



# Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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## Masses

**Sunday Mass at 9.00 am.**

**Wednesday Mass and Saturday Mass at 10.00 am.**

**Government advice is that face coverings/masks are worn in crowded, enclosed places.**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Fourth**

**Sunday of Lent**

**Sunday Year C; Psalter 4 and Proper of Season**

**Reading 1 – Jos 5: 9-14**

**Psalm refrain: Taste and see that the Lord is good.**

**Reading 2 – 2Cor 5: 17-21**

**Gospel – Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March: Word: Is 65: 17-21; Ps 29;**

**Jn 4: 43-54 Hours: Psalter 4 and Proper of Season**

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March: Word: Ez 47: 1-9, 12; Ps 45;**

**Jn 5: 1-3, 5-16 Hours: Psalter 4 and Proper of Season**

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March: Word: Is 49: 8-15; Ps 144;**

**Jn 5: 17-30 Hours: Psalter 4 and Proper of Season**

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March: Word: Ex 32: 7-14; Ps 105;**

**Jn 5: 31-47 Hours: Psalter 4 and Proper of Season**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April: Word: Wis 2: 1, 12-22; Ps 33;**

**Jn 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30 Hours: Psalter 4 and Proper of Season**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April: Word: Jer 11: 18-20; Ps 7;**

**Jn 7: 40-52 Hours: Psalter 4 and Proper of Season**

**Reconciliation after Mass on Saturdays, or by arrangement with Fr Vincent**

## PARISH NEWS

**Next week – retiring collection for Easter flowers**

**Messages/Prayers for Mum:** You are invited to write a message of thanks or prayer for your mother, or mother-figure in your life for Mothering Sunday. They will be put on display at the back of the church this weekend. Paper is available in the porch.

**Diocesan Reconciliation Liturgy: This Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> March, 7.00 pm, St John's Trowbridge.**

**Chrism Mass:** If you would like transport to the Chrism Mass at Clifton Cathedral on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April, please sign up on the sheet in the porch **before 31<sup>st</sup> March (Thursday).**

**Altar Servers needed:** 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.

**Lent Course 2022 - Belong & Believe:** Continues Tuesdays 10.00 am in the hall and 7.00 pm at 16, Sherwood Avenue. All welcome. If you are unable to attend on Tuesdays, you are welcome to come to the same course held at St Edmund's church hall, Calne, Wednesdays from 7.30 – 9.00 pm.

**Fridays in Lent: Stations of the Cross, 11.00 am** Followed by **Lenten Lunches in the hall:** We still need **soup making volunteers** to help with these lunches. Donations for charity. If you are able to help, please contact Mary Rooney on 07789910591 or email [maryar Rooney@icloud.com](mailto:maryar Rooney@icloud.com) also on Fridays, Divine Mercy Chaplet, 3.00 pm in the church.

**Church Flower Arrangers: We really need people to come forward to help out with our flowers,** male or female, young or not so young! You only need to know how to put flowers in a vase, not so tricky! Guidance will be provided if required. Please contact **Carolina 01225 706953** or **Tricia 01225 704805.**

**SYNOD: An international survey of Catholic women** is being conducted for the Synod; please visit <https://catholicwomenspeak.com/catholic-women-international-synod-survey/> for more information. There will also be a link to the survey on the Synod website.

**Sunday Ministries - Easter:** A sign-up sheet for readers, welcomers, etc for our Easter Services is now in the porch – please sign up as soon as you can! Thank you.

**Parish Listening Sessions:** Copies of the summary report of our parish listening sessions are available in the porch, for information.

#### WHAT'S ON

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March:** Refreshments after Mass this week.

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March:** Mothers' Prayers 10.30 am in the hall.

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March:** Breaking Open and Sharing the Word after Mass.

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March:** Eucharistic Adoration from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April:** Stations of the Cross followed by Lent Lunch in the hall. Donations for charity. Divine Mercy Chaplet 3.00 pm in the church.

#### CLIFTON DIOCESE

**Pastoral Ministry Information Evenings:** The Synodal Process has already shown that the laity wants to be more involved in the life of the church, and there is a need for solid formation to give people the confidence to respond. Clifton Diocese offers two in-depth courses in support of this need:

*The Loyola Certificate in Pastoral Ministry*, and *The Clifton Ministry Skills Programme*. If you are interested to find out more, then join us for one of two online information sessions taking place on **26<sup>th</sup> April or 28<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm (Teams)**. The sessions will outline the purpose of the courses, introduce you to current students and give an opportunity for asking questions and gaining information about how to apply. Sign up via the Eventbrite links for the session you wish to attend:

26<sup>th</sup> April:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/pastoral-ministry-information-session-i-tickets-272078362707>

28<sup>th</sup> April:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/pastoral-ministry-information-session-ii-tickets-272082274407>

**Lenten Reflections:** Each day in Lent, a video will be published in which a member of our diocese shares their thoughts and prayers on our website [Lent 2022 | Clifton Diocese](#), and on The Clifton Evangelist Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Please pray with each of them and show your support by sharing these videos with family and friends. We would love to hear from you. Email us your thoughts at [adult.education@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com)

**Six-Part Series on Laudato Sí:** A six-part series on Laudato Sí, the Papal Encyclical promulgated by Pope Francis will take place at

St. Thomas More, Cheltenham but will also be presented online via Teams. The first three parts, called Laudato Sí: Into the Wilderness take place in Lent. The final three, called Laudato Sí: A New Creation, take place during Eastertide. Dates for the sessions are:

#### Laudato Sí: Into the Wilderness

31<sup>st</sup> March: 19:00-20:30

7<sup>th</sup> April: 19:00-20:30

#### Laudato Sí: A New Creation

21<sup>st</sup> April: 19:00-20:30

28<sup>th</sup> April: 19:00-20:30

5<sup>th</sup> May: 19:00-20:30

Tea and biscuits will be offered from 18:30 before the sessions begin. Please register your interest by sending an email to

[adult.education@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com), and let us know if you intend to join in person or online.

#### OTHER NEWS

**CAFOD – Appeal for Ukraine:** We are all troubled by what is happening in Ukraine. Our sister Caritas agencies in Ukraine and Caritas agencies in neighbouring countries are already helping people who are affected, and they have asked for financial assistance. CAFOD is leading and coordinating that appeal in England and Wales (now part of DEC) on behalf of our sister agencies working in, and on the borders of Ukraine. Please go to

[cafod.org.uk/ukrainecrisis](https://cafod.org.uk/ukrainecrisis) for ways to help.

**Catholic Herald and Magnificat** are pleased to let you know that the digital Holy Week and April issues are available free at the following [www.magnificat.com/april](http://www.magnificat.com/april). For individual subscriptions to MAGNIFICAT please visit: <https://catholicherald.co.uk/magnificat/>

#### CHARITIES

**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>

**Gift Aid:** Your Parish Gift Aid contact is Tricia Hoy, phone number **01225 704805**.

**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 relief (items such as energy meter payments, uniform costs for school etc.). If anyone would like to contribute to this, please contact Melksham Foodbank or Sharon (Parish office) for further information.

**OUR PARISH FAMILY**

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please pray for:** Geoff Blwyddin, Mrs Jeanette Allsop, Zofia Clarke, Chris Bate, Andrew Bate, 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. 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](mailto:ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net)

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Easter Concert, Clifton Cathedral, 7.00 pm. For more details visit [Clifton Cathedral – Easter Concert | Clifton Diocese](#)

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April – Chrism Mass, Clifton Cathedral.

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April – Mystagogia – it's Not a Swear Word; David Wells, online conversation. Contact [adult.education@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com). to register your interest. A Microsoft Teams invitation will then be sent out to you.

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – First Holy Communion

**AND FINALLY –**

**Did you Know?**

Summer on Uranus lasts 42 years

**Words of Wisdom**

Lent is a favourable time to seek out – and not avoid – those in need; to reach out – and not ignore - those who need a sympathetic ear and a good word; to visit – and not to abandon – those who are lonely. Let us put into practice our call to do good to all, and take time to love the poor and needy, those abandoned and rejected, those discriminated against and marginalised.

Pope Francis

**Wordsearch – Fourth Sunday of Lent**

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ARMS	FREE	RECONCILING
CALF	GILGAL	RING
CAMP	HIRED	ROBE
ENTRUSTED	HUSKS	SAFE
EYES	LEFT	SENSES
FAMINE	LIPS	SERVANTS
FARM	LOST	SINNED
FED	LUKE	TASTE
FEED	PASSOVER	TAX
FINGER	PITY	TIME
FIRST	RADIANT	WORLD

Eliminate only the listed words. No word should be entirely inside another. The remaining letters give us the New Testament book used for the second readings at the moment:

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The completed phrase from last week was:

“The Lord of compassion AND LOVE” Hilary Clifton

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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