

DIARY

- SAT** 1st Mass of Sunday at 5.30 pm.
- SUN** **SUNDAY 1 LENT**
Mass at 9.30 am, followed by refreshments in the hall.
- MON** Morning Prayer at 9.15 am; Mass at 9.30 am.
Mothers' Prayers in the hall, 10.30 am
- WED** Morning Prayer at 9.15 am; Mass at 9.30 am, followed by refreshments and Breaking Open and Sharing the Word.
- THU** Adoration 10 am – 7 pm.
- FRI** Morning Prayer at 9.15 am; Mass at 9.30 am. **(CAFOD Lent Fast Day)**
Prayer Group, hall, 7.30 pm.
- SAT** Sacrament of Reconciliation, 11-11.30 am.
1st Mass of Sunday, (2 Lent) at 5.30 pm.

Sundays Year B; Psalter Week 1 + Lent readings etc.

MASS COMMEMORATIONS: Fri: Michael Warren, RIP anniv.; Sat(24): Aubrey Gaughan RIP.

READINGS

Reading 1: Genesis 9: 8-15.

Psalm (24) Refrain: ***Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.***

Reading 2: 1 Peter 3: 18-22.

Gospel Reading: Mark 1: 12-15.

Please pray for the following who are sick: Mr Frank Manning, Mr Richard Eades, Mrs R. Menghini, Mrs Bridie Liddle, Mrs Jonasz, Fr Lloyd, Zofia Clarke, Vilma D'Souza, Don d'Cruz, Mrs Audrey Tickner, Mrs Kathleen Murphy, Charlie Canavan, Ann O'Mahony, John Porter, Don Mackenzie, Faith Wheat, Mrs Rebecca Matthews, Gail Ballinger, Eric Conn, Joyce Alford, Chris Bate, John Doyle, David Coghlan, Helen Krause, David Gompels, Derek Dyer, Michael Lees, Elizabeth Travers, Nuala Barron, June Carey, Tom & Claire Hunter, Mrs Marian Frawley.

Richard Eades is very ill at present – please keep him and Margaret in your prayers; also Eric Conn.

Please remember in prayer Jack Thomas, Tricia Hoy's father, who died recently; and please remember too the family. May he rest in peace.

Welcome to The Parish of St Anthony of Padua



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SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY, 2018

Dear Friends,

By fasting, we can focus on what really matters – our relationship with God and love for our brothers and sisters. But not everyone can choose whether or not they go without food.

Marian and her two sons live in Zimbabwe. The older son, Tawanda, lived his childhood without enough to eat. Marian would leave him in the morning to find work, and return hours later to find him still sitting in the same place. "I didn't have enough food to give him," she said. "He hadn't played, or even walked. It was very painful to see him like that."

When Tawanda was a teenager, Marian had another son, Svondo. He was brought up on fresh vegetables, beans and peanut butter. Now seven years old, he is growing healthy and strong. He plays with his friends and is happy. Both brothers had dreams; but one was prevented from reaching his God-given potential. The difference between these two boys is you. Your donations helped to give Marian some seeds. She did the rest: she worked hard month after month to grow a vegetable garden, and she didn't stop until it flourished. So unlike Tawanda, Svondo didn't go hungry. No child should have to go hungry; yet in the last three minutes, eight children around the world have died of malnutrition. The lack of food made them vulnerable to everyday infections.

Through CAFOD Lent Fast Day you can show children like Tawanda and Svondo that they are not forgotten. Your Lent Fast Day donation (& don't forget to Gift Aid it if you pay tax) you can help to end hunger and poverty across the world. And through Lent, the Government will double our donations up to a total value of £5 million.

In the love of Christ,

Richard Northey

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: £199.30; **Building/Maintenance Fund:** £233.65

NEXT WEEKEND: Retiring collection of CAFOD Lent Fast proceeds.

MOTHERS' PRAYERS: Monday, 10.30 am in the hall.

BREAKING OPEN & SHARING THE WORD: Sharing on next Sunday's Gospel. Wednesdays, after Mass & refreshments.

ADORATION: Thursday, 10 am – 7 pm.

PRAYER GROUP: Friday, 7.30 pm in the hall.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY Friday 23rd February: CAFOD Family Fast Day this Lent is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters who don't have enough to eat. On Friday 23rd February can you give up a meal, or eat a simple meal, in solidarity. With malnutrition still killing almost three million children a year, your fasting, prayers and donations will ensure more of God's children have enough good food to eat. This Lent your donation will make double the difference. For every pound you donate to CAFOD, the UK Government will also donate a pound, up to a total of £5 million, meaning twice the number of lives can be transformed. Twice the number of children can have the opportunity to grow up healthy and strong. Fast Day envelopes will be handed out after both Masses next weekend 17th/18th February. Please give generously.

SICK OR HOUSEBOUND: Please let Fr. Richard know of anyone who is sick, elderly or housebound who would like to be visited and receive Holy Communion.

RUH BATH RC CHAPLAINCY: Mandy Baker – 07775895814, email: mandybaker@live.co.uk please contact Mandy if you have a relative or friend in hospital.

LENT GROUPS: These will continue on the appropriate days this week.

MASS OF ANOINTING: our next Mass for the Housebound and the Anointing of the Sick will be *next* Sunday, 25 February at 2.30 pm. There will be a short meeting in the hall on Monday after Mass and before Mothers' Prayers to discuss food, etc. If you can't attend the meeting but can help with food, please let Mary Harris know. Offers of lifts may also be needed.

PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH every third Thursday at 9:30 am in church before Adoration begins. Prayer intentions: for God's guidance, a smooth transition and for a new parish priest and thanksgiving to God for our parish priest. All are warmly welcome to join in at church or home if you can.

LIFTS TO/FROM MASS: Anyone willing to offer lifts to/from Mass when required, please let Mary Harris know.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER March 2nd 10.30am at the United Church. This year the service has been written by the women of Suriname and will be led by Good News Church. The theme is "All God's Creation is very good" and is on environmental issues.

PREPARING FOR MISSION - Life in the Spirit Seminars Tuesday evenings Lent: Clifton Cathedral is hosting Life in the Spirit seminars for 5 Tuesday evenings in Lent starting on Tuesday 20th February at 7.30pm. This is a great way to help us all prepare for mission. The speakers are: Mgr David Oakley of Oscott Seminary, David Payne and Jenny Baker of Café, Fr Richard McKay from our

diocese and Fr Chris Thomas from the Archdiocese of Liverpool. For more information, email renewal@cliftondiocese.com or call 07815 751 556.

DEANERY LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE: This will be on Tuesday, 6 March, 7 pm, at St. John's Trowbridge. This will replace the individual parish ones. Do take this opportunity of celebrating Reconciliation in preparation for Easter. Several priests of the deanery will be available for individual celebrations of the Sacrament.

PARKING: a) Could those parking on the corner of the car park please pull in tightly? It can be difficult for other cars to get past. b) As Christians, consideration of our neighbours is of primary importance. If you park in the street, please take care not to block our neighbours' parking areas, or park on yellow lines. If our church car park is full, there *is* a nearby public car park; please try to avoid upsetting our neighbours.

MELKSHAM FOODBANK: (www.melkshamfoodbank.org.uk). They are most in need of potatoes (instant), peas (canned), carrots (canned), sugar, pasta. They no longer use boxes – thank you to those who have donated boxes, but please do not leave them in the church porch any more. Does anyone know anyone who is going through a difficult time and might be in need of the help of the Foodbank?

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE: for safety reasons, unaccompanied children are not allowed in the church hall during Mass.

DRIVERS: Please drive with great care when entering or leaving the car park, so that the lives of children – and adults – may not be put at risk.

NEWSLETTER: Any information, articles, etc, please send to the presbytery at the address supplied on the front of the newsletter.

