



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Sunday 22nd May – Sixth Sunday of Easter: Mass 9.00 am.

Wednesday 25th May: Mass 10.00 am

Thursday 26th May: Ascension of the Lord: Mass 10.00 am, followed by Pentecost Prayer Vigil

Friday 27th May: Mass Intention Mary Harris RIP, 10.00 am

Saturday 28th May: No Mass

Sunday 29th May – Seventh Sunday of Easter: Mass 9.00 am

Wednesday 1st June: Mass 10.00 am

Saturday 4th June: No Mass

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

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

Readings at end of newsletter

PARISH NEWS

Sunday 22nd May – First Holy Communion: Erin, Hannah, Henry, Sophia, Slawomir and William celebrate their First Holy Communion today; we are delighted to share this special occasion with them.

Sunday 29th May – retiring collection for the Catholic Communications Network

Mary Harris, RIP: The funeral of Mary Harris will take place at 11.30 am on Friday 27th May, at Christ Church, Shaw. Fr Vincent will be taking part in the service. There will be a Mass said for Mary at 10.00 am at St Anthony's, before we go on to the service at Shaw.

Ascension Thursday 26th May - Pentecost Prayer Vigil: After 10.00 am Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed until 10.00 pm ending with night prayer, to pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. We need parishioners to sign up to an hour adoration, if you are free and able to take part, please select an hour and put your name on the spreadsheet in the church porch, or contact Mary Rooney on 07789910591 or email maryar Rooney@blueyonder.co.uk

Pentecost Evening Prayer: St Anthony's will be hosting Pentecost Evening prayer on Sunday 5th June at 6.00 pm and welcoming our friends from Melksham churches to join us, as well as our parish family.

St Anthony's Feast Day: The Feast Day of St Anthony of Padua is 13th June. To celebrate this year, Mass will be said on Wednesday 15th June at 7.00pm followed by a get together in the hall. Please come along for our first social event since the pandemic!

WE NEED YOU.....For our parish to thrive, we do need more people to assist in various ways, in addition to those who already volunteer...

Can You help? We are having a **Garden and Tidy up** day at the church on Saturday May 28th from 10.30am. Please come along. Bring your favourite gardening tools. Coffee and tea provided. Many thanks.

Eucharistic Adoration: It would be helpful to have more Adorers to cover the hours of 10.00 to 11.00 am and 2.00 to 3.00pm. If you can help, please contact Mary Rooney. Thank you.

Sunday Coffees: We need more volunteers for our rota to help with refreshments after Mass on Sunday; please see Carolina.

Altar Servers: Thanks to those who have already signed up, but more altar servers will be helpful. Our young people are especially invited to become servers; please sign up on the sheet in the porch. Full training given.

Mondays: Mothers' Prayers 10.30 am in the hall.

Tuesdays: Rosary in the church 10.00 am.

Wednesdays: Breaking Open and Sharing the Word in the hall after Mass.

Thursdays: Eucharistic Adoration 10.00 am to 3.00 pm. *Special Adoration 26th May – see above*

Fridays: Divine Mercy Chaplet 3.00 pm

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, Tricia Rigg, Henie Dixon, Brian Hillhouse, Judith Curtis, Janice Kuranlu, Anne Doyle, Sheila Likey-Ayling, Anne O'Mahony, Lorraine Pavey, Francis Ballinger, Shireen Doyle, Chris Harvey, Fr John O'Toole. 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

CLIFTON DIOCESE

Marriage Catechists: A formation course for married couples and widowers who are interested in becoming a marriage catechist. Your role will be to accompany, support and help prepare the couple for the sacrament of marriage showing the engaged couple that being married is an ongoing action that happens daily. Why not think about becoming a marriage catechist and share your experiences of this remarkable vocation. Held over three evenings, **9th, 23rd, and 30th June at English Martyr's, Tuffley.** We begin with refreshments from 7.00pm and start the session at 7.15pm. For more information and/or to register your interest please email adult.education@cliftondiocese.com, or register via the Eventbrite link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/marriage-catechists-series-of-three-sessions-tickets-329642659067>

CAFOD - The paradox of abundance: Over 800 million people go hungry each day. Yet the world produces over 4 billion tons of food, and we only need 3.7 billion tons to feed everyone. From all this food produced, a third is wasted. St John Paul II called this 'the paradox of abundance.' Clearly the currently global food system is not working. But as Pope Francis said, "Each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet." Let's respond to his call! CAFOD's

new campaign is called Fix the Food System. See www.cafod.org.uk/food for more information, including an invitation for parish groups to learn about the impact of our food with our *Fix the Food System: a 7-station journey* resource.

OTHER NEWS

Jubilee Organ Concert, St Michael's Church, Thursday 2nd June, 7.30 pm: Local organists will play a mixture of classical and popular music. Tickets £10, to include refreshments, available from www.melksham.church/jubilee or visit the Tourist Information Centre.

The Bereavement Journey – a Place to Talk, Thursday 9th June, 7.00 pm: There are only 4 places left on this course, which has helped many people begin to work through the difficult emotions of separation from their loved ones in bereavement. Telephone **01225 707387** or **07389 866714** for more information. Cost £10.

CHARITIES

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

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>

Melksham Food Bank Is being Called Upon More than ever: They are 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 etc). If anyone would like to contribute to this, please contact Melksham Foodbank or Sharon (Parish office) for further information.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 22nd June – Synod Evening Liturgy, Clifton Cathedral, 7.00 pm. Book via <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/evening-liturgy-synod-tickets-327123734897>

Saturday 2nd July – Celebration of Marriage, Clifton Cathedral, to attend please email adult.education@cliftondiocese.com

AND FINALLY –

Wordsearch: Sixth Sunday of Easter

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| BEQUEATH | HOME | WAYS |
| BLOOD | JUDAEA | WHOLE |
| BORE | LETTER | WORD |
| BROTHERHOOD | LORD | |
| CHURCH | LOVES | |

The _ _ _ _ _ glory _ _ God

The completed phrase from last week was: "Love one ANOTHER"

Hilary Clifton

Wordsearch: Ascension

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| GALILEE | NOW | |

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

Christ's _ _ _ _ _ glory

Hilary Clifton

Did you know.....

Traffic in central London moves at the same speed as horse-drawn carriages a century ago

There is a hotel in Bolivia made almost entirely of salt, complete with salt beds and chairs.

Words of Wisdom

Heroism does not consist only of the great events that fall under the spotlight.....Heroism is often found in the tenacity of love poured out in a difficult family and on behalf of a threatened community.

Pope Francis

Readings Easter Week 6

Sunday Year C; Psalter 2 and Proper of Season

Sunday 22nd May – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Reading 1 – Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29

Psalm refrain: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Reading 2 – Apoc 21: 10-14, 22-23

Gospel – Jn 14: 23-29

Monday 23rd May: Word: Acts 16: 11-15; Ps 149; Jn 15: 26-16:4 **Hours:** Psalter 2 and Proper of Season

Tuesday 24th May: Memorial of St Aldhelm, Bishop

Word: Acts 16: 22-34; Ps 137; Jn 16: 5-11

Hours: Psalter 2 and Proper of Memorial

Wednesday 25th May: Memorial of St Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor of the Church

Word: Acts 17: 15, 22- 18:1; Ps 148; Jn 16: 12-15

Hours: Psalter 2 and Proper of Memorial

Thursday 26th May: Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Reading 1 – Acts 1: 1-11

Psalm refrain: God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

Reading 2 – Eph 1: 17-23

Gospel – Lk 24: 46-53

Friday 27th May: Feast of St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

Word: 1Thes 2: 2-8; Ps 116; Lk 10: 1-9

Hours: Psalter 2 and Proper of Season

Saturday 28th May: Word: Acts 18: 23-28; Ps 46; Jn 16: 23-28 **Hours:** Psalter 2 and Proper of Season



Readings Easter Week 7

Sunday Year C; Psalter 3 and Proper of Season

Sunday 29th May – Seventh Sunday of Easter

Reading 1 – Acts 7: 55-60

Psalm refrain: The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.

Reading 2 – Apoc 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20

Gospel – Jn 17: 20-26

Monday 30th May: Word: Acts 19: 1-8; Ps 67; Jn 16: 26-16:4 **Hours:** Psalter 3 and Proper of Season

Tuesday 31st May: Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Word: Zep 3: 14-18; Is 12; Lk 1: 39-56

Hours: Psalter 3 and Proper of Feast

Wednesday 1st June: Memorial of St Justin, Martyr

Word: Acts 20: 28-38; Ps 67; Jn 17: 11-19

Hours: Psalter 3 and Proper of Memorial

Thursday 2nd June: Word: Acts 22: 30, 23: 6-11; Ps 15; Jn 17: 20-26 **Hours:** Psalter 3 and Proper of Season

Friday 3rd June: Memorial of St Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

Word: Acts 25: 13-21; Ps 102; Jn 21: 15-19

Hours: Psalter 3 and Proper of Memorial

Saturday 4th June: Word: Acts 28: 16-20, 30-31; Ps 10; Jn 21: 20-25 **Hours:** Psalter 3 and Proper of Season

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

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