



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Sunday 29th January: Fourth Sunday Ordinary Time: Mass 9.00am

Wednesday 1st February: Morning Prayer 9.40 am, Mass 10.00am

Thursday 2nd February: Adoration in the hall 10.00am - 3.00pm

Friday 3rd February: Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3.00 pm

Saturday 4th February: Mass 10.00am

Reconciliation after Mass on Saturdays, or by arrangement with Fr Vincent

Government advice is that face coverings/masks can help reduce the spread of Covid.

Readings at end of newsletter

PARISH NEWS

Our Music Ministry: Can you help us with our music in church? If you or anyone you know plays any kind of musical instrument and would be willing to use this talent to help us celebrate Mass and enhance our liturgy – even if you can only commit to an occasional Sunday - we would love to hear from you. We also welcome new members to our choir. Please speak with Anne or contact Sharon in the parish office if you would like to become involved.

Rise Theatre is coming to St Edmund's Church on Wednesday 15th March at 7.00pm, with their production of "Faithful Companions". Tickets are £10 for adults, or £25 per family. Please see the posters and leaflets in church.

Diary

Monday 30th January: Mothers' prayers in the hall at 10.30 am.

Wednesday 1st February: Breaking Open and Sharing the Word After Mass.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please pray for: Geoff Blwyddin, Mrs Jeanette Allsop, Zofia Clarke, Chris Bate, Katja Lubina, Patrick Egan, Rebecca Matthews, Paul Hogg, Keith Healy, Tricia Rigg, Henie Dixon, Brian Hillhouse, Judith Curtis, Janice Kuranlu, Anne Doyle, Sheila Likey-Ayling, Anne O'Mahony, Lorraine Pavey, Francis Ballinger, Shireen Doyle, Fr John O'Toole, Tess Jones, Kelvin Boorer. All who are suffering from illness, and those finding life 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

During the cold weather, we ask everyone to make sure they dress for warmth when they come to church. We continue to keep windows open in the church to reduce the spread of virus – at the same time due to increased utility costs that we all face, church heating cannot be set to as high a temperature as we would like. Thank you.

CLIFTON DIOCESE

Liturgies of Reconciliation: Bishop Declan will celebrate Liturgies of Reconciliation during the Season of Lent at four venues across the diocese. **Thursday 9th March** (Sacred Heart, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol), **Thursday 16th March** (St Catharine of Alexandria, Frome), **Thursday 23rd March** (St Mary, Swindon), **Thursday 30th March** (Our Lady of Lourdes, Weston-Super-Mare). Each Liturgy will start at 7pm; except for Sacred Heart, Westbury-on-Trym, which will start at 6pm. Building upon the beautiful gatherings during Lent he is, once again, inviting our diocesan community to gather with him in celebration of God's merciful love as part of our Lenten journey. There will be

priests available at each venue to celebrate sacramental reconciliation.

Walsingham Pilgrimage: If any parishioners didn't take part in the Walsingham pilgrimage last July and would like to go this year, please contact Chris Menzies at Sacred Heart parish as soon as possible on **0117 973 0132**, mobile **07967 711043** or email chris_menzies57@hotmail.com

OTHER NEWS

A Word About Missio: Missio is the Pope's charity for World Mission. For almost 200 years, they have been supporting world mission, providing missionaries with the spiritual and material support needed to enable local people to build and sustain their own faith communities. Today they continue to empower the Catholic Church globally, showing the love of Christ to everyone, and especially to those in need. We achieve this with our partners, the Mill Hill Missionaries, and your generous Red Box donations. In England and Wales there are Red Boxes in over 200,000 homes and together we have collected millions of pounds for the missionary Church. For more details on their work go to [Enriching today's global community - Missio](#) You can contact Missio by Phone: **020 7821 9755** (Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm) or mail: info@missio.org.uk Our parish representative is Patrick Evans.

Relationship Counsellor: Would you be interested in becoming a 'Relationship Counsellor' with Marriage Care? New applications are being accepted now. Six places are available. For more information and to apply go to www.marriagecare.org.uk/crc/ Closing date for this course is soon so if it does interest you please apply now.

Clifton Mercy Group: The Mercy Group was formed at Clifton Cathedral during Pope Francis' Year of Mercy in 2016 to support those suffering from issues affecting their mental health. The Mercy Group is a non-professional group offering talking and listening support for those who need it especially when professional help is not readily available. The group supports those with low mood, anxiety, isolation, addiction, low self-esteem, family issues, mental or physical trauma, ongoing or terminal illness, bereavement and all life-affecting issues. Practical support can also be given in relation to accommodation, benefit applications, assistance finding paid or voluntary work etc. The group meets every Wednesday at 7pm in the James Room at Clifton Cathedral. Those attending have the opportunity to talk about their issues how this is affecting their lives and to receive gentle support from other attendees. Everyone attending is given the space to talk but do not have to if they are not ready to

open up. In addition to the group and one to one meetings **telephone support is offered Monday to Friday up until 10pm.** The group also arranges social events once a month at the Cathedral. If you are in need of someone to talk to or for more information, contact Robert von Hawrylak on **07767 706 163**, email: mercygroup@cliftondiocese.com

Confidentiality is assured at all times.

"Answering God's Call", A Vocations Discernment Retreat for Young Catholic Adults for Lent. This Lent, we are running a vocations discernment retreat in the diocese aimed at young Catholic men and women, aged 18 to 35. The retreat takes place from **Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th March 2023**, at Brownhill monastery, near Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL6 8AL. The retreat will cover the following areas: Listening. What is the 'voice' of Christ and how do I know that He is speaking to me? Discerning. What is Christ asking me to do? Responding. How should I respond? How do I know that I am doing the right thing? Commitment. Answering God's call. The cost is £90 for full board. For more information, please contact Rina at rina@youngcatholicadultnetwork.uk

How Can You Help Rough Sleepers? A Message from Wiltshire Council: If you see someone on the streets, you can provide details to [StreetLink](#) which connects rough sleepers with local services that can support them. StreetLink will provide the council with details so officers can talk to the rough sleeper, help them find a warm place to stay and offer ongoing support. People are also encouraged to donate to local charities in Wiltshire, which directly help those in need. If you are sleeping rough, or you know someone who is, let us know on **0300 456 0100** so we can provide accommodation and support.

CHARITIES and PARISH PROJECT

Gift Aid: Your Parish Gift Aid contact is Tricia Hoy, phone number **01225 704805**.

Our Parish Charity is Wiltshire Air Ambulance. You can donate by using this link:

<https://www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk/donate/>

Our Parish Project is the repair and refurbishment of the Presbytery. Funds raised will be split between our charity and our project with $\frac{2}{3}$ allocated to Presbytery repairs, and $\frac{1}{3}$ to Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

Melksham Food Bank is grateful for the help from St Anthony's parishioners. A basket for donations is in the church porch, or you can use 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 for those who need emergency relief. This fund is seeing increased demand; if you would like to contribute, please contact Melksham Foodbank or Sharon (Parish office) for further information.

AND FINALLY –

Did you know?

A blue whale's heart can be as large as a car. On average, professional footballers run as far as nine miles in a single match.

Wordsearch: Fourth Sunday

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N	C	A	L	K	W	N	A	E	A	A	M
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T	E	I	I	M	M	M	B	S	I	E	S
H	W	C	M	P	O	A	E	E	R	G	D
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G	I	N	B	H	J	F	R	F	V	E	H
T	I	Y	C	L	U	E	K	E	E	S	P
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AGE	HOLINESS	SCRIPTURE
BOAST	HUMBLE	SEEK
CALL	KINGDOM	SHAME
CHOSE	MANY	UPHOLDS
COMMANDS	MERCIFUL	WEAK
DAY	NOTHING	WICKED
EVER	OBEY	WISE
FACE	PEACEMAKERS	YOURSELVES
FAMILIES	RAISES	
HAPPY	REJOICE	

Eliminate only the listed words. No word should be entirely inside another. The remaining letters make a word we are encouraged to seek in the first reading:

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The completed phrase from last week (3rd Sunday) was "Jesus, the LIGHT OF THE world" Hilary Clifton

Sunday 29th January
Fourth Sunday Ordinary Time
Sunday Year A; Psalter 4

Reading 1: Zep 2: 3, 3: 12-13
Psalm Refrain: How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Reading 2: 1Cor 1: 26-31
Gospel: Mt 5: 1-12

Monday 30th January: Word: Heb 11: 32-40
 Ps 30; Mk 5: 1-20 **Hours:** Psalter 4

Tuesday 31st January: Memorial of St John Bosco, Priest

Word: Heb 12: 1-4; Ps 21; Mk 5: 21-43
Hours: Psalter 4

Wednesday 1st February: Word: Heb 12: 4-7, 11-15; Ps 102; Mk 6: 1-6 **Hours:** Psalter 4

Thursday 2nd February: Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Word: Mal 3: 1-4; Ps 23; Lk 2: 22-40
Hours: Hours: Proper of the Feast

Friday 3rd February: Word: Heb 13: 1-8; Ps 26; Mk 6: 14-29 **Hours:** Psalter 4

Saturday 4th February: Word: Heb 13: 15-17, 20-21; Ps 22; Mk 6: 30-34 **Hours:** Psalter 4

Is there anything you would particularly like to see included in the weekly newsletter? Help us make our newsletter an enjoyable read! Please send any comments or items for the newsletter 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.

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

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