



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Diary

- Sunday 26th May** Sixth Sunday of Easter; Mass 9.00 am Children's Liturgy, all children up to 12 years old welcome. Refreshments in the hall. (Mass at St Edmund's Sat. 6.00pm; Sun. 11.00 am – First Holy Communion).
- Monday 27th May** Mothers' Prayers 10.30 in the hall.
- Tuesday 28th May** Rosary in the Church 10.30
- Wednesday 29th May** Morning Prayer 9.45am; No Mass today. Breaking Open and Sharing the Word.
- Thursday 30th May** Ascension of the Lord - Mass 10.00 am followed by Adoration to 7.00pm
- Friday 31st May** Morning Prayer 09.30 am; The Novena to the Holy Spirit begins today; copies available in the porch. No Prayer Group this week.0
- Saturday 1st June** No Morning Prayer or Mass today; meeting at St John's Centre

Sundays Year C-1; Psalter Week 2 Sunday and Proper of Season

Readings: 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 – Apocalypse 21: 10-14, 22-23

Gospel – John 14: 23-29

Collections: Sunday 19th May £212.45; retiring collection for Priests' Retirement Fund; £309.00 Next week: retiring collection for Catholic Communications.

1st June – Meeting open to all to discuss the future of our Deanery with fewer Priests, St John's Centre, Trowbridge BA14 9EA. Coffee will be served at 10.00 for 10.30 am start. All parishioners are encouraged to attend and have their say about the future of the parishes in our Deanery. Please bring a packed lunch.

Wednesday 29th May: St Anthony's is hosting this month's Prayer for Melksham, 8.00 am; please support your parish.

Thursday 6th June to Friday 7th June - 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration: "Thy Kingdom Come", is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension, May 30th, and Pentecost, June 9th. This time of silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament will be part of our regular weekly Eucharistic Adoration. Please sign up on the sheet in the church porch to an hourly slot to ensure that at least two people are praying before the Blessed Sacrament at all times for the 24 hrs.

Sunday 9th June - Joint celebration for Fr Vincent's 30th anniversary: St Edmund's at 12.00 pm; come and join us for strawberries and wine!

Sunday 9th June - Ecumenical Evening Prayer, 6.00 pm St Anthony's: Our parishioners will be hosting this ecumenical evening prayer for Pentecost; please support your parish! Refreshments available afterwards.

Altar Servers: We are looking for more altar servers to join our brilliant team; 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. Parents please sign also.

Thursday 30th May – Sunday 9th June “Thy Kingdom Come” Podcasts: People from different Christian traditions speaking on what prayer means to them, personally and from their tradition. Listen to these on the Diocesan website www.cliftondiocese.com

Saturday 6th July - Diocesan Day, St Brendan's College Bristol: The day begins at 9.45am with an opening liturgy and concludes at 4.15pm with Mass. Refreshments served from 9.15am. Details can be found at www.cliftondiocese.com Lunch is provided, please sign up on the sheet in the porch or email by Wednesday 26th June just to let us know you are coming: adult.education@cliftondiocese.com Workshop details available in the porch.

Saturday 13th July – Marriage Mass at Clifton Cathedral: Bishop Declan will be celebrating Mass at 12 noon, and invites all married couples to join him. If you are celebrating a significant anniversary and wish to attend, please email adult.education@cliftondiocese.com

Saturday 1st June – Ladies' Breakfast: Queensway Chapel 8.45 am. Please contact Mary Harris 01249 730340, email maryinwiltshire@hotmail.com if you would like to attend.

Thursday 30th May – Ascension Service and Agape Meal: St Barnabas Church, Beanacre, 7.30 pm.

Friday 31st May – Pentecost Prayer and Praise Service: Hosted by Queensway Chapel at 7.30 pm in Queensway Family Centre in Pembroke Road, opposite the Chapel.

Melksham Foodbank: Desperately need donations; please look on the website for further information: <http://melkshamfoodbank.org.uk/foodbox-contents/> . Please donate non-perishable food.

The Bath Street Pastors help anyone in need at night on the streets in the centre of Bath. They are a Christian Charity and need blankets; if you do have blankets to donate please bring them to church. They do not expect new ones. Tricia Hoy.

Gift Aid: Contact for all queries: Tricia Hoy 01225 704805.

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, Zofia Clarke, Chris Bate, David Coughlin, Katja Lubina, Mrs Audrey Tickner, Patrick Egan, Mrs Jonasz. Deacon David Wakefield, Rebecca Matthews, Paul Hogg, John and Anne Dobbin, Keith Healy, George Goodwin.

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 or Anne 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: 29th June – Mass and Celebration for 50th Wedding Anniversary; 14th July – Diocesan Pilgrimage to Glastonbury