



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Mass will be celebrated Wednesday 3rd March at 10.00 am, and Sunday 7th March at 9.00 am.

Please do not arrive at church hoping to attend Mass if you have not booked in advance. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday is currently suspended.

It is mandatory for face coverings/masks to be worn in places of worship unless you have an exemption from wearing one (Children under 11, illness, disability, etc.)

Please note that Covid regulations require young children to be supervised by an adult, remaining with them at all times in and around the Church. Thank you.

To pre-book your attendance at Mass and Stations of the Cross, contact Anne Doyle telephone 01225 707486 or email anne.doyle16@blueyonder.co.uk on the following days:

Monday, Tuesday or Thursday of each week

Please note: Toilet facilities will remain closed; please remember this when planning your visit. Heartfelt thanks to all our volunteer stewards and cleaners who make reopening possible.

Prayer for Melksham - you are invited to spend some time each Wednesday in prayer for all who live and work in Melksham, our Council, industry and shops, hospital, care homes and surgeries.

**Sunday 28th February: Second Sunday of Lent
Sunday Year B; Psalter week 2, Sundays of Lent**

Reading 1 – Gn 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18

Psalm refrain: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Reading 2 – Rom 8: 31-34

Gospel – Mark 9: 2-10

Prayers of the Faithful, Second Sunday of Lent

O God of Life and Love, we thank you for sending us Your Beloved Son, to redeem and save us. Guide us to Easter. We place our prayers at Your feet.

We thank God for the vaccine and pray for those who organise and administer it at home, in the poorer countries and worldwide.

We pray for CAFOD, that with the help of our donations, they will continue to provide aid to our brothers and sisters in need, throughout the world.

We pray for those preparing to receive the Sacraments.

We pray for all we have known and loved, who have died, and for their families and friends.

We pray for the sick in mind and body, for the disabled, and for all who love and care for them.

We pray for Pope Francis, Fr. Vincent, our two Parishes, the Church of St. Mary-on-the Quay, St. James's Priory and St. Michael's Church, Melksham.

Help us to recognise daily, the beauty of Your Creation, the beauty within others, and the beauty within ourselves.

We make these prayers in the Name of The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit.

Gay Harris

Monday 1st March: Feast of St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales

Word: Phil 3: 8-14; Ps 1; Mt 5: 13-16

Hours: Psalter 2, Mondays of Lent

Tuesday 2nd March: Word: Isa 1: 10, 16-20; Ps 49; Mt 23: 1-12

Hours: Psalter 2, Tuesdays of Lent

Wednesday 3rd March: Word: Jer 18: 18-20; Ps 30; Mt 20: 17-28

Hours: Psalter 2, Wednesdays of Lent

Thursday 4th March: Word: Jer 17: 5-10; Ps 1; Lk 16: 19-31

Hours: Psalter 2, Thursdays of Lent

Friday 5th March: Word: Gn 37: 3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Ps 104; Mt 21: 33-43, 45-46

Hours: Psalter 2, Fridays of Lent

Saturday 6th March: Word: Mi 7: 14-15, 18-20; Ps 102; Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32

Hours: Psalter 2, Saturdays of Lent

Week beginning 7th March; retiring collections in aid of CAFOD Family Fast day (see below)

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday during Lent, we will be observing the Stations of the Cross at 10.00 am. Attendance must be pre-booked – please contact Anne Doyle (contact details above) on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday of each week. Please note that to ensure Covid restriction measures are maintained, there will be no movement around the church, and everyone must stay in their pew until asked to move by a steward.

Family Fast Day for CAFOD Friday 5th March: Abdella lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. It takes him ten hours a day to collect water. He says his life is being wasted as he has no time for anything else. Give this Lent to reach vulnerable communities around the world with water and to provide other vital support. CAFOD Envelopes will be available in Church Sunday 28th February and Wednesday 3rd March, or you can donate online at <https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-CAFOD/Lent-Appeal>. You can also give via text. Text **LENT** to **70460** to donate £10*. *Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message you'll be opting in to hear more about CAFOD's work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text **LENTNOINFO** to **70460**. For more information, please see CAFOD's Privacy Policy: <https://cafod.org.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice>

CAFOD's Big Walk for Water: Tricia Hoy is joining CAFOD's Big Walk for Water this Lent. This involves walking 10,000 steps every day during Lent totalling over 400,000 to raise money to provide clean, safe water in Ethiopia. She is looking for sponsors for this great cause - please give through the Just Giving link: [Tricia | Walk for Water | CAFOD](#)

Parish Charities: Zofia Clark still has some facemasks to sell for our charities; they are 3 layered. If you would like to buy some, please contact Zofia direct on **01225 340998**. If you would like to make a donation to **Wiltshire Air Ambulance**, please use the following link:

<https://www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk/donate/> **Mary's Meals** also has an internet "Giving Page": <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/donate>

St Edmund's Presbytery – Cleaner(s): Fr Vincent is searching for a cleaner for the Presbytery in Calne – can anyone help? For more information, please speak with Fr Vincent. Thank you.

Every Thursday to 25th March, Global Healing – Lent: This Lent, the Global Catholic Climate Movement invites you to 'Global Healing' in response to Pope Francis' call to care more deeply for Our Common Home. Running for six Thursdays from 18th February – 25th March 2021, 7.30pm – 8.30pm, Global Healing film sessions with reflection, guest speakers & discussion. To register, please email jane@catholicclimatemovement.global Hosted by GCCM Laudato Si' Animators in the UK.

Melksham Food Bank: There has been a huge rise in the number needing the Food Bank. To donate food items, please use either the 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: Melksham Family of Churches also supports those who need emergency relief help (non-food items such as fuel meter payments, etc.). If anyone would like to contribute to this, please contact Sharon (email as at foot of newsletter) for further information.

Please pray for the following: Don d'Cruz, John Doyle, Mrs Marian Frawley, Geoff Blwyddin, Mrs Jean Irwin, Mrs Jeanette Allsop, Zofia Clarke, Chris Bate, Andrew Bate, David Coughlin, Katja Lubina, Patrick Egan, Deacon David Wakefield, Rebecca Matthews, Paul Hogg, Keith Healy, Alan Glass, Tricia Rigg, Henie Dixon, Brian Hillhouse, June Carey, Janet Ruddick, Judith Curtis, Janice Kuranlu, Merv Pearce, Tom Hunter, Marie and Bill Jowett, Alan McFall. All who are suffering from coronavirus, and those finding isolation 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

Wordsearch – Second Sunday of Lent

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Eliminate only the words given in the list. No word should be completely inside any other. Ignore any other words that accidentally occur.

The remain letters give God's gift to us: _ _ _ / _ _ _ Last week's word was "COVENANT"

Hilary Clifton

Just some thoughts:

A little child watched the collection being taken. "Don't pay for me, Daddy, I'm under five!"

From a church bulletin: "This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar".

Holy Joke

Words of Wisdom:

Do not act as if you had ten thousand years to throw away.
Be good for something while you live, and it is in your power.

Marcus Aurelius 121-180

Could you be a School Foundation Governor? The Diocese is recruiting people to serve on school governing bodies. If you believe in Catholic education, have enthusiasm and commitment, you can make a valuable contribution to a Catholic school. It also provides the opportunity to use your life/work skills and experience for the benefit of the children in our schools. Please contact bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com 07710 094976 for more information – he would be delighted to hear from you.

Care for Creation – Countdown to COP26: The COP26 event is a global United Nations' summit about climate change and how countries are planning to tackle it. The Pope has asked for a new appreciation of the interdependence of all things in our beautiful planet:

Second week of Lent

Many people are warning of the fragility of the planet under human pressure and the need for change. We might consider this story in that context.

The parable of the Mustard Seed; Mark 4.30

The mustard seed produces a huge bush that shelters the birds. Life also emerges from tiny beginnings and the whole web of life supports all life, from insects and microbes to animals, fish, birds and people.

What if the tree is shaken, so that branches are broken off, leaves ripped from the branches? This is not in

the parable but is what is happening to our world. It no longer provides reliable seasons in many places, and indeed many people are suffering from repeated 'natural disasters' now, attributable by scientists to human activity. How sad this is.

Youth Ministry - A 'Million Minutes of Silence': This is a simple idea - each minute is sponsored to raise money for social action projects supporting young people. Throughout Lent schools, parishes, and individuals will help clock up a million minutes! We want this year to be the biggest year yet, to show our collective support for young people, and to raise at least a million pennies (which is £10,000!) to help young people restore our world. Explore our website and resources at: millionminutes.org/silent. Alternatively, if you feel inspired by our work and feel compelled to give consider [donating](#).

Any Comments? *Is there anything you would particularly like to see included in the weekly newsletter? Please send any comments 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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If you know of any parishioners who do not have access to email, please print this newsletter for them.

Diocesan Prayers

Prayer for the elect and the Candidates, as they begin their period of final preparation for the celebration of the Sacraments

God of love and power,
It is your will to establish
Everything in Christ,
And draw us into his all-embracing love.
Guide these chosen brothers and sisters of ours,
Strengthen their vocation,
Build them into the kingdom of your Son,
And seal them with the Spirit of your promise,
We ask this through Christ our Lord,
Amen

Prayer for Lent

Merciful and compassionate God
As we journey through Lent
You speak to our hearts,
Calling us to return again and again.
May our prayer, fasting and generous giving
Bring us closer to your Son, our Lord, Jesus.
Through him, may we come to know
More fully the abundance of love
Which you freely offer us.
Bless our desire to accompany Jesus
On his road to Calvary,
Walking with him in his suffering
And in the suffering people of our world.
May your grace enable us to live Lent fully
So that, with transformed hearts,
We may joyfully celebrate the abundance
Of life offered to us at Easter.
Amen.

Dates for your Diary

Friday March 5th - Alabaré's Big Sleep at Home: On Friday March 5th Alabaré were due to hold their "Big Sleep" at Salisbury Cathedral, which has been their flagship fund-raising event for the last 13 years. However, because of the current restrictions, this year they are doing things differently. Instead, they are holding their second "Big Sleep at Home" and are asking participants to sleep on their floor, in their garden, garden shed, church or anywhere else that is safe, and seek sponsorship from their friends, family, congregations and colleagues. Please visit the following link: [Big Sleep at Home](#) for more information. Please also pray for Alabaré and the work that they do.

Wednesday 10th – Thursday 18th March – National Novena to St Joseph: The National Novena to St Joseph will take place from 10th - 18th March 2021 at St Joseph's Church, Maidenhead. In this Year dedicated to St. Joseph, the Mill Hill Missionaries are preparing for the Feast of St Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society's missionary outreach, and for the intentions of all those who support their work. Masses are on Wednesday to Friday (10th -12th March), at 7.30pm, Saturday, 13th March at 10am, Sunday, 14th March at 11.00am, Monday – Thursday (15th -18th March) at 7.30pm. If you would like to join in from home, Masses from St. Joseph's Church will be available on Zoom and YouTube via the parish website: stjosephsparish.co.uk and the Mill Hill website: www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena, where you will also find the Novena Prayer leaflet. You can also join in by praying the daily Novena prayer, which will be in your Novena prayer leaflet. You are welcome to send in your petitions and/or to request a printed Novena prayer leaflet. Please write to the **Novena Director, 41 Victoria Road, Liverpool, L37 1LW**, or email novenamhm@gmail.com.