



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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In order to keep each other safe, save lives and support the NHS, at this time **our Catholic churches are closed to the public.**

Please, don't lose heart. Please, get deeper rooted. When a plant is deprived of some surface water, it has to put down deeper roots. We are going to have to put down deeper roots of the Spirit and we know that God will nurture us.

Cardinal Vincent in his message as parishes moved to suspend public Masses

Fr Vincent continues to say Mass and pray for us every day, and remains cheerful.

Sunday 24th May: Seventh Sunday of Easter

Word: Acts 1: 12-14; Psalm 26; 1Pt 4: 13-16; Jn 17: 1-11

Hours: Psalter 3 and Proper of Season.

Prayers of the Faithful for the Seventh Sunday of Easter

Lord we ask for your help and love in these desperate days, we believe that you will care for us, if we have the courage to believe in you.

We pray for all in Holy Orders as they struggle to support their communities, while keeping safe themselves. In these times the attending of Mass via live-streaming we may fulfil our obligations, but when churches again open our faith will be stronger.

We give thanks to our local community who have banded together to support people who have to remain isolated; by so doing they are following Christ's example of helping each other.

Let us remember in our prayers the parishes of St Domenic's, Dursley and St Joseph's Nympsfield; we pray also for the Church of God of Prophecy in Melksham.

Let us pray at this special time for the right use of the media, may they not spread disinformation as we rely on them to give a fair and accurate description in this troubled world.

We thank the Risen Lord for his love, may we follow his example and show love and respect to others.

We offer our prayers to the Lord.

Terri Welch

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

Acts 19: 1-8; Psalm 67; Jn 16: 29-33

Hours: Psalter 3 and Proper of Season

Tuesday 26th May: Memorial of St Philip Neri, Priest

Word: Acts 20: 17-27; Psalm 67; Jn 17: 1-11.

Hours: Psalter 3 and Proper of Season

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

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

Hours: Psalter 3 and Proper of Season

Thursday 28th May: Word: Acts 22: 30, 23: 6-11; Psalm 15; Jn 17: 20-26

Hours: Psalter 3 and Proper of Season

Friday 29th May: Word: Acts 25: 13-21; Psalm 102; Jn 21: 15-19

Hours: Psalter 3 and Proper of Season

Saturday 30th May: Word: Acts 28: 16-20; Psalm 10; Jn 21: 20-25

Hours: Psalter 3 and Proper of Season

Mass on the Internet: The celebration of Mass (and other devotions) can be followed on smart TVs, laptops, iPads and mobile phones, using the following links:

Britain, Ireland and the USA; <https://www.churchservices.tv/churches/>

Daily Mass said at Clifton Cathedral, 9.30 am: <https://cliftondiocese.com/>

St Osmund's Church Salisbury; daily Mass at 10.00 am <https://churchservices.tv/salisbury>

Fr Chris at St John's, Bath; Masses, Rosary and Adoration: <https://stjohnsrcbath.org.uk>.

Fr Richard at St Catherine's, Frome; now also streaming Mass <https://www.stcatharines.co.uk/>

Our Lady of Walsingham; 24-hour coverage of devotions: <https://www.churchservices.tv/walsingham>

CAFOD hosts a live online **children's liturgy** for families, on Sundays at 10.00 am.

YouTube Mass from Trowbridge: Mass from St John the Baptist, Trowbridge, can now be accessed via YouTube: On the YouTube site, type in "Mass at Trowbridge" and search, or use the following link:

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=mass+in+trowbridge

Live Mass for the Sick, their Families and Care-givers: Recognising that the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting everyone, special Masses will be celebrated for the sick, their families, care workers and NHS staff will be celebrated by one of our Bishops in his Cathedral **every Thursday at 7pm. Full schedule.** For more information visit the CBC website: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/>

Radio Mass: RTE Radio broadcasts regular celebrations of Mass and is accessible on a standard radio, on 252 Long Wave. Please help make this known to anyone who is unable to access online resources.

Also - Premier Christian Radio live - 1332 kHz AM, City of London ...

<https://onlineradiobox.com/uk/premierchristian> Premier Christian Radio is a British Christian radio station, part of Premier (a Christian communications organisation) which is in turn wholly owned by the charity Premier Christian Media Trust. Premier Christian Radio broadcasts Christian programming including news, debate, teachings and Christian music across the United Kingdom.

Additional online resources: Please see additional online resources listed at the end of the newsletter.

Thanks to everyone who took part in the 24-hour Pentecost Prayer Vigil: At least 2 people committed to pray each hour from 10.00am Thursday 21st to 10.00am Friday 22nd (at times we had 6 people praying together – while apart); we were also joined by Christians from other churches in Melksham. We know that others also prayed who were unable to commit to a definite time. This is an inspiring example of the Holy Spirit working among us all – thank you.

Novenas: Below you will see a Novena to the Holy Spirit, or you may wish to download "Journey with Mary", a prayer guide from the Ascension to Pentecost, available from the following website:

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/journey-mary-catholic-resource>

"Journey with Mary" is also available as an audio series via apple podcast:

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/journey-with-mary/id1376646206>

Pentecost resources for Children: Mission Together Pentecost resources help children celebrate the birthday of the Church. Through these resources children learn that the Church is not just a building made with bricks but a community made up of billions of people around the world, all children of our heavenly Father and all trying to share God's love as Jesus taught. Each Pentecost Liturgy contains scripture, prayer, interactive Gospel drama and activities. Usually aimed at Teachers and Catechists, the resources are currently available to download at home – please view before you print, the downloads are quite large!

<https://missiontogether.org.uk/calendar/resources-for-pentecost-2020/>

Collections: Some parishioners have asked how they can continue to make their offerings while our churches are closed. This will be much appreciated. If you normally put cash or a cheque in the collection plate during Mass, you could now donate via your bank. If you currently pay by standing order, this will continue as usual unless you tell your bank to vary it. We realise that the current emergency is affecting many people's income and they may not be able continue their present level of offerings; in which case, we fully understand and our prayers are with you. Payments can be made direct to our parish bank account via Internet or telephone banking. You can make individual payments whenever you like, or you can set up a Standing Order. If you would like to pay directly into our parish account- please email treasurer.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftondiocese.com providing your name and telephone number and we will contact you with the necessary details.

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.

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.

For electronic newsletters, please email: comms.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftondiocese.com
If you know of any parishioners who do not have access to email, please print this newsletter for them.



Online Resources (including some listed as per Diocese of Westminster Website):



For Families:

Home learning: CAFOD can help through this time of school closures due to coronavirus with resources <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Education-resources> to use at home for [primary schools](#) and [young people](#).

Ten Ten Resources A new Sunday Liturgy for families with children of primary school age has been created by Ten Ten Resources to help enable Sunday prayer and worship during the period of church closures.

Following the structure of the Mass, the liturgy includes an animated film of the Sunday Gospel, a short homily on video and an act of Spiritual Communion.

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/primary-subscription/prayers-for-home/daily-prayers-for-home/>

Missio offer activity sheets which include simple tasks, questions, prayers and adapted scriptures. They'll help children learn, reflect, and stand in solidarity with children around the world already living in hardship. At times like this, we encourage children to remember that we are all part of God's family.

<https://missiontogether.org.uk/school-closures-home-activities/>

Catholic Kids Media <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2PceGA55X7Y>

Other:
[Click to Pray](#) is the home of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network and provides three brief moments of prayer each day as well as allowing you share your own prayer intentions for all to pray.

[Pray as you Go](#) release daily spoken meditations on the readings of the Mass designed to go with you wherever you go. Lasting between ten and thirteen minutes, it combines music, scripture and some questions for reflection. They have also launched a new series called [Pray as you Stay](#) providing weekly prayers.

The Benedictine Monks of Ampleforth Abbey live-stream their daily [Monastic Office and Conventual Mass](#).

Join the Church Community online...

[Torch](#) provides a new homily each week, written by the Dominican Friars.

[Christian Art Today](#) gives a reflection of each day's Gospel, told through art and is run by a seminarian of the diocese.

The Catholic worship collective, One Hope Project, are running a weekly session on Sundays at 5pm called OHP Gather Online. Join them on their [YouTube channel](#) to worship, listen to a message and pray together.

Every Wednesday, Youth2000 upload a reflection to their [blog](#), written by a member of their team and how they are coping with the lockdown.

[Churches together in England](#) encourage Christians to put a poster in their windows as a sign of faith.

Sr Catherine Wybourne, a Benedictine nun of Holy Trinity Monastery in Herefordshire continues to share reflections on her [blog](#).

[Thinking Faith](#), the online Journal of the British Jesuits.

[Heaven's Road Catholic Online Radio](#) broadcast's 24/7 with a mix of Catholic programmes and Mass.

Bishop Robert Barron's [Youtube channel](#) broadcast's daily Mass as well as providing brief commentaries on faith and culture.

Fr Lawrence Lew OP uploads daily reflective photos to his [Flickr account](#)

Fr Stephen Wang has set up a YouTube channel with live streams called [Pause for Faith](#), where he shares some chat, some spiritual reflection, and 'live prayer' to encourage you to pray at home.

Catholic Voices are running weekly webinars each Monday to share inspiring wisdom, stories and answers to the questions on people's hearts and minds. Register [here](#)

Fr Rajiv Michael, priest at Westminster Cathedral, has created a blog featuring his homilies called [Casting Fire](#).

Deacon Anthony Clark from St Edward the confessor, Golders green, is recording a daily Gospel reflection which can be found at their [YouTube channel](#).

Westminster Youth Ministry and the SPEC community are joining forces to bring Evening Prayer and Adoration from their chapel in pinner each day from 5-6pm. Join them on their [YouTube Channel](#).

Fr Christopher Jamison OSB has produced a resource about how to isolate healthily called [Alone Together](#).