



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Sunday 24th April – Divine Mercy Sunday: Mass 9.00 am.

Wednesday 27th April: No Mass – Morning Prayer 10.00 am

Saturday 30th April: Mass 10.00 am

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

Retiring Collections:

Holy Places - £125.00

Fr Danny - £240.00

This weekend – Fr Vincent (Easter)

Divine Mercy Sunday, the Octave Day of Easter - Celebrating God's Merciful Love: This Sunday we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday with a Holy Hour at 3.00 pm. The 3.00 pm devotions provide us with an opportunity to immerse ourselves in the light of God's merciful love. Please do attend and avail of all the graces that our Lord wants to provide us with on this special feast.

Eucharistic Adoration: We're extending the time we spend in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm. We welcome and encourage more parishioners to join the Adoration Rota particularly to cover the **hours from 10.00 to 11.00 am and 2.00 to 3.00 pm**. If you are willing to spend an hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, please contact **Mary Rooney: 07789910591** or email maryaroney@blueyonder.co.uk Thank you.

Rosary: We will pray the Rosary in church each Tuesday at 10.00 am during the month of May.

Sunday 24th April: Refreshments in the hall after Mass.

Monday 25th April: Mothers' Prayers 10.30 am in the hall.

Wednesday 27th April: Morning Prayer at 10.00 am, followed by Breaking Open and Sharing the Word in the hall.

Thursday 28th April: Eucharistic Adoration 10.00 am to 3.00 pm.

Friday 29th April: Divine Mercy Chaplet 3.00 pm

We Need More Altar Servers! Our young people are especially invited to become servers – you can serve as soon as you have received your First Holy Communion, and we would be very grateful for your help. Full training will be given. Please sign up on the sheet in the porch.

Gift Aid: Thank you to everyone who has signed up to Gift Aid their offering to St Anthony's. The majority of Gift Aid donations are provided by standing order and in the past, we have provided envelopes for the second collection. In future we will not be issuing envelopes for the second collection due to the cost of printing. Occasionally there will be special envelopes; please use them as appropriate. Please remember that if your tax circumstances change, do let Tricia know if you are unable to donate using the Gift Aid scheme. **Contact Tricia Hoy 01225 704805.**

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, Mary Harris, 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

DIOCESAN NEWS

Celebration of Marriage - Saturday 2nd July:

Bishop Declan is celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on **Saturday 2nd July** (12 noon) and invites all married couples to join him. He sends a personal invitation to those couples who are celebrating significant anniversaries during 2022 (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 65th, or 70th) or those who will marry during this year. If you are celebrating such an anniversary, or are getting married this year and would like to attend, email a request with your address to adult.education@cliftondiocese.com so that a personal invitation can be sent to you.

SYNOD: The Diocesan Synod report, based on our parish reports has now been completed and sent to the Bishops' Conference in good time. It was a mammoth task, and we are very grateful to you all for the enormous effort put into collating and sending the reports to us. The report will be shared with the diocese by Bishop Declan at an event at the Cathedral, details to follow later.

OTHER NEWS

Message from CAFOD: Thank you so much for your support of CAFOD's Lent Family Fast Day, the Walk Against Hunger and the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. **St Anthony of Padua's parishioners raised £406.00.** Your support means we can respond in crises such as Ukraine: it also means we're there in the long-term and can continue to respond to crises around the world, including in Afghanistan, Syria, Ethiopia, and South Sudan. We work alongside communities as they rebuild their lives once the conflict is over. For lots more detail on how your donations are being used, please go to the CAFOD website cafod.org.uk

CAFOD, UCM and the NBCW: In 2022 CAFOD celebrates its 60th anniversary, and 62 years since the first Family Fast Day was launched by our founding mothers. To mark this occasion, we are holding a fun filled family quiz on Zoom in aid of women's empowerment in Lebanon on **Saturday 7th May at 7.00pm**; do join us! We are delighted that the Union of Catholic Mothers, along with the National Board for Catholic Women have decided to mark this special anniversary by supporting our work in Lebanon. NBCW and UCM have already raised

over £8,000 to support women in Lebanon to access skills training and support. To find out more and to donate visit the [JustGiving page](#). We hope to see you, your family and friends at the quiz! Thank you once again for your support of CAFOD. Register for the quiz at [UCM/NBCW Easter Quiz for CAFOD Tickets, Sat 7 May 2022 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](#)

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 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 non-food relief. If anyone would like to contribute to this, please contact Melksham Foodbank or Sharon (Parish office) for further information.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April 26th and 28th - Pastoral Ministry

Information Evenings, online information sessions, please see [Pastoral Ministry information evenings | Clifton Diocese](#)

Sunday 22nd May – First Holy Communion

AND FINALLY –

A Prayer by Brian Darcy

Dear God, so far today I've done OK.
I haven't gossiped or lost my temper.
I haven't been grumpy, nasty or selfish.
But – in a few more minutes, God,
I'm going to get out of bed,
And that's when I will need your help.
Amen

Did you Know?

The 100 folds in a chef's hat represent 100 ways to cook an egg.

Wordsearch: Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

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The word from the Palm Sunday Wordsearch was "PARADISE," and Easter Sunday's solution was "ALLELUIA!"
Hilary Clifton

Wordsearch Special – Ukrainian Cities

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| IVANOFRANKIVSK | NOSIVKA | UMAN |
| IZMAIL | ODESSA | UZYN |
| KERCH | OLEVSK | VINNYTSIA |
| KHARKIV | PODILSKYI | VYZHNYTSIA |
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With humble apologies for any misspellings!
Hilary Clifton

Readings Easter Week 2

Sunday Year C; Psalter 2 and Proper of Season

Sunday 24th April – Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Reading 1 – Acts 5: 12-16

Psalm refrain: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Reading 2 – Apoc 1: 9-13, 17-19

Gospel – Jn 20: 19-31

Monday 25th April: Feast of St Mark, Evangelist

Word: 1Pt 5: 5-14; Ps 88; Mk 16: 15-20 **Hours:** Proper of Season

Tuesday 26th April: Solemnity of St George, Martyr, Patron of England

Word: Apoc 12: 10-12; Ps 125; Jn 15: 18-21 **Hours:** Proper of Season

Wednesday 27th April: Word: Acts 5: 17-26; Ps 33; Jn 3: 16-21 **Hours:** Proper of Season

Thursday 28th April: Word: Acts 5: 27-33; Ps 33; Jn 3: 31-36 **Hours:** Proper of Season

Friday 29th April: Feast of St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe

Word: 1Jn 1: 5 - 2: 2; Ps 102; Mt 11: 25-30 **Hours:** Proper of Saint

Saturday 30th April: Word: Acts 6: 1-7; Ps 32; Jn 6: 16-21 **Hours:** 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!

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

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