



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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In order to keep each other safe, save lives and support the NHS, at this time **our Catholic churches are closed to the public.**

Fr Vincent continues to say Mass and pray for us every day, and remains cheerful.

Sunday 17th May: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Word: Acts 8: 5-8; Psalm 65; 1Pt 3: 15-18; Jn 14: 15-21

Hours: Psalter 2 and Proper of Season.

Prayers of the Faithful for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Risen Christ leads us to Glory. He reveals to us the everlasting love of God.

In these uncertain and frightening times, we pray for all those who are ill in mind or body, for the disabled, and for those who mourn their loved ones who have died. We give thanks for all who stand up in these times in the service of others, in our country and in the world. We pray for an end to the pandemic.

We pray for all those in self isolation. We pray that as a Parish community, we may reach out to each other in love and compassion, in whatever way we can, now and in the future.

We pray for our own Parish, the Parishes of St. Stanislaus, Dulverton, and The Sacred Heart, Minehead, with Watchit, and for the United Church in Melksham.

We thank God for our lives and for the gift of each day. Help us to find Your Presence in our hearts. Give us the gift of inner peace which only The Lord can give us. Help us to walk with God in all we say and do.

We make these prayers through Jesus Christ, who is Lord for ever.

Gay Harris

Monday 18th May: Word: Acts 16: 11-15; Psalm 149; Jn 15: 26-16: 4

Hours: Psalter 2 and Proper of Season

Tuesday 19th May: Memorial of St Dunstan, Bishop

Word: Acts 16: 22-34; Psalm 137; Jn 16: 5-11.

Hours: Psalter 2 and Proper of Season

Wednesday 20th May: Word: Acts 17: 15, 22-18; Psalm 148; Jn 16: 12-15.

Hours: Psalter 2 and Proper of Season

Thursday 21st May: Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Word: Acts 1: 1-11; Psalm 46; Eph 1: 17-23; Mt 28:16-20

Hours: Psalter 2 and Proper of Solemnity.425

Prayer for Ascension Thursday

We are tasked with preparing the world for the return of Jesus. We ask God our Father to give us the guidance of his Holy Spirit in this task.

We pray for our parish that even though we cannot be together physically we will continue to be a loving caring community.

We pray for Queensway Chapel and all the churches in Melksham that we may serve our community together.

We pray for all those who are sick, lonely or worried at this time. We pray in Jesus Name. Amen. Anne Doyle

Friday 22nd May: Word: Acts 18: 9-18; Psalm 46; Jn 16: 20-23

Hours: Psalter 2 and Proper of Season

Saturday 23rd May: Word: Acts 18: 9-18; Psalm 46; Jn 16: 20-23

Hours: Psalter 2 and Proper of Season

Mass on the Internet: The celebration of Mass (and other devotions) can be followed on smart TVs, laptops, iPads and mobile phones, using the following links:

Britain, Ireland and the USA; <https://www.churchservices.tv/churches/>

Daily Mass said at Clifton Cathedral, 9.30 am: <https://cliftondiocese.com/>

St Osmund's Church Salisbury; daily Mass at 10.00 am <https://churchservices.tv/salisbury>

Fr Chris at St John's, Bath; Masses, Rosary and Adoration: <https://stjohnsrcbath.org.uk>.

Fr Richard at St Catherine's, Frome; now also streaming Mass <https://www.stcatharines.co.uk/> .

Our Lady of Walsingham; 24-hour coverage of devotions: <https://www.churchservices.tv/walsingham>

CAFOD hosts a live online [children's liturgy](#) for families, on Sundays at 10.00 am.

Live Mass for the Sick, their Families and Care-givers: Recognising that the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting everyone, special Masses will be celebrated for the sick, their families, care workers and NHS staff will be celebrated by one of our Bishops in his Cathedral **every Thursday at 7pm**. [Full schedule](#). For more information visit the CBC website: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/>

YouTube Mass from Trowbridge: Mass from St John the Baptist, Trowbridge, can now be accessed via YouTube: On the YouTube site, type in "Mass at Trowbridge" and search, or use the following link: https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=mass+in+trowbridge

Pentecost 24 Hour Prayer Vigil at Home - from 10am Thursday 21st May to 10am Friday 22nd May: As we approach Pentecost, this time on Ascension Thursday provides an opportunity to pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit afresh on ourselves and on our parish. We join "Thy Kingdom Come" a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension, May 21st and Pentecost, 31st May, for family, friends and neighbours to come to know Jesus Christ. We ask as many parishioners as possible to sign up to an hourly slot to ensure that every hour is covered by prayer for the 24 hours. Please can you contact Mary Rooney either by email, text or phone. Contact details; maryar Rooney@blueyonder.co.uk Mobile 07789 910591, landline 01225 708029.

Novenas: Below you will see a Novena to the Holy Spirit, or you may wish to download "Journey with Mary", a prayer guide from the Ascension to Pentecost, available from the following website:

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/journey-mary-catholic-resource>

"Journey with Mary" is also available as an audio series via apple podcast:

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/journey-with-mary/id1376646206>

"Million Minutes" website: During this time of COVID-19 it is important to support our young people who may be feeling isolated. This website may be of interest: <https://millionminutes.org>

Message from CAFOD: Thank you all at St Anthony of Padua for your generous support for CAFOD this year and for your latest donation of £660.40, received on 31st March, 2020. The support of parishioners like you is the reason why we can be there when an emergency strikes and reach people in urgent need. Please accept our thanks once again for your continuing support and generosity.

Collections: Some parishioners have asked how they can continue to make their offerings while our churches are closed. This will be much appreciated. If you normally put cash or a cheque in the collection plate during Mass, you could now donate via your bank. If you currently pay by standing order, this will continue as usual unless you tell your bank to vary it. We realise that the current emergency is affecting many people's income and they may not be able continue their present level of offerings; in which case, we fully understand and our prayers are with you. Payments can be made direct to our parish bank account via Internet or telephone banking. You can make individual payments whenever you like, or you can set up a Standing Order. If you would like to pay directly into our parish account- please email treasurer.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftondiocese.com providing your name and telephone number and we will contact you with the necessary details.

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, Zofia Clarke, Chris Bate, David Coughlin, Katja Lubina, Patrick Egan, Mrs Jonasz. Deacon David Wakefield, Rebecca Matthews, Paul Hogg, Keith Healy, Alan Glass, Tricia Rigg, Henie Dixon, Brian Hillhouse, June Carey. All those 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.

Diocesan Newsletter: If you would like to receive the Diocesan electronic newsletter, please visit their web page <https://cliftondiocese.com/> , scroll down the page to where it says "Stay in the Loop!" and follow the instructions given to subscribe.

Wordsearch – Sixth Sunday of Easter:



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| ACTS | EARTH | READY |
| ANYBODY | EXAMPLE | RENDER |
| COME | HANDS | RESULT |
| COMMANDMENTS | HEARD | SEA |
| CONSCIENCE | HOPE | SEES |
| COURTESY | KEEPS | SHRIEKING |
| CURED | MESSAGE | SOUL |
| DEEDS | NAME | TREMENDOUS |
| DRYSHOD | PARALYTICS | WORLD |

Only the words that appear in the list should be eliminated. The remaining letters describe the Advocate who is promised to the disciples: - - - - - / - - / - - - - -

The remaining letters from last week were - "I am the way"

Hilary Clifton

Just some thoughts...;

Teacher: How old is your Father?

Alice: He is 6 years old.

Teacher: How can that be?

Alice: Daddy was not a father until the day I was born.

Interviewer: Use the word "fascinate" in a sentence.

Interviewee": I have a coat with 9 buttons, but I can only fasten 8.

Gay Harris

Words of Wisdom.

Close-minded people talk without thinking.

Open-minded people think before talking.

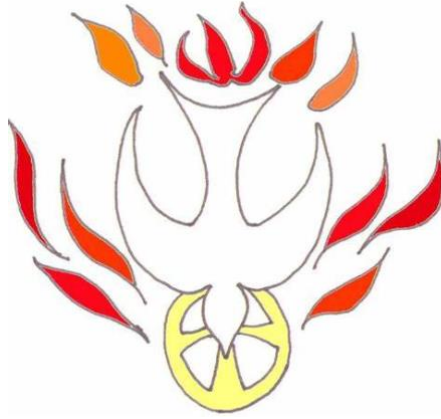


Mrs. Jones got a little too used to watching online worship from home.

Is there anything you would particularly like to see included in the weekly newsletter, while we are unable to gather together to worship? Please send any comments to the email address below, or 'phone the office on 01225 702128 and leave a message. Thank you.

For electronic newsletters, please email:
comms.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftondiocese.com
If you know of any parishioners who do not have access to email, please print this newsletter for them.

Novena to the Holy Spirit



Leader: Jesus said "I shall ask the Father

And he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of Truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows Him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you".

We pray for the gifts of the Holy Spirit

Lord, teach us to silence our own hearts and minds that we may listen for the movements of your Spirit and feel your presence in the depths of our being.

Come, Holy Spirit and fill the hearts of your faithful with the gift of wisdom.

Pause for silent prayer.

Leader: Come Holy Spirit

All: Come, Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit and fill the hearts of your faithful with the gift of counsel.

Pause for silent prayer.

Leader: Come Holy Spirit

All: Come, Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit and fill the hearts of your faithful with the gift of fortitude.

Pause for silent prayer.

Leader: Come Holy Spirit

All: Come, Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit and fill the hearts of your faithful with the gift of understanding.

Pause for silent prayer.

Leader: Come Holy Spirit

All: Come, Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit and fill the hearts of your faithful with the gift of knowledge.

Pause for silent prayer.

Leader: Come Holy Spirit

All: Come, Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit and fill the hearts of your faithful with the gift of piety.

Pause for silent prayer.

Leader: Come Holy Spirit

All: Come, Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit and fill the hearts of your faithful with the gift of the fear of the Lord.

Pause for silent prayer.

Leader: Come Holy Spirit

All: Come, Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, we bring before you all children; may each and every child know joy, love and kindness. We bring before you young people; may they face each new experience with excitement and courage.

Hear our prayer.

We bring before you married couples; may their love and commitment be a shining example of the Father's love. We bring before you parents; may they guide their children with wisdom and patience. We bring before you those who are single and those who live alone; may their lives reflect that of Mary who sat at Jesus' feet and listened to him.

Hear our prayer.

We bring before you the elderly; may their wisdom and experience be shared and appreciated by all. We bring before you all who are lonely, troubled and fearful; may they know that they are loved and cared for.

Hear our prayer.

St Paul says

"What the Spirit brings is very different; love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control."

"Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Holy Spirit"

Holy Spirit of God, we pray that we may reflect in our lives the fruits of your Spirit. We thank you for your never-ending guidance and love. We pray that by our example others will grow closer to you and receive the help and healing that they need. Amen.

"All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit".

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in them fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.

And you shall renew the face of the Earth

Let us pray

O God, who have taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the gift of that same Spirit we may be always truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolations, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.