



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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We are pleased to now re-open our church for private prayer.

**Sessions are: Saturday 27th June, 11.00 am – 1.00 pm, and
Tuesday 30th June, 11.00 am – 1.00 pm.**

**Please note: Toilet facilities will remain closed to prevent any risk of
transmission of infection. Please remember this when planning your visit.**

It remains a person's own choice to come to church to pray

Future sessions will be advertised in the newsletter

Heartfelt thanks to all our volunteers who have made reopening possible

Sunday 28th June: Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

Word: Acts: 3:1-10; Psalm 18; Gal 1: 11-20; Jn 21: 15-19

Hours: Proper of Solemnity

Prayers of the Faithful, Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

Reflecting on the faith of Saints Peter and Paul we pray for a deepening of our faith in the Lord.

We pray for all leaders of Church and State that they may lead us wisely.

We pray for ourselves, for our parish, the parishes of St Augustine, Tuffley and English Martyrs Matson, and the Baptist Church, Melksham.

We pray for all who are sick, worried and fearful, that the Lord will give them strength.

Look kindly upon us, God our Father grant us the prayers we make in Jesus' name. Amen.

Anne Doyle

Monday 29th June: Word: Am 2: 6-10, 13-16; Ps 49; Mt 8: 18-22

Hours: Psalter 1

Tuesday 30th June: Dedication of the Cathedral Church of Saints Peter and Paul

Word: Ez 47: 1-2, 8-9,12; Ps 45; Jn 2: 13-22

Hours: Psalter 1

Wednesday 1st July: Memorial of Saint Oliver Plunket, Bishop, Martyr

Word: Am 5: 14-15, 21-24; Ps 49; Mt 8: 28-34

Hours: Psalter 1

Thursday 2nd July: Word: Am 7: 10-17; Ps 18; Mt 9: 1-8

Hours: Psalter 1

Friday 3rd July: Feast of St Thomas, Apostle

Word: Eph 2: 19-22; Ps 116; Jn 20: 24-29

Hours: Psalter 1

Saturday 4th July: Word: Am 9: 11-15; Ps 84; Mt 9: 14-17

Hours: Psalter 1

Electronic Private Prayer Resources: While some of our churches are now open for times of private prayer, electronic resources are available to aid prayer using smartphones or tablets as books, reflection sheets etc. cannot be made available. There are a number of useful sites online, such as Universalis and pray-as-you-go, and there are resources that were made available for the National Eucharistic Congress

Adoremus. Some of these, for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, are now collated under the 'Further Resources' tab on the Liturgy Office section of the Diocesan website and may be accessed here:

<https://cliftondiocese.com/departments/adult-education/liturgy-office/>

Parish Finance update: As we have not had any offertory collections or building fund collections during the period of the lockdown, the year to date figures show our receipts to the end of May are at least £2,000 down compared to the same period last year. Fortunately, the receipts from standing orders are only slightly down. Many thanks to the parishioners who contribute by standing order or online and those who have arranged new standing orders recently. We realise that the current situation has had an adverse effect on many household incomes but if anyone can or would like to contribute to the parish, they can do so by either posting a cheque made out to "St Anthony of Padua Parish Melksham" to "The Presbytery, 22 West End, MELKSHAM, Wilts., SN12 6HJ or email the Treasurer with your name and telephone number at treasurer.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftondiocese.com to arrange a regular standing order or online individual donation to the Parish. Thank you.

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.

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, Zofia Clarke, Chris Bate, David Coughlin, Katja Lubina, Patrick Egan, Mrs Jonasz. Deacon David Wakefield, Rebecca Matthews, Paul Hogg, Keith Healy, Alan Glass, Tricia Rigg, Henie Dixon, Brian Hillhouse, June Carey. All those 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.

Wordsearch – Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles:

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U	V	A	F	E	T	E	O	T	N	M	T	U
B	R	I	D	E	S	S	A	P	H	E	C	H
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AGES	JESUS	SERVANT
ALIVE	JOY	SHUNEM
ANYONE	LIFE	SMALL
BAPTISED	MAN	SOLEMNLY
BED	MEAL	SON
BLISS	MOUTH	STAY
BUILD	NAME	STRENGTH
CROSS	PASSED	TABLE
DEATH	PROCLAIM	TRUTH
DIED	RAISED	UPPER
ELISHA	REWARD	WOMAN
ESTABLISHED	RULER	
FOOTSTEPS	SECOND	

Only eliminate the words given in the list. Highlight the embolden words to give the initial letter of the hidden word. Hidden word is: _ _ _ _ _ Last week's words were GENTLE and HUMBLE. The hidden shape was, of course, a heart.

Hilary Clifton

Just some thoughts:

Just be careful because people are going crazy from being in lockdown! Actually, I've just been talking about this with the microwave and the toaster while drinking coffee and we all agreed that things are getting bad. I didn't mention anything to the washing machine as she puts a different spin on everything. Certainly not to the fridge as he is acting cold and distant. In the end the iron straightened me out as she said everything will be fine, no situation too pressing. The vacuum was very unsympathetic... told me to suck it up, but the fan was more optimistic and hoped it would all soon blow over! The toilet looked a bit flushed when I asked its opinion and didn't say anything but the doorknob told me to me to get a grip. The front door said I was unhinged and so the curtains told me to....yes, you've guessed it... pull myself together.

- Have your appliances been talking to you too? We'd love to hear what they are saying!

Anne says that when she asked the kettle he got all steamed up, the teabag wept tea-rs and the teapot decided to cosy up for the duration.

Words of Wisdom:

There's A Reason

For every pain that we must bear
For every burden, every care;
There's a reason.

For every grief that bows the knee
For every tear-drop that is shed;
There's a reason.

For every hurt, for every plight,
For every lonely, pain-racked night;
There's a reason.

But if we trust God as we should
All this must work out for our good;
He knows the reason.

Via Carolina Andrews

Diocesan Newsletter: If you would like to receive the Diocesan electronic newsletter, please visit their web page <https://cliftondiocese.com/> , scroll down the page and follow the instructions given to subscribe.

Any Comments?

Is there anything you would particularly like to see included in the weekly newsletter, while we are unable to gather together to worship? Please send any comments to the email address below, or 'phone the office on 01225 702128 and leave a message. Thank you.

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