



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Sunday 2nd April: Palm Sunday: Mass 9.00am

Wednesday 5th April: Chrism Mass Clifton Cathedral 11.00am

Holy Thursday 6th April: Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00 pm, followed by vigil and Night Prayer until 10.00 pm

**Good Friday 7th April: Office of Readings and Morning Prayer 10.00 am
The Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3.00 pm**

**Holy Saturday 8th April: Office of Readings and Morning Prayer 10.00 am
The Easter Vigil 8.00 pm**

Sunday 9th April: The Resurrection of the Lord: Mass 9.00 am

Wednesday 12th April: Morning Prayer 9.45, Mass 10.00 am

Thursday 13th April: Adoration in the hall 10.00am - 3.00pm

Friday 14th April Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3.00 pm

Saturday 15th April: 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.**

Daily readings at end of newsletter

During 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 – and due to increased utility costs, church heating cannot be set to as high a temperature as we would like. Thank you.

PARISH NEWS

Retiring collections:

Holy Thursday – Fr Danny

Good Friday – Holy Places of Palestine

Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday – Fr Vincent

Refreshments: There will be no refreshments after Mass on Easter Sunday, 9th April; refreshments will resume on Sunday 16th April.

Children's Liturgy of the Word is now taking a break, and will recommence on Sunday 23rd April

There will be a choir practice for Easter services on Monday 3rd April in the church at 7.00pm. Please come and join us!

Chrism Mass Coach: Those who have booked a seat on the coach for the Chrism Mass on 5th April, please

note the bus will leave King St car park at 8.55 am; please arrive in good time. The fare of £11 can be given to Michael Rooney either now or on the coach.

We are pleased to welcome Canon Michael Fitzpatrick who will celebrate the Easter triduum with us.

Saturday 15th April: We welcome Imogen Jeffery into our parish family as she is Baptised today.

Monday 10th April: No Mothers' prayers today.

Wednesday 12th April: Breaking Open and Sharing the Word After Mass.

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Corsham – Our Parish School: St Patrick's School has been supporting parents in raising their children in the Catholic faith, since 1964 and is an integral part of our Catholic mission. The school's governing body has

vacancies for Foundation Governors and needs new people to come forward and join them to help lead the school for future generations of Catholic, and other, children. If you would like to be part of the school's journey, help to shape the lives of our present and future children and so be involved in the mission of the Church, then now is the time to step forward and apply to be a Foundation Governor. Please complete a nomination form

<https://schools.cliftondiocese.com/form-2> as soon as possible. If you have any queries or would like more details, please contact Bill McEntee, Governance Officer at Clifton Diocese via bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com or 07710 094976; he would be delighted to hear from you!

OUR PARISH FAMILY

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please pray for: Geoff Blwyddin, 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 Borer, Maureen Westlake, Liz McGrane, Chris Harvey, Isaac Anderson, June Carey. 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 Holy Communion, please telephone 01225 824039 and leave a message, or Email ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net

OTHER NEWS

Prayers for the King: The Presidents of Churches Together in England invite all Christians to join together in a period of daily prayer for both the King and the nation, from Easter Day to 6th May. The Church of England is publishing a book of Daily Prayers for the Coronation of King Charles III, which can be used as a guide to reflection, and can be ordered via [Coronation Prayers \(chpublishing.co.uk\)](http://CoronationPrayers.chpublishing.co.uk) The Presidents comment that "The Coronation will be a time to celebrate community, faith and service – values that are reflected in these prayers."

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. 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: A basket for donations is in the church porch. 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 non-food relief. If you would like to contribute, please contact Melksham Foodbank or Sharon (Parish office) for further information.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 18th May – Ascension Mass 10.00am, followed by Adoration in the Church until 10.00 pm.

AND FINALLY –

For sale:

Toshiba 30" TV with black glass TV stand and remote control. Donation to go to parish funds. Please contact 01225 612768.

Did you know?

African elephants have the greatest sense of smell in the animal kingdom.

The speed of sound in the water travels nearly 5 times faster than it does in the air.

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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Wordsearch: Palm Sunday

C	A	I	A	P	H	A	S	B	U	L	C	E	H	B
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Wordsearch: Easter Sunday

D	O	G	R	O	F	G	N	I	T	S	R	I	H	T
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V	N	R	R	D	C	T	T	E	C	A	F	V	C	D
A	S	O	Y	L	I	U	O	H	T	A	B	B	A	S
R	L	N	T	A	M	A	R	V	E	L	I	W	Y	S
G	F	G	F	S	E	E	B	C	S	T	N	A	L	P

AWAKE	DIE	NAZARETH
BARABBAS	DONKEY	OATH
BETHPHAGE	EVIDENCE	RABBI
BLASPHEMY	EYES	ROBBERS
BODY	FATE	SANCTUARY
BREAD	FLINT	SCOURGED
BRIGAND	GETHSEMANE	SPAT
CAIAPHAS	GOLGOTHA	UNLEAVENED
CENTURION	GOVERNOR	UNTIE
CLUBS	HAND	VALIANT
COHORT	INNOCENT	WEPT BITTERLY
COVENANT	ISAIAH	WINE
CRUCIFIED	ISRAEL	ZION
CUP	KING	

AFRAID	FILLED	REDEEMER
BODY	FLOW	REJOICE
BROTHERS	FRIGHTENED	ROBE
CHILDREN	GALILEE	ROLLED
CRUCIFIED	GIFT	SABBATH
DANCING	GLORIOUS	SAVIOUR
DAWN	DEEDS	SEPULCHRE
DECAY	GRAVE	SINK
DECREES	GUSH	SNOW
DEER	HILLS	STONE
DESCENDING	HONEY	THIRSTING FOR
DISCIPLES	MARVEL	GOD
FACE	NEEDS	THRONG
FAITHFUL	PITY	TRUTH
	PLANTS	

Eliminate only the listed Palm Sunday words. No word should be entirely inside another. The remaining letters give another important word from this day' scriptures:

The answer from last week (March 26th) was "MARTHA and MARY"

Eliminate only the listed words from the psalms and gospel of the Easter Vigil. No word should be entirely inside another. The remaining letters give us a phrase which is the promise of the resurrection

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Hilary Clifton

Many thanks to Hilary for continuing to entertain us with Wordsearches!



Sunday 2nd April

Palm Sunday

Sunday Year A; Psalter 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: Mt 26: 14 – 27:66



Monday 3rd April: Word: Is 42: 1-7; Ps 26;
Jn 12: 1-11 **Hours:** Psalter 2, Monday of Holy Week

Tuesday 4th April: Word: Is 49: 1-6; Ps 70;
Jn 13: 21-33, 36-38 **Hours:** Psalter 2, Tuesday of Holy Week

Wednesday 5th April: Word: Is 50: 4-9; Ps 68;
Mt 26: 14-25 **Hours:** Psalter 2,
Wednesday of Holy Week

Holy Thursday 6th April: Maundy Thursday
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

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: Jn 13: 1-15

Hours: Psalter 2, Proper of Season



Good Friday 7th April: Friday of the Passion of the Lord

Reading 1: Is 52: 13 – 53: 12

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: Proper of Season



Holy Saturday 8th April: The Easter Vigil

Reading 1 - Gen 1: 1- 2:2;

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

Reading 2 – Gen 22: 1-18

Psalm refrain: Preserve me, God, I take refuge in You.

Reading 3 – Ex 14: 15 – 15:1

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

Reading 4 – Rom 6: 3-11

Psalm refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel – Mt 28: 1-10

Sunday 9th April

Sunday of the Resurrection

Sunday Year A; Proper of 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: Jn 20: 1-9



Monday 10th April: Word: Acts 2: 14, 22-33;
Ps 15; Mt 28: 8-15 **Hours:** Proper of Season

Tuesday 11th April: Word: Acts 2: 36-41;
Ps 32; Jn 20: 11-18 **Hours:** Proper of Season

Wednesday 12th April: Word: Acts 3: 1-10;
Ps 104; Lk 24: 13-35 **Hours:** Proper of Season

Thursday 13th April: Word: Acts 3: 11-26; Ps 8;
Lk 24: 35-48 **Hours:** Proper of Season

Friday 14th April: Word: Acts 4: 1-12; Ps 117;
Jn 21: 1-14 **Hours:** Proper of Season

Saturday 15th April: Word: Acts 4: 13-21; Ps 117;
Mk 16: 9-15 **Hours:** Proper of Season

