



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Diary

Sunday 21st April

Sunday of the Resurrection Mass 9.00 am Refreshments in the hall.
(Mass at St Edmund's Sat. 6.00pm; Sun. 11.00 am).

Monday 22nd April

No Mothers' Prayers today

Tuesday 23rd April

Rosary in the Church 10.30

Wednesday 24th

Morning Prayer 9.45am; Mass 10.00 am. Breaking Open and Sharing the Word.

Thursday 25th April

Adoration 10.00am – 7.00pm

Friday 26th April

Morning Prayer 09.30 am; Prayer Group 7.30 pm

Saturday 27th April

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 10; 34, 37 - 43

Psalm Refrain – This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

Reading 2 – Col 3: 1 - 4

Gospel – John 20: 1 – 9

Collections: Sunday 14th £201.65 – please note the collection for Sunday 7th April should read £196.15; apologies for the error. Lenten lunches raised £336.60 for our charities (excluding CAFOD); thank you for your generosity.

Saturday 27th April: Baptism at 10.00 am Mass.

Sunday 28th April – St Anthony's is hosting a Neighbourhood Cream Tea at 3.00 pm in the hall. Please come and welcome our neighbours, and enjoy some scones and cream!

Thursday 2nd May – Parish Pastoral Council Meeting: 7.30pm in the hall. Please contact a member of the PPC if you have anything you would like discussed.

Gift Aid. This year's envelopes are ready for collection. May I remind you as a tax payer please ensure your contributions are still valid for Gift Aid. Also if you have moved house please let me know. All queries contact Tricia Hoy 01225 704805.

Foundation Governors: Both St Patrick's School, Corsham, and St Edmund's School Governing Bodies have vacancies for Foundation Governors. A guide to this vital voluntary role can be found at <https://schools.cliftondiocese.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/A-Guide-for-Foundation-Governors-updated-August-2018.pdf>. If you are interested and wish to make an application,

please contact Mary Ellis, Chair of Governors, St Patrick's School via the school 01249 713125, or Fr Vincent for St Edmund's School.

Rag Bag Brooches: The Advent course 'Global Healing' (Care for our Common Home) challenged us to reflect on our attitude to our world and how we care for it. Pope Francis has said that we must care for creation. With this in mind, as part of this year's parish charity fundraising venture we are going to make some "Rag Bag" Brooches, using cloth, beads and baubles which would otherwise have been thrown away. Please donate any old material and we will make it into brooches. Examples are: any piece of fabric which you would otherwise have just discarded, beads, earrings, and ribbon, etc. A box is in the porch for donations.

Wednesday 24th April – Monthly Prayer for Melksham: 8.00 am, St Andrew's Church

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.

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, Mrs Adderly, 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:

- 11th May – "The Beatles" at Forest and Sandridge School, fundraiser for St Andrew's Church
- 19th May – First Holy Communion
- 1st June – Open meeting on redeployment of priests, St John's centre, Trowbridge
- 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
- 7th July – Melksham Civic Service, St Michael's Church