.co.uk](mailto:mandybaker@live.co.uk)

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**Future dates for your diary:**

- 27<sup>th</sup> March - Prayer for Melksham, 8.00 am, Queensway Chapel**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> April - joint PPC 7.30 pm St Anthony's**
- 13<sup>th</sup> April – Flower Festival Baptist Church**
- 17<sup>th</sup> April – Chrism Mass, Clifton Cathedral**
- 19<sup>th</sup> April - Good Friday Walk of Witness, 10.00 am United Church**