



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Diary

Sunday 28th April **Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) 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).

Monday 29th April Mothers' Prayers 10.30 in the hall

Tuesday 30th April Rosary in the Church 10.30

Wednesday 1st May **Morning Prayer 9.45am; Mass 10.00 am.** Breaking Open and Sharing the Word.

Thursday 2nd May Adoration 10,00am – 7.00pm

Friday 3rd May **Morning Prayer 09.30 am;** Prayer Group 7.30 pm

Saturday 4th May **Morning Prayer 9.45am; Morning Mass 10.00 am, Feast of the English Martyrs;** Sacrament of Reconciliation 10.30 am

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

Readings: Reading 1 – Acts 5: 12-16

Psalm Refrain – Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Reading 2 – Apocalypse 1: 9-13, 17-19

Gospel – John 20: 19-31

Collections: Holy Thursday

18th April, Fr Danny £260.00; Good Friday 19th April, Holy Places £120.00. Next week - retiring collection for Sisters of St Peter Claver Mission Appeal.

Sunday 28th April – St Anthony's is hosting a Neighbourhood Cream Tea at 3.00 pm in the hall for the residents of West End. Please come and welcome our neighbours, and enjoy some scones and cream!

Thursday 2nd May – Parish Pastoral Council Meeting: 7.30pm in the hall. Please contact a member of the PPC if you have anything you would like discussed.

Sunday 5th May: Sisters of St Peter Claver will be giving a short talk on their work after Mass.

Gift Aid. This year's envelopes are ready for collection. May I remind you as a tax payer please ensure your contributions are still valid for Gift Aid. Also if you have moved house please let me know. All queries contact Tricia Hoy 01225 704805.

Summer Camps 2019: The Clifton Diocese Summer Camps are now taking bookings for 2019. A residential week of outdoor activities, catechesis, faith development, friendship and much more, all for only £200 per child! For more information, please visit the Clifton Diocese [website](#), or go to

<http://livingyourfaith.co.uk>. Week 1 (ages 7-11): 12-16 August, Week 2 (ages 12-16): 19-23 August.

Foundation Governors: St Patrick's School, Corsham Governing Body has several vacancies for Foundation Governors. The school was ranked "Outstanding" in last year's Diocesan Section 48 denomination inspection, and Foundation Governors are key to help support the staff and Headteacher in our parish primary school. A guide to this vital voluntary role can be found at <https://schools.cliftondiocese.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/A-Guide-for-Foundation-Governors-updated-August-2018.pdf>. If you are interested and wish to make an application, please contact Mary Ellis, Chair of Governors, St Patrick's School via Mrs Gilbert at the school - 01249 713125, or Sharon Pearce. More information about St Patrick's Catholic Primary School can be found on the school website: <http://www.stpatricks-wilts.co.uk/>

Rag Bag Brooches: The Advent course 'Global Healing' (Care for our Common Home) challenged us to reflect on our attitude to our world and how we care for it. Pope Francis has said that we must care for creation. With this in mind, as part of this year's parish charity fundraising venture we are going to make some "Rag Bag" Brooches, using cloth, beads and baubles which would otherwise have been thrown away. Please donate any old material and we will make it into brooches. Examples are: any piece of fabric which you would otherwise have just discarded, beads, earrings, and ribbon, etc. A box is in the porch for donations.

Melksham Foodbank: Desperately need donations; please look on the website for further information: <http://melkshamfoodbank.org.uk/foodbox-contents/> . Please donate non-perishable food, e.g. potatoes (instant) Peas, carrots (canned) sugar, pasta, UHT milk, and ensure that these items are within the "use by" dates.

The March for Life UK will take place on Saturday 11th May starting outside Westminster Church House, 25 Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BN at 2pm. There will also be events in the morning from 9:30am until 1:30pm, for more details see www.MarchforLife.co.uk

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, Mrs Adderly, 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 Pearce or Anne Doyle 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:

- 11th May – "The Beatles" at Forest and Sandridge School, fundraiser for St Andrew's Church
- 19th May – First Holy Communion
- 29th May – Monthly Prayer for Melksham at St Anthony's
- 1st June – Open meeting on redeployment of priests, St John's centre, Trowbridge
- 9th June – Joint celebration at St Edmunds for Fr Vincent's 30th anniversary, 12.00 pm
- 9th June - Ecumenical Evening Prayer, 6.00 pm St Anthony's

7th July – Melksham Civic Service, St Michael’s Church
14th July – Diocesan Pilgrimage to Glastonbury