

## DIARY

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| <b>SAT</b> | <b>Pentecost Vigil</b> at 5.30 pm.  |
| <b>SUN</b> | <b><u>SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</u></b><br>Mass at 9.30 am, followed by refreshments in the hall.      |
| <b>MON</b> | Morning Prayer at 9.15 am; Mass at 9.30 am.<br>Mothers' Prayers in the hall, 10.30 am                           |
| <b>WED</b> | Morning Prayer at 9 15 am; Mass at 9.30 am, followed by refreshments and Breaking<br>Open and Sharing the Word. |
| <b>THU</b> | Adoration 10 am – 7 pm.   |
| <b>FRI</b> | St. Justin, Martyr.<br>Morning Prayer at 9.15 am; Mass at 9.30 am.  |
| <b>SAT</b> | Sacrament of Reconciliation, 11-11.30 am<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday Body & Blood of Christ) at 5.30 pm.  |

Sundays Year B; Weekdays Year 2 (Wk. 8); Psalter: Sunday: Trinity; otherwise Week 4.

**MASS COMMEMORATIONS:** **Sat(26):** Don Mackenzie RIP; **Sat(2):** Eric Conn RIP.

### READINGS

**Reading 1:** Deuteronomy 4: 32-34, 39-40.

Psalm (32) Refrain: ***Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.***

**Reading 2:** Romans 8: 14-17.

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 28: 16-20.

**Please pray for the following who are sick:** Mr Frank Manning, Mrs R. Menghini, Mrs Bridie Liddle, Mrs Jonasz, Fr Lloyd, Zofia Clarke, Vilma D'Souza, Don d'Cruz, Mrs Audrey Tickner, Mrs Kathleen Murphy, Charlie Canavan, Ann O'Mahony, John Porter, Faith Wheat, Mrs Rebecca Matthews, Gail Ballinger, Joyce Alford, Chris Bate, John Doyle, David Coghlan, Helen Krause, Michael Lees, Elizabeth Travers, Nuala Barron, June Carey, Tom & Claire Hunter, Mrs Marian Frawley, Geoff Blwyddin, Pamela Polizzotto.

## Welcome to The Parish of St Anthony of Padua



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### **SUNDAY 27 MAY, 2018**

Dear Friends,

There was a story in one of my previous parishes that in my predecessor's time while they were preparing for the Easter Vigil one year, an altar server, (obviously not as nicely behaved as *our* altar servers!), in the absence of the priest had seized the paschal candle and used it as a weapon against a fellow altar server, and it had got broken! (I can't remember now how they got around that to celebrate the Vigil!) It is a reminder of how we can use what God has created, and what we have made from what he has created, either for good or for evil! We remember the famous passage from Isaiah, "they will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles" (Isaiah 2:4); there is also the opposite of this in the prophet Joel, "Hammer your ploughshares into swords, your sickles into spears"(Joel 4:10).

Sadly we have been hearing only recently how, especially in London, knife crime is on the increase. Knives are very useful instruments in the kitchen; but they can be deadly weapons when used against other people. As Christians we are called upon to use God's creation for good, and especially for spiritual good; and to inspire other people to do the same. This is symbolised above all by the sacraments, where we use ordinary things of God's creation to bring about the spiritual good of the Church's members and prospective members – water, bread, wine, oil, to initially bring about, and to increase the effectiveness and growth of. the new life in Christ that God has given us through his Holy Spirit. May the sacraments always inspire us in other ways too to use the good things that God has created for us to bring about good, and to encourage others to do the same..

In the love of Christ,

*Richard Northey*

**LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION:** £188.45

**THIS WEEKEND:** Retiring Collection for the Priests' Retirement Fund. Leaflets and gift aid envelopes are available in the porch if you did not take them last week.

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Monthly retiring collection for the Building/Maintenance Fund.

**MOTHERS' PRAYERS:** Monday, 10.30 am in the hall.

**BREAKING OPEN & SHARING THE WORD:** Sharing on next Sunday's Gospel. Wednesdays, after Mass & refreshments.

**ADORATION:** Thursday, 10 am – 7 pm.

**PRAYER GROUP:** None this Friday; resumes 8 June.

**LET IT BE – INSPIRING NEW FILM COURSE ON MARY:** We are running the new CaFE film on the life of Mary past & present. Filmed around the world with well-known experts and down-to-earth testimonies about how the example and prayer of Mary can help us grow in our everyday faith. As part of the course you will get your own Let It Be Book which includes the main content of the film plus lots of useful follow-on info and optional daily prayer reflections. Why not bring a friend and come and check out Session 1. Starting on Tuesday 19 June in the Parish Hall starting at 10.30 am. Refreshments included. A sign-up sheet is now available in the porch.

**DIOCESAN FAMILY DAY:** St. Brendan's 6<sup>th</sup> Form College, Brislington, Bristol, Sat 30 June, 10.15 am, ending with Mass at 3.30 pm. Starting with Keynote, various workshops & displays. If you would like to attend, please telephone 0117 902 5595 or email [adult.education@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com) Lunch will be provided for all participants, so they will need to know by Fri. 22 June.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION & READERS:** There will be workshops for both existing and newly-appointed Extraordinary Ministers and Readers (if you are both Readers and Ext..Ministers, you will have to choose!) at the Diocesan Family Day mentioned above; but you will have to be sent by your parish rather than book in yourself. If you have one of these ministries, please sign up on the list in the porch, in the column for the appropriate ministry. Readers will receive a special blessing at the Mass and Ext. Ministers will be (re-) commissioned.

**SICK OR HOUSEBOUND:** Please let Fr. Richard know of anyone who is sick, elderly or housebound who would like to be visited and receive Holy Communion.

**RUH BATH RC CHAPLAINCY:** Mandy Baker – 07775895814, email: [mandybaker@live.co.uk](mailto:mandybaker@live.co.uk) please contact Mandy if you have a relative or friend in hospital.

**PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH** every third Thursday at 9:30 am in church before Adoration begins. Prayer intentions: for God's guidance, a smooth transition and for a new parish priest and thanksgiving to God for our parish priest. All are warmly welcome to join in at church or home if you can.

**FROM NORA:** May is the Month of Mary. Let us gather round the Blessed Mother and ask for Her intercession, She who was able to move Her divine Son to perform His first public miracle, can still do that for us today. Join in praying for vocation in the priesthood, religious life and for sanctifying

grace for Christian families. Rosary every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 am in the Church during May.

**PARKING:** a) Could those parking on the corner of the car park please pull in tightly? It can be difficult for other cars to get past. b) As Christians, consideration of our neighbours is of primary importance. If you park in the street, please take care not to block our neighbours' parking areas, or park on yellow lines. If our church car park is full, there *is* a nearby public car park; please try to avoid upsetting our neighbours.

**MELKSHAM FOODBANK:** ([www.melkshamfoodbank.org.uk](http://www.melkshamfoodbank.org.uk)). They are most in need of potatoes (instant), peas (canned), carrots (canned), sugar, pasta. They no longer use boxes – thank you to those who have donated boxes, but please do not leave them in the church porch any more. Does anyone know anyone who is going through a difficult time and might be in need of the help of the Foodbank?

**PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:** for safety reasons, unaccompanied children are not allowed in the church hall during Mass.

**DRIVERS:** Please drive with great care when entering or leaving the car park, so that the lives of children – and adults – may not be put at risk.

**NEWSLETTER:** information, please send to at the address front of the

Any articles, etc, the presbytery supplied on the newsletter.

