



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Masses

Sunday Mass at 9.00 am.

Wednesday Mass and Saturday Mass at 10.00 am.

Government advice is that face coverings/masks are worn in crowded, enclosed places.

Sunday 20th March – Third

Sunday of Lent

Sunday Year C; Psalter 3 and Proper of Season

Reading 1 – Ex 3: 1-8, 13-15

Psalm refrain: The Lord is compassion and love.

Reading 2 – 1Cor 10: 1-6, 10-12

Gospel – Lk 13: 1-9

Monday 21st March: Word: 2Kgs 5: 15; Pss 41, 42;

Lk 4: 24-30 Hours: Psalter 3 and Proper of Season

Tuesday 22nd March: Word: Dn 3: 25, 34-43; Ps 24;

Mt 18: 21-35 Hours: Psalter 3 and Proper of Season

Wednesday 23rd March: Word: Dt 4: 1, 5-9; Ps 147;

Mt 5: 17-19 Hours: Psalter 3 and Proper of Season

Thursday 24th March: Word: Jer 7: 23-28; Ps 94;

Lk 11: 14-23 Hours: Psalter 3 and Proper of Season

Friday 25th March: Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Reading 1 – Is 7: 10-14, 8:10

Psalm refrain: Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.

Reading 2 – Heb 10: 4-10

Gospel - Lk 1: 26-38

Hours: Psalter 3 and Proper of Solemnity

Saturday 26th March: Word: Hos 5: 15- 6:6; Ps 50;

Lk 18: 9-1 Hours: Psalter 3 and Proper of Season

Reconciliation after Mass on Saturdays, or by arrangement with Fr Vincent

PARISH NEWS

A Message From Missio: Thank you from Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries for your parish gift of

£159.26. Through your red box or regular gifts, you are a missionary, helping spread God's word and share God's love for all his people. Find out more about how your gifts are transforming lives at [Home - Missio](#)

CAFOD Family Fast Day - Lent Appeal: Thank you for giving to CAFOD's Lent Appeal. Your generous gifts will ensure that CAFOD's local experts like Sister Antonia in Sierra Leone can support families with training in growing and making healthy food so that children can grow up big and strong. You can still donate in the CAFOD envelopes available in church or on their website (cafod.org.uk/lent)

Messages/Prayers for Mum: You are invited to write a message of thanks or prayer for your mother, for Mothering Sunday. They will be put on display at the back of the church next weekend. Paper is available in the porch.

Lent Course 2022 - Belong & Believe: Continues Tuesdays 10.00 am in the hall and 7.00 pm at 16, Sherwood Avenue. All welcome. If you are unable to attend on Tuesdays, you are welcome to come to the same course held at St Edmund's church hall, Calne, Wednesdays from 7.30 – 9.00 pm.

Fridays in Lent: Stations of the Cross, 11.00 am
Followed by **Lenten Lunches in the hall:** We still need **soup making volunteers** to help with these lunches. Donations for charity. If you are able to help, please contact Mary Rooney on 07789910591 or email maryarooney@icloud.com also on Fridays, Divine Mercy Chaplet, 3.00 pm in the church.

Church Flower Arrangers: We really need people to come forward to help out with our flowers, male or female, young or not so young! You only need to know how to put flowers in a vase, not so tricky! Guidance will be provided if required. Please contact **Carolina 01225 706953** or **Tricia 01225 704805**.

Chrism Mass: If you would like transport to the Chrism Mass at Clifton Cathedral on Wednesday 13th April, please sign up on the sheet in the porch.

SYNOD: An international survey of Catholic women is being conducted for the Synod; please visit

<https://catholicwomenspeak.com/catholic-women-international-synod-survey/> for more information. There will also be a link to the survey on the Synod website.

Sunday Ministries - Easter: A sign-up sheet for readers, welcomers, etc for our Easter Services is now in the porch – please sign up as soon as you can! Thank you.

Parish Listening Sessions: Copies of the summary report of our parish listening sessions are available in the porch, for information.

WHAT'S ON

Sunday 20th March: Refreshments in the hall after Mass.

Monday 21st March: Mothers' Prayers 10.30 am in the hall.

Wednesday 23rd March: Breaking Open and Sharing the Word after Mass.

Thursday 24th March: Eucharistic Adoration from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm.

Friday 25th March: Stations of the Cross followed by Lent Lunch in the hall. Donations for charity. Divine Mercy Chaplet 3.00 pm in the church.

CLIFTON DIOCESE

Lenten Reflections: Each day in Lent, a video will be published in which a member of our diocese shares their thoughts and prayers on our website [Lent 2022 | Clifton Diocese](#), and on The Clifton Evangelist Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Please pray with each of them and show your support by sharing these videos with family and friends. We would love to hear from you. Email us your thoughts at adult.education@cliftondiocese.com

Diocesan Newsletter "The Evangelist": The second edition of this newsletter, produced by the Department for Adult Education & Evangelisation is now available. Please visit [Newsletter-Vol-2-2022-b.pdf \(cliftondiocese.com\)](#).

You are encouraged to sign up for their newly created social media accounts on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

Property Management Officer: An exciting opportunity has arisen in the Property Services Team at Clifton Diocese. This is a full-time position based in Alexander House, Bristol. The post holder will need to be self-motivated and well organised with good timekeeping and record keeping abilities. Further information regarding the role is available on the diocesan website:

<https://cliftondiocese.com/diocese/working-for-us/> For an informal discussion about this role please contact Jo Long, Head of Property Services

OTHER NEWS

STELLA MARIS (Apostleship of the Sea): On the one-year anniversary of the Ever Given ship getting stuck in the Suez Canal, Stella Maris Catholic charity is hosting a webinar about modernisation in the shipping industry. It will look at the history of the container ship, the rise of the ultra-large container vessels, and explore what impact modernisation of the shipping industry has had on seafarers around the world. Please register now at

www.stellamaris.org.uk/modernisation to join online on **23rd March at 7.30pm** to hear how shipping has changed in the last century, the impact this is having on seafarers today, and the important role Stella Maris has in supporting them.

CHARITIES

Our Parish Charities: We are re-evaluating our parish charities; more information to follow at a later date.

If you would like to donate to **Wiltshire Air Ambulance**, please use the link:

<https://www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk/donate/>

Mary's Meals: have an internet "Giving Page":

<https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/donate>

The Backpack Project: Mary's Meals has taken the difficult decision to bring The Backpack Project to an end: "We are very grateful to everyone who has supported this much-loved project, however, there are now greater logistical complexities and costs to bear that are unsustainable for our charity. We therefore must focus solely on feeding hungry children living in the world's poorest countries with a nutritious meal each school day. We need to receive all backpack donations by 22nd April so that we can make one final shipment to Malawi. If you haven't already done so, please contact us on info@marysmeals.org or **0800 698 1212** as soon as possible to arrange the collection of any backpacks you already have ready for Mary's Meals. However you support our work, we thank you".

Gift Aid: Your Parish Gift Aid contact is Tricia Hoy, phone number **01225 704805**.

Melksham Food Bank Is grateful for the help from St Anthony's parishioners: A basket for donations is in the church porch, or you can use designated trollies in the Supermarkets, or deliver to the Baptist Church. Items needed – cans of meat, vegetables and fruit, pots of jam, crisps. Do not send chilled, or frozen foods or fresh fruit or vegetables as these cannot be stored. Thank you.

Melksham Family of Churches' Crisis Support: This is for those who need emergency relief (items such as energy meter payments, uniform costs for school children etc.). If anyone would like to contribute to this, please contact Melksham Foodbank or Sharon (Parish office) for further information.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please pray for: Geoff Blwyddin, Mrs Jeanette Allsop, Zofia Clarke, Chris Bate, Andrew Bate, Katja Lubina, Patrick Egan, Rebecca Matthews, Paul Hogg, Keith Healy, Alan Glass, Tricia Rigg, Henie Dixon, Brian Hillhouse, Judith Curtis, Janice Kuranlu, Alistair Strudwick, David Elliot, Callum Ford, Anne Doyle, Sheila Likey-Ayling, Anne O'Mahony, Lorraine Pavey, Francis Ballinger, Shireen Doyle, Chris Harvey, Mary Harris. All who are suffering from coronavirus, and those finding life 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.*

If anyone in the Royal United Hospital would like to receive Holy Communion, please telephone 01225 824039 and leave a message, or email ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 23rd March - Sharing the Journey; Entering the Mystery, Praying the Triduum – Fr James Hanvey SJ, online conversation. Contact adult.education@cliftondiocese.com. to register your interest. A Microsoft Teams invitation will then be sent out to you.

Thursday 31st March - Diocesan Reconciliation Liturgy, 7.00 pm, St John's, Trowbridge.

Wednesday 13th April – Chrism Mass, Clifton Cathedral.

Sunday 22nd May – First Holy Communion

AND FINALLY –

Words of Wisdom

Jesus says: "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you" (Lk 6:27) If you do not react to the bullies, every abuse of power is given free rein, and this is not right. But is it really so? Does the Lord really ask impossible and indeed even unjust things of us?... Let us consider first and foremost that sense of injustice that we feel in "turning the other cheek"... Turning the other cheek is not the withdrawal of the loser, but the action of one who has a greater inner strength. Turning the other cheek means defeating evil with the goodness that opens up a breach in the heart of the enemy, unmasking the absurdity of his hatred."
Pope Francis

Wordsearch – Third Sunday of Lent

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Eliminate only the listed words. No word should be entirely inside another. The remaining letters complete the phrase of the day:

The Lord of compassion _ _ _ / _ _ _ _

The completed sentence from last week was:

"It is your FACE that we SEEK" Hilary Clifton

Is there anything you would particularly like to see included in the weekly newsletter? Help us make our newsletter an enjoyable read!

Please send any comments or items for the newsletter to the email address below, 'phone the office on **01225 702128** and leave a message or put a note through the Presbytery door. Thank you

If you know of any parishioners who do not have access to email, please print this newsletter for them.

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