



## Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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### Diary

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January:** **Second Sunday of the Year. Mass 9.00 am (St Edmund's Sat. 6.00pm; Sun. 11.00 am). Children's Liturgy, all children welcome up to 12 years old.**

Refreshments in the hall.

**Melksham Family of Churches' Covenant Service 11.00am at St Michael's Church.**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January** Mothers' Prayers 10.30 in the hall

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January** Rosary in the Church 10.30

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January** **Morning Prayer 9.45am; Morning Mass 10.00am**

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January** Adoration 10.00am – 7.00pm

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February** **Morning Prayer 9.30am**

Prayer Group 7.30pm

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** **Morning Prayer 9.45am Morning Mass 10.00 am. Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.** Liturgy Group meeting 11.00 am

### Sundays Year C-1; Psalter Week 3

**Readings:** Reading 1 – Nehemiah 8: 2-6, 8-10

**Psalm Refrain – Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life**

Reading 2 – 1 Corinthians 12: 12-30

Gospel – Luke 1: 1-4, 4: 14-21

**Collections: Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January £188.15**

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> January:** This year's theme: "Justice, only justice, I will pursue" Deuteronomy 16: 20, organised by the Communion of Churches, Indonesia, and the Catholic Bishops' Conference, Indonesia. A podcast for each day is available on Clifton Diocese website: <https://soundcloud.com/clifton-diocese> Please take the time to listen to different voices.

**Melksham Family of Churches' Covenant Service 2019:** Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 11.00am at St Michael's church.

**Liturgy Group Meeting – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 11.00 am in the Hall.**

**Mothers' Prayers Thanksgiving Mass – 16<sup>th</sup> February:** Mothers Prayer group invites all women in the parish to a Thanksgiving Mass on the 16<sup>th</sup> of February. Mass will be followed by breakfast and a talk by Fr Paul Gonsalves.

**Prayer for Melksham 2019:** Please note from January 2019, monthly Prayer for Melksham will be held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 08.00 am. The first occasion will be on 30<sup>th</sup> January at Melksham Baptist Church. **Please support Prayer for Melksham.**

**February 2<sup>nd</sup> - Ladies' Breakfast:** Queensway Chapel are holding a Ladies' Breakfast on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Please arrive at 8.45am for a 9.00am start. Guest speaker will be Jeanine Porter. There is no charge but donations are welcome. Please sign up on the sheet in the porch if you would like to attend.

**Holy Land Pilgrimage for young Catholics (18-35ish) 24<sup>th</sup> July – 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2019:** Arranged by Downside Abbey and Clifton Diocese Vocations Ministry. Visit many Holy Christian sites, together with archeological and cultural places of interest in Israel and the Palestinian Territories. Contact Rina at [rinabird@outlook.com](mailto:rinabird@outlook.com) for a full itinerary, pricing and a booking form. Approximate price is £1,000.

**March 2<sup>nd</sup> CYMFed Flame:** This the biggest Catholic Youth Event in the UK at Wembley Arena. All young people of Secondary school age are invited to join Bishop Declan and thousands of young people from across the UK at the fantastic event. To buy your ticket visit [www.cliftondiocese.com](http://www.cliftondiocese.com) and click on the Flame logo. Download the booking forms and parental consent. Email: [youth@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:youth@cliftondiocese.com) for more information.

**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, Charlie Canavan, 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, Les Warren, Anna Prangle, Paul Hogg, John and Anne Dobbin.

**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.**

**RUH Bath Chaplaincy:** Contact Mandy Baker 07775 895814, email - [mandybaker@live.co.uk](mailto:mandybaker@live.co.uk)

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#### **Future dates for your diary:**

**Prayer for Unity – 28<sup>th</sup> January, 3.40 pm, Melksham Baptist Church**  
**Prayer for Melksham – 30<sup>th</sup> January 8.00 am, Melksham Baptist Church**  
**Melksham Family of Churches AGM – 11<sup>th</sup> February, United Church**  
**Mothers' Prayers Thanksgiving Mass – 16<sup>th</sup> February**  
**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting – 21<sup>st</sup> February**  
**(Women's) World day of Prayer – 1<sup>st</sup> March 10.30 am, St Michael's**  
**International Evening – 2<sup>nd</sup> March**