



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Diary

Sunday 24th March

6.00pm; Sun. 11.00 am). **Children's Liturgy, all children up to 12 years old welcome.**

Refreshments in the hall.

Joint St Anthony's and St Edmund's Lenten prayer service at St Edmund's 3.30 pm.

Monday 25th March

Mothers' Prayers 10.30 in the hall

Tuesday 26th March

Rosary in the Church 10.30, Lent groups 10.30 and 7.00 pm

Wednesday 27th March

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

Thursday 28th March

Adoration 10.00am – 7.00pm

Friday 29th March

Stations of the Cross 11.00am, followed by Lent lunch Prayer Group 7.30 pm

Saturday 30th March

Morning Prayer 9.45am; Morning Mass 10.00 am, Sacrament of Reconciliation 11.00am

Sundays Year C-1; Psalter Week 3 and Proper of Season

Readings: Reading 1 – Exodus 3: 1-8, 13-15

Psalms Refrain – The Lord is compassion and love

Reading 2 – 1 Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12

Gospel – Luke 13: 1-9

Collections: Sunday 17th March £215.75; proceeds of CAFOD Family Fast Day £655.50

Thank you so much for supporting CAFOD Family Fast Day. Our parish raised £655.50. Your support will bring us closer to a world where no one is beyond reach of the love and care they need to flourish. Thank you for fasting in solidarity and please keep our brothers and sisters in your prayers throughout Lent.

Saturday 30th March - Altar Servers training: Training will be held at 11.00 am for any young person who wishes to train to be an altar server, and who has made their First Communion and are aged 7 years and above. Please sign up on the sheet in the porch this weekend. Parents please sign also.

Wednesday 17th April - Chrism Mass: A bus has been arranged for those wishing to attend the Chrism mass at Clifton Cathedral. Cost is £15.00 each, leaving King St Car Park at 8.45 am April. Please sign up on the sheet in the porch.

Easter Ministries: Please sign up on the sheet in the porch.

29th March - Funeral of Mrs Alice Curtis: will take place at 12.00 at St George's Church, Warminster.

3rd April – Funeral of Mr Charles Canavan: will take place at St Anthony's at 1.00pm.

Prayer Groups: Please note that there will be no Prayer Groups on April 5th, 12th and 19th; the group will recommence on Friday 26th April.

Thursday 28th March - Lent Liturgy of Reconciliations: Our Deanery Liturgy of Reconciliation will be held at St John's Church, Trowbridge, at 7.00 pm. Bishop Declan will be celebrating Liturgies of Reconciliation at five venues across the diocese; please see the Diocesan website for more information.

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.

27th March – Monthly Prayer for Melksham: 8.00 am, Queensway Chapel. Please support Prayer for Melksham.

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.

Mothers' Day Flowers: Each year, Melksham Family of Churches create small posies to be given to ladies in Melksham town centre on the Saturday before Mothers' Day; this year this will be 30th March. Help is required please, after Lent lunch on Friday 29th March to make some posies as part of St Anthony's contribution.

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, Anna Prangle, Paul Hogg, John and Anne Dobbin, Keith Healy.

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:

3rd April - joint PPC 7.30 pm St Anthony's
13th April – Flower Festival Baptist Church

19th April - Good Friday Walk of Witness, 10.00 am United Church
19th May – First Holy Communion