



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Diary

Sunday 2nd June Seventh Sunday of Easter; Mass 9.00 am Children's Liturgy, all children up to 12 years old welcome. Refreshments in the hall. (Mass at St Edmund's Sat. 6.00pm; Sun. 11.00 am).

Monday 3rd June Mothers' Prayers 10.30am in the hall.

Tuesday 4th June Rosary in the Church 10.30am

Wednesday 5th June Morning Prayer 9.45 am; Mass 10.00 am. Breaking Open and Sharing the Word.

Thursday 6th June Morning Prayer 9.30 am, followed by 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration to Morning Prayer 9.30 am, Friday 7th June

Friday 7th June Morning Prayer 09.30 am; Prayer Group 7.30pm

Saturday 8th June Morning Prayer 9.45am; Morning Mass 10.00 am, Sacrament of Reconciliation 10.30 am

Sundays Year C-1; Psalter Week 3 Sunday and Proper of Season

Readings: Reading 1 – Acts 7: 55-60

Psalms Refrain – The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.

Reading 2 – Apocalypse 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20

Gospel – John 17: 20-26

Collections: Sunday 26th May £196.75; further contribution to collection for Priests' Retirement Fund; £55.00. This week: retiring collection for Catholic Communications

Thursday 6th June to Friday 7th June - 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration: We join "Thy Kingdom Come", a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension, May 30th, and Pentecost, June 9th, for everyone to come to know Jesus Christ. This time of silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament will be part of our regular weekly Eucharistic Adoration and we still need parishioners to sign up to an hourly slot to ensure that at least two people are praying before the Blessed Sacrament at all times for the 24 hrs. Please sign up on the sheet in the church porch.

Altar Servers: We are looking for more altar servers to join our brilliant team; any young person who wishes to train to be an altar server, and who has made their First Communion and are aged 7 years and above, please sign up on the sheet in the porch. Parents please sign also. Training will take place after Mass on Saturday 22nd June at 11.00 am.

Sunday 9th June - Joint celebration for Fr Vincent's 30th anniversary: St Edmund's at 12.00 pm; come and join us for strawberries and wine!

Sunday 9th June - Ecumenical Evening Prayer, 6.00 pm St Anthony's: Our parishioners will be hosting this ecumenical evening prayer for Pentecost; please support your parish! Refreshments available afterwards

Thursday 30th May – Sunday 9th June “Thy Kingdom Come” Podcasts: People from different Christian traditions speaking on what prayer means to them, personally and from their tradition. Listen to these on the Diocesan website www.cliftondiocese.com

Saturday 29th June: 10.00 am Thanksgiving Mass in celebration of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Michael & Mary Rooney. Michael & Mary would like to invite all our parish family to join them in celebrating this special occasion. Canapés and drinks in the hall afterwards.

Saturday 8th June - Bishop Declan is celebrating Mass in the Cathedral 10.30 am: with all those newly baptised and received this Easter. Please let Sharon or Anne know if you would like to attend, so that numbers can be provided for catering purposes.

Saturday 6th July - Diocesan Day, St Brendan’s College Bristol: Diocesan Day. The day begins at 9.45am with an opening liturgy and concludes at 4.15pm with Mass. Refreshments served from 9.15am. Details can be found on the poster and booklets at www.cliftondiocese.com. Lunch is provided; please email just to let us know you are coming: adult.education@cliftondiocese.com. We are also looking for young people of school Year 10 and beyond to introduce speakers and workshops, and making people welcome. You will have the opportunity to take on the Climbing Wall and archery range and you will also receive a certificate of participation, a free T-shirt and an ice cream - this can count towards your Faith in Action and DofE projects! If you are aged 14+ and you and your friends would like to take part, email youth@cliftondiocese.com to register, and come along to our training day on **Saturday 15th June 10am – 3pm** at St Brendan’s College, Broomhill Rd, Bristol. BS4 5RQ.

Saturday 13th July – Marriage mass at Clifton Cathedral: Bishop Declan will be celebrating Mass at 12 noon, and invites all married couples to join him. If you are celebrating a significant anniversary and wish to attend, please email adult.education@cliftondiocese.com

Melksham Foodbank: Desperately need donations; please look on the website for further information: <http://melkshamfoodbank.org.uk/foodbox-contents/>. Please donate non-perishable food, e.g. potatoes (instant) Peas, carrots (canned) sugar, pasta, UHT milk, and ensure that these items are within the “use by” dates.

The Bath Street Pastors help anyone in need at night on the streets in the centre of Bath. They are a Christian Charity and need blankets; if you do have blankets to donate please bring them to church. They do not expect new ones. Tricia Hoy.

Gift Aid: Contact for all queries: Tricia Hoy 01225 704805.

Sick & Housebound: Please let Fr Vincent or Mary Harris 01249 730340 know if anyone sick, elderly or housebound would like to be visited and receive Holy Communion.

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, Mrs Audrey Tickner, Patrick Egan, Mrs Jonasz. Deacon David Wakefield, Rebecca Matthews, Paul Hogg, John and Anne Dobbin, Keith Healy, George Goodwin.

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.

Drivers: Please be careful entering and leaving the car park and leave the turning area free. Please do not block neighbours’ entrances.

Please send items and information for the newsletter to:

comms.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftondiocese.com or give to Sharon Pearce or Anne Doyle by each Thursday **Please send to the above address if you would like the newsletter emailed to you, or give Sharon your email address.**

**Future dates for your diary:
14th July – Diocesan Pilgrimage to Glastonbury**