



# 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. Please continue to pray at home for scientists, doctors, nurses and health care workers.

**Message from Fr Vincent: *I would like to invite you to join me in your homes as I observe Holy Hour between 3.00 pm and 4.00 pm on Divine Mercy Sunday. I will be praying for you all, and I hope you will pray for me.***

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April: Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday**

**Word:** Acts 2: 42-47; Psalm 117; 1Pt 1: 3-9; Jn 20: 19-31.

**Hours:** Psalter 2 and Proper of Season.

Please join Fr Vincent in observing Holy Hour between 3.00 pm – 4.00 pm

**Prayers of the Faithful for the Second Sunday of Easter**

Jesus stands in our midst and says "Peace". Let us pray for peace and solidarity throughout our world.

Let us pray for:

All those suffering from the coronavirus, all those caring for them and for those who find isolation difficult.

For our parish, and for the parishes of St Margaret Mary, Coleford, Our Lady of Victories, Cinderford, Our Lady of Lourdes, Newent with Blaisdon and St Michael's Melksham.

Lord, in these difficult times break through the closed doors of our lives, bring us to life, dispel our fears and make us believers of your promise. Amen.

Anne Doyle

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April: Word:** Acts 4: 23-31; Psalm 2; Jn 3:1-8.

**Hours:** Psalter 2 and Proper of Season.

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April: Word:** Acts 4: 32-37; Psalm 91; Jn 3: 7-15.

**Hours:** Psalter 2 and Proper of Season.

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April: Word:** Acts 5: 17-26; Psalm 33; Jn 3: 16-21.

**Hours:** Psalter 2 and Proper of Season.

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April: Solemnity of St George, Martyr, Patron of England**

**Word:** Apoc 12: 10-12; Psalm 125; Jn 15: 18-21, or Jn 15:1-8

**Hours:** Psalter 2 and Proper of Season.

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April: Word:** Acts 5: 34-42; Psalm 26; Jn 6: 1-15

**Hours:** Psalter 2 and Proper of Season

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April: Feast of St Mark, Evangelist**

**Word:** 1Pt 5: 5-14; Psalm 88; Mk 16: 15-20

**Hours:** Psalter 2 and Proper of Season.

**Mass on the Internet:** Parishioners may wish to know that the celebration of mass can be followed on smart TVs, laptops, iPads and mobile phones, using the following links: <https://churchservices.tv/salisbury> (St Osmund's Church Salisbury – daily mass at 10.00 am) or <https://www.churchservices.tv/churches/>. There is also a daily Mass said at Clifton Cathedral: <https://cliftondiocese.com/>. Our Lady of Walsingham provides 24 hour coverage of a variety of devotions: <https://www.churchservices.tv/walsingham>. Fr Chris at St John's, Bath is also live streaming (and recording) masses, rosary and adoration: <https://stjohnsrcbath.org.uk>. CAFOD is also hosting a live online **children's liturgy** for families, on Sundays at 10.00am.

**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](mailto:treasurer.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftondiocese.com) providing your name and telephone number and we will contact you with the necessary details.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** We have received the following message from the Diocese: As you are all aware, we are experiencing very unusual circumstances both here in the UK and in France due to the Coronavirus. When considering any group pilgrimage, the paramount importance is the safety and wellbeing of our pilgrims and assisted pilgrims. With this in mind, the Bishop has made the difficult decision to cancel the Clifton Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes this year. We will be contacting those who have already enquired to inform them. Deacon Paul Thompson

**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 – Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday:**

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S	D	A	T	E	K	G	H	L	O	V	E
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I	H	B	N	H	E	M	Y	H	E	C	P
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P	I	G	I	E	S	W	E	O	O	P	E
M	F	I	R	S	T	T	I	D	N	R	S
I	N	H	E	R	I	T	A	N	C	E	B

ACTS	HANDS	SEEN
APOSTLES	HOPE	SHARED
BLESSED	IMPRESSION	SIGNS
BROTHERHOOD	INHERITANCE	SPIRIT
CHRIST	JOHN	TESTING
EVENING	LOVE	THANKS
EVERYTHING	PROCEEDS	THOMAS
FIRE	RECEIVE	TWIN
FIRST	RETAIN	

Find all the words from the readings of this Sunday, the Feast of Divine Mercy. The remaining letters reading left to right top to bottom are what we are promised as a result of Christ's death and resurrection - - - - -

The word from last week was Alleluia!

Hilary Clifton

*Just some thoughts...;*

Concern for beauty is not a moral cop-out. It leads us firmly into the midst of all that is going on in our world. Where there is beauty apparent, we are to enjoy it; where there is beauty hidden, we are to unveil it; where there is beauty defaced; we are to restore it, where there is no beauty, we are to create it. All of which places us too, in the arena where oppression occurs, where the oppressed congregate, and where we are called to be.

Robert McAfee Brown

More definitions from Fr Brian Darcy:

Newsletter – your receipt for attending church.

Incense - "Holy Smoke"

Justice - when the kids have kids of their own.

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