



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Diary

- Sunday 19th May** Fifth Sunday of Easter; Mass 9.00 am - First Holy Communion.
Children's Liturgy, all children up to 12 years old welcome. Refreshments in the hall. (Mass at St Edmund's Sat. 6.00pm; Sun. 11.00 am).
- Monday 20th May** Mothers' Prayers 10.30 in the hall.
Requiem Mass today at 12.30; Mrs Mary Adderly
- Tuesday 21st May** Rosary in the Church 10.30
- Wednesday 22nd May** Morning Prayer 9.45am; Mass 10.00 am. Breaking Open and Sharing the Word.
- Thursday 23rd May** Adoration 10.00am – 7.00pm
- Friday 24th May** Morning Prayer 09.30 am; No Prayer Group this week
- Saturday 25th May** Morning Prayer 9.45am; Morning Mass 10.00 am, Sacrament of Reconciliation 10.30 am

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

Readings: Reading 1 – Acts 14:21-27

Psalm Refrain – I will bless your name forever, O God my King.

Reading 2 – Apocalypse 21: 1-5

Gospel – John 13: 31-35

Collections: Sunday 12th May £132.70; retiring collection for Clergy Training Fund £204.80. This week – retiring collection for Priests' Retirement Fund

1st June – Meeting open to all to discuss the future of our Deanery with fewer Priests, St John's Centre, Trowbridge BA14 9EA. Coffee will be served at 10.00 for 10.30 am start. All parishioners are encouraged to attend and have their say about the future of the parishes in our Deanery. Please bring a packed lunch.

Thursday 6th June to Friday 7th June - 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration: We join "Thy Kingdom Come", a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension, May 30th, and Pentecost, June 9th, for everyone to come to know Jesus Christ. This time of silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament will be part of our regular weekly Eucharistic Adoration and we are asking as many parishioners as possible to sign up to an hourly slot to ensure that at least two people are praying before the Blessed Sacrament at all times for the 24 hrs. Please sign up on the spread sheet in the church porch.

Altar Servers: We are looking for more altar servers to join our brilliant team; 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.

Rag Bag Brooches: As part of this year's parish charity fundraising venture we are making "Rag Bag" Brooches to sell, using unwanted cloth, beads and baubles which would otherwise have been thrown away. Please donate any of these items you may have and we will make them into brooches. A box is in the porch for donations.

Thursday 30th May – Sunday 9th June "Thy Kingdom Come" Podcasts: People from different Christian traditions speaking on what prayer means to them, personally and from their tradition. Listen to these on the Diocesan website www.cliftondiocese.com

Saturday 8th June - Bishop Declan is celebrating Mass in the Cathedral 10.30 am: with all those newly baptised and received this Easter. Please let Sharon or Anne know if you would like to attend, so that numbers can be provided for catering purposes.

Saturday 6th July - Diocesan Day, St Brendan's College Bristol. We are looking for young people of school Year 10 and beyond to be the face of the diocese by introducing speakers and workshops, signposting people and making people welcome. You will also have the opportunity to take on the Climbing Wall and Archery range as part of your day! We invite you to a training day on **Saturday 15th June 10am – 3pm at St Brendan's**. If you and your friends would like to take part email youth@cliftondiocese.com and we'll send you more information.

Sunday 26th May, Melksham Baptist Church: Members of Melksham's Christian community are invited to attend the Commissioning Service for Pastor Joshua Parmar at 4.00 pm. The service will be followed by light refreshments in the church hall; please let Anne know if you want to attend.

Saturday 1st June – Ladies' Breakfast: Queensway Chapel 8.45 am. Please contact Mary Harris 01249 730340, email maryinwiltshire@hotmail.com if you would like to attend.

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.

The Bath Street Pastors do an amazing job of helping anyone in need at night on the streets in the centre of Bath. They are a Christian Charity and have made a request for blankets; if you do have blankets you no longer need bring them to church and I will ensure they are passed onto the Street Pastors. They do not expect new ones. Tricia Hoy

Gift Aid: Contact for all queries: Tricia Hoy 01225 704805.

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, John Doyle, Mrs Marian Frawley, Geoff Blwyddin, Mrs Jean Irwin, Mrs Jeanette Allsop, Mrs Bridie Liddle, Zofia Clarke, Chris Bate, David Coughlin, Katja Lubina, Mrs Audrey Tickner, Patrick Egan, Mrs Jonasz. Deacon David Wakefield, Rebecca Matthews, Paul Hogg, John and Anne Dobbin, Keith Healy, George Goodwin.

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.

Drivers: Please be careful entering and leaving the car park and leave the turning area free. Please do not block neighbours' entrances.

Please send items and information for the newsletter to:

comms.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftondiocese.com or give to Sharon Pearce or Anne Doyle by each Thursday **Please send to the above address if you would like the newsletter emailed to you, or give Sharon your email address.**

Future dates for your diary:

29th May – Monthly Prayer for Melksham at St Anthony's, 8.00 am

9th June – Joint celebration at St Edmunds for Fr Vincent's 30th anniversary, 12.00 pm

9th June - Ecumenical Evening Prayer, 6.00 pm St Anthony's
29th June – Mass and Celebration of 50th Wedding Anniversary
6th July – Diocesan Day, St Brendan's College
14th July – Diocesan Pilgrimage to Glastonbury