



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Mass will be celebrated Wednesday 31st March at 10.00 am, Easter Services as below, and Wednesday 7th April at 10.00 am.

Easter Services

Please book to attend Easter Services through Anne Doyle. Bookings will be taken on the following days: **Monday 29th March and Tuesday 30th March.**

No Easter bookings can be taken after 30th March.

Easter Mass times

Holy (Maundy) Thursday – 7.00 pm (Fr Malcolm)

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday) – 3.00 pm (Fr Malcolm)

Easter Vigil – 8.00 pm (Fr Vincent)

Sunday of the Resurrection – 9.00 am (Fr Vincent)

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, 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.



Sunday 28th March: Palm Sunday

Sunday Year B; Psalter week 2, Proper of Season

Reading 1 – Is 50: 4-7

Psalm refrain: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Reading 2 – Phil 2: 6-11

Gospel – Mark 15: 1-39

Prayers of the Faithful, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Let us now pray for the needs of the world: For the forgotten in this time of global crisis and for all those suffering from coronavirus whether directly or indirectly. Let us pray to the Lord For the communities of St Gerard Majella, Christ the King Bristol, Church of God of Prophecy here in Melksham and all candidates for the sacraments. Let us pray to the Lord Finally, God, our Father, as we continue on our Lenten journey, help us to always keep in mind the greatest gift that we will receive at the end – the Easter resurrection of Your Son. We make this prayer through the same Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Hilary Clifton

Monday 29th March: Word: Is 42: 1-7; Ps 26; Jn 12: 1-11

Hours: Psalter 2, Proper of Season

Tuesday 30th March: Word: Is 49: 1-6; Ps 70; Jn 13: 21-33, 36-38

Hours: Psalter 2, Proper of Season

Wednesday 31st March: Word: Is 50: 4-9; Ps 68; Mt 26: 14-25

Hours: Psalter 2, Proper of Season



Thursday 1st April: Holy (Maundy) Thursday

Reading 1: Ex 12: 1-8, 11-14;

Psalm refrain: The blessing cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ

Reading 2: 1Cor 11: 23-26;

Gospel: John 13: 1-15

Hours: Psalter 2, Proper of Season



Prayers of the Faithful Holy Thursday

Our Saviour, who at the Last Supper, on the night he was betrayed, entrusted to the Church the memorial of his death and resurrection to be celebrated throughout the ages. Hear our prayers.

For world leaders that God may give them the grace to work together during this pandemic to produce justice and special care towards the poor and vulnerable,

We pray for the people of Myanmar who are striving for justice in their country.

For the sick and household, that they may experience God's healing power in body, mind and spirit and be surrounded by the love and support of family and friends.

For our parish community that God may keep us connected in spirit and love during this time of social distancing.

We pray for Hannah who is being initiated into the Church this Easter.

For all of us that God will give us his grace to be aware of his presence in our everyday lives and to be our hope in times of loneliness and uncertainty.

We pray for those who have died and their grieving families.

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved.

Mary Harris

Friday 2nd April: Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

Reading 1: Is 52: 13-53

Psalm refrain: Father, into your hands I commend my spirit

Reading 2: Heb 4: 14-16, 5:7 -9

Gospel: Jn 18: 1-19, 42

Hours: Psalter 2, Proper of Season



Saturday 3rd April: Holy Saturday Easter Vigil

Reading 1: Gen 1: 26-31

Psalm refrain: Send forth your spirit O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Reading 2: Ex 14:15 – 15:1

Psalm refrain: I will sing to the Lord, glorious his triumph!

Reading 3: Is 55: 1-11

Psalm refrain: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

Reading 4: Rom 6: 3-11

Psalm refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 16: 1-7

Hours: Psalter 2, Proper of Season



Sunday of the Resurrection

Sunday Year B; Psalter 1 Sundays of Easter Season

Reading 1 – Acts 10: 34, 37-43

Psalm refrain: This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

Reading 2 – Col 3: 1-4

Gospel – John 20 1-9

Prayers of the Faithful, Sunday of the Resurrection

On this day of the Resurrection of the Lord, we pray for all those who cannot be with us or with their loved ones this Easter.

We pray for all those suffering from Coronavirus, for all who are lonely and for all the front-line staff.

We pray for our Government, that their decisions on lockdown will be the right ones.

We pray for Our Lady of the Rosary, St Bernard, Bristol, and the Good News Church in Melksham.

We pray for our families, our friends, our neighbours, our community here in Melksham and for the Family of Churches.

We rejoice in the new life that Easter brings, and for Hannah on her continuing journey of faith. Anne Doyle

Monday 5th April: Word: Acts 2: 14, 22-33; Ps 15; Mt 28: 8-15
Hours: Psalter 1, Mondays of Easter Season

Tuesday 6th April: Word: Acts 2: 36-41; Ps 32; Jn 20: 11-18
Hours: Psalter 3, Tuesdays of Easter Season

Wednesday 7th April: Word: Acts 3: 1-10; Ps 104; Lk 24: 13-35
Hours: Psalter 3, Wednesdays of Easter Season

Thursday 8th April: Word: Acts 3: 11-26; Ps 8; Lk 24: 35-48
Hours: Psalter 3, Thursdays of Easter Season

Friday 9th April: Word: Acts 4: 1-12; Ps 117; Jn 21: 1-14
Hours: Psalter 3, Fridays of Easter Season

Saturday 10th April: Word: Acts 4: 13-21; Ps 117; Mk 16: 9-15
Hours: Psalter 3, Saturdays of Easter Season

Forthcoming Collections: Sunday 28th March (Palm Sunday – Easter Flowers;
Wednesday 31st March – Fr Vincent; Holy Thursday 1st April – Fr Danny; Good Friday 2nd April – Holy Places and Christians in the Holy Land; Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday and Wednesday 7th April – Fr Vincent.

Gift Aid: Giving envelopes will be available at church as from this weekend. Please start using these envelopes after Easter and dispose of any of the old envelopes you hold. Many thanks for Gift Aiding your donations. Your Gift Aid contact is Tricia Hoy, phone number **01225 704805**.

CAFOD's Big Walk for Water: Tricia Hoy joined CAFOD's Big Walk for Water this Lent to raise money to provide clean, safe water in Ethiopia. She has completed the target of 400,000 steps but will continue to walk the 10,000 steps per day during Lent. A big thank you to all the people sponsoring her through the Just Giving link: Tricia | Walk for Water | CAFOD -

<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/tricia2022> which will stay open but if you would prefer, a basket will still be available at the back of the church for you to put an envelope containing your donation addressed to Tricia. Thank you.

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>

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, Geoff Blwyddin, Mrs Jeanette Allsop, Zofia Clarke, Chris Bate, Andrew Bate, 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, Marie and Bill Jowett, Alan McFall, Alistair Strudwick. 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

Contact: comms.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftondiocese.com

If you know of any parishioners who do not have access to email, please print this newsletter for them.

Wordsearch – Palm Sunday

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| ENTREATY | LESS | STRENGTH |
| FOLLOW | MINE | SUBMITTED |
| GALILEE | NAME | TRANSGRESSORS |
| GLORIFY | NEW | TROUBLED |
| GROUND | OVERTHROWN | VOICE |
| HAND | REASON | WORLD |

Eliminate only the words in the list. Ignore any others that are there. No word should be entirely inside another. The remaining letters make a word which describes the examinations of catechumens. There are three of them.

— — — — — Last week’s word was (surprise surprise) “LAETARE” Hilary Clifton

Wordsearch –Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

G	R	E	D	E	E	M	E	D	C	V	N
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| CARE | GOD | REDEEMED |
| CHRIST | HANDS | RESTORES |
| DAY | HOLY | SALVATION |
| DOMAIN | LIGHT | SANCTIFYING |
| EARTH | LOVE | SLAVERY |
| FALLEN | NECESSARY | SIN |
| FIRE | OFFERING | WAX |
| FLAME | PAID | WORLD |
| FRIENDS | POWER | |

The words all come from the Exsultet, the great proclamation at the Easter Vigil. Only eliminate the words given in the list. No given word should be entirely inside another. The remaining letters give an adjective of Christ at this feast: — — — — — Hilary Clifton

Clifton Diocesan Trustees: The Diocese is currently looking for an individual to join the Board of the Trustees and to chair the new Safeguarding sub-committee. In order to enhance the skills of the Board, the suitable person should have a strong understanding of safeguarding and ideally have experience as a leader in a safeguarding role. The individual should also have experience in finance and financial management, or in charity governance, or in commercial leadership in order to support the full activities of the main Board. The commitment is to one 3 hour meeting per month on a Wednesday from 9.30 am in Bristol along with other work on the Safeguarding sub-committee, and preparation for meetings. It is usual for a Trustee to give somewhere in the region of 6 hours per month plus travelling time. If you would like to be considered for this position, please send your details to the Bishop's Private Secretary, St Ambrose, North Rd, Leigh Woods, Bristol BS8 3PW by 16th April.

Could you be a School Foundation Governor? St Edmund's school in Calne, urgently needs more governors. If you might be willing to help by becoming a school governor, and would like to find out more about what is involved, please contact the Chair of governors at St Edmunds, Ross Swan, either by email at rswan@st-edmunds-pri.wilts.sch.uk or by phone on **07906 918373**. Our parish school, St Patrick's in Corsham also requires Governors; contact Clerk to the Governors Sharon Gilbert, **01249 713125**, email admin@st-patricks.wilts.sch.uk . Alternatively contact Bill McEntee at Clifton Diocese bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com **07710 094976** for more information – he would be delighted to hear from you.

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.*