



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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We welcome the decision that Catholic Churches can re-open from 15th June 2020 for private prayer when safe to do so. We are working to ensure that we will be able to open St Anthony's as soon as we can do so safely.

In order to do so, we are now asking for volunteer stewards from those who are under 70 years of age and not shielding.

We will inform parishioners of re-opening arrangements when available.

Sunday 21st June: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Word: Jer 20: 10-13; Psalm 68; Rom 5: 12-15; Mt 10: 26-33

Hours: Psalter 4

Prayers of the Faithful, Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Do not be afraid, I am with you. Trust in Me, have Faith in me, and do not be afraid."

In these uncertain and frightening times, we pray for all who feel lost in life, through illness, poverty, disability, discrimination, loneliness, injustice or bereavement. We remember those affected by the Coronavirus, and pray for a vaccine. We give thanks for the women and men in these times, who serve others, in this country and in the world.

We pray that as a Parish community, we may reach out to each other, in this time of social distancing and isolation, in whatever way we can, with love and compassion.

We thank God for the gift of life and for this day. Help us to live it the best we can.

We pray for our own parishes, St. Anthony's and St. Edmunds, for St. Peter's Church in Gloucester and for the Church of St. Barnabas in Melksham. We especially pray for Fr. Vincent.

Help us to be witnesses to God's word in this unbelieving world. May we walk with Him in all we say and do. We pray for God's grace to do this.

We make these prayers through Jesus Christ, who is Lord forever and ever. Amen

Gay Harris

Monday 22nd June: Feast of Saints John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs

Word: 2Mc 6: 18, 21, 24-31; Psalm 30; Mt 24: 4-13

Hours: Psalter 4

Tuesday 23rd June: Word: 2Kgs 19: 9-11, 14-21, 31-36; Psalm 47; Mt 7: 6, 12-14.

Hours: Psalter 4

Wednesday 24th June: Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

Word: Is 49: 1-6; Ps 138; Acts 13: 22-26; Lk 1- 57-66, 80

Hours: Psalter 4 and Proper of Solemnity

Thursday 25th June: Word: 2Kgs 24: 8-17; Ps 78; Mt 7: 21-29

Hours: Psalter 4

Friday 26th June: Word: 2Kgs 25; Ps 136; Jn 4: 7-16; Mt 8: 1-4

Hours: Psalter 4

Saturday 27th June: Word: Lam 2: 2, 10-14, 18-19; Psalm 73; Mt 8: 5-17

Hours: Psalter 4

Electronic Private Prayer Resources: While some of our churches are now open for times of private prayer, electronic resources are available to aid prayer using smartphones or tablets as books, reflection sheets etc. cannot be made available. There are a number of useful sites online, such as Universalis and

pray-as-you-go, and there are resources that were made available for the National Eucharistic Congress Adoremus. Some of these, for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, are now collated under the 'Further Resources' tab on the Liturgy Office section of the Diocesan website and may be accessed here:

<https://cliftondiocese.com/departments/adult-education/liturgy-office/>

Parish Finance update: As we have not had any offertory collections or building fund collections during the period of the lockdown, the year to date figures show our receipts to the end of May are at least £2,000 down compared to the same period last year. Fortunately, the receipts from standing orders are only slightly down. Many thanks to the parishioners who contribute by standing order or online and those who have arranged new standing orders recently. We realise that the current situation has had an adverse effect on many household incomes but if anyone can or would like to contribute to the parish, they can do so by either posting a cheque made out to "St Anthony of Padua Parish Melksham" to "The Presbytery, 22 West End, MELKSHAM, Wilts., SN12 6HJ or email the Treasurer with your name and telephone number at treasurer.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftondiocese.com to arrange a regular standing order or online individual donation to the Parish. Thank you.

Melksham Food Bank: There has been a huge rise in the number needing the Food Bank. To donate food items, please use either the 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.

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.

Wordsearch – Sacred Heart:

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| DEEDS | LABOUR | SACRIFICE |
| EXCLAIMED | LAY | SAVIOUR |
| FAILS | LIGHT | SLAVERY |
| FAITH | MADE | TESTIFY |
| FOR | MATTHEW | THOUSAND |
| FORGET | MERCY | WAS |
| GRACIOUSNESS | MIGHTY | WHO |
| GRAVE | MOSES | WORLD |
| HAND | OUR | YES |
| HEALS | POWER | YOKE |
| HIDING | REPAY | |

Eliminate only the words given in the list. FOR is separate from FORGET. The remaining letters describe the Sacred Heart - - - - - and - - - - - . Colour in the words in the list which are in bold for a bonus shape! The words last week were CORPUS CHRISTI

Hilary Clifton

Just some thoughts:

Extracts from Church bulletins:

- Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5.00pm - prayer and medication to follow
- The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon. via Hilary Clifton

A space ship landed in front of me and out of it steps a 20-foot cream bun.
It was one of those extra cholesterol.

I used to work in a garage which had a jet wash. It was pointless, there was nowhere for them to land.

Tim Vine

Words of Wisdom:

Peace

Let nothing disturb thee;
Let nothing dismay thee,
All things pass.
God never changes,
Patience attains
All that it strives for.
He who has God
Finds he lacks nothing.
God alone suffices.

Gold Collection, Fr Brian Darcy

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Any Comments?

Is there anything you would particularly like to see included in the weekly newsletter, while we are unable to gather together to worship? Please send any comments to the email address below, or 'phone the office on 01225 702128 and leave a message. Thank you.

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