



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Sunday 30th April: Fourth Sunday of Easter: Mass 9.00am

Tuesday 2nd May – Rosary in the church 10.00 am

Wednesday 3rd May: Morning Prayer and Readings of the Day 10.00 am: NO MASS

Thursday 4th May: Adoration in the hall 10.00 am – 3.00 pm

Friday 5th May: Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3.00 pm

Saturday 6th May: NO MASS

Please be aware that the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales states:
"The Roman Rite does not permit that communicants themselves dip their host into the Precious Blood"

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.

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

Refreshments in the hall after Mass

Next week: Retiring Collection for the Clergy Training Fund

Please note – the parish office telephone number 01225 702128 no longer works. A new number will be available and published soon for office use/enquiries only and should not be used to contact the church in emergencies.

Tuesday 2nd May - Rosary: Throughout May, the Rosary will be said in church every Tuesday at 10.00am, starting this week

Pentecost Prayer Vigil: After 10 o'clock Mass on **Ascension Thursday 18th May**, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed until 10.00pm ending with night prayer, to pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. We need parishioners to sign up to an hour Adoration; if you are free and able to take part, please select an hour and put your name on the spreadsheet in the church porch or contact Mary Rooney on 07789910591 or email maryar Rooney@blueyonder.co.uk

Gift Aid: Many thanks to everyone who has signed up to Gift Aid their donations to the church. If you would like to pay your donation by standing order, there is a simple form to fill in and return to Tricia Hoy or Sharon. Please remember, if your circumstances change and you no longer pay sufficient income Tax to cover your donation, again contact us. We all know that costs are rising, it is the same for the church; have you considered increasing your standing order? This can be achieved through your bank - Tricia can help with this as well.

We need Sunday help! We are still looking for volunteers to help in welcoming, collecting the offertory and presenting the gifts. The offertory and gifts particularly are an opportunity for families to become involved. Please speak with Sharon or complete and return the slip handed out in church. Thank you!

Wednesday 3rd May: Breaking Open and Sharing the Word After Morning Prayers.

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 Boorer, 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

CLIFTON DIOCESE

"Come, follow me" This coming Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday - the worldwide day of prayer for vocations. This year we are encouraged in Clifton Diocese to pray for vocations to the priesthood for our diocese. Please watch our two seminarians talk about vocation and their own journey to seminary, how they responded to the call, and their life at seminary: go to www.cliftondiocese.com/vocations

Prayers for Our Young People: In August, a group of 30 young people will make a pilgrimage to Portugal to represent our diocese at World Youth Day. Please pray that the Holy Spirit blesses them with the gifts of faith, hope, and love, and that the encounter with Christ they seek to find transforms them for the mission to which God calls them. We ask for your prayer intentions, so that, the young people can pray on behalf of everyone in our diocese. Please send your intentions to wyd2023@cliftondiocese.com.

Clifton Diocese in partnership with 'Light of Truth' are offering a five-week course on how we talk about our Catholic Faith with other adults, young people and children – do join if you can. The programme is as follows:

How to talk about Salvation (and the problem of evil) - May 4th

How to talk about the human person - May 11th

How to talk about the Church – May 18th

Sign on: <https://www.lightoftruth.uk/event-details/further-training-for-catechists-2023-04-20-19-30>

OTHER NEWS

Pray in May with Mary's Meals In this month dedicated to Our Lady, Mary's Meals invites you to pray for its important work to feed hungry children. The charity's mission – carried out in Our Lady's name – is to serve nutritious school meals in the world's poorest countries. These life-changing meals bring children into the classroom, where they can gain an education and hope of a better future. It is thanks to the power of prayer that Mary's Meals has grown from feeding just 200 children in Malawi in 2002 to feeding more

than 2.4 million children in 18 countries today. Please join us in praying for:

- all the children who receive Mary's Meals.
- all those who have grown up eating Mary's Meals and gone out into the world as adults.
- all the children still waiting for Mary's Meals, that the charity will be able to reach them soon. You can visit www.marysmeals.org.uk to see all the ways you can support this mission

Prayers for the King: All Christians are invited to join together in a period of daily prayer for both the King and the nation, from Easter Day to 6th May. Prayer booklets created by the Catholic Bishop's Conference of England and Wales are available in the church.

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 2/3 allocated to Presbytery repairs, and 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.

Friday 9th June: Quiz night and fish and chip supper, in the hall 7.00 pm

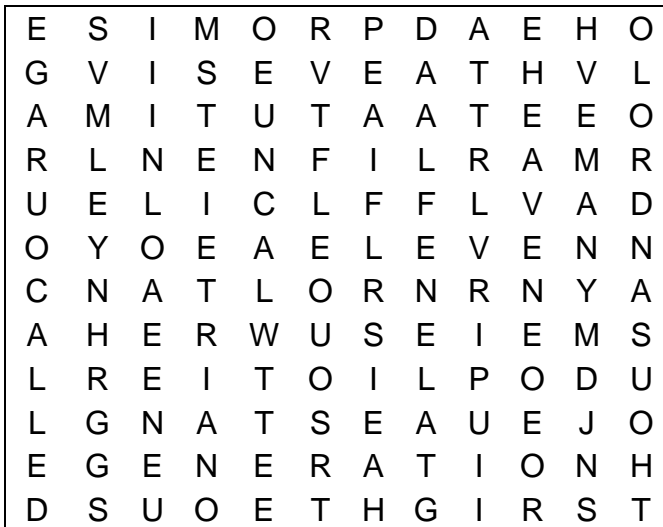
AND FINALLY –

Did you know?

Leo Fender, inventor of the Telecaster and Stratocaster guitars, could not play the guitar.

Bruce Lee was so fast, they had to run his films slower so you could see his moves.

Wordsearch: Fourth Sunday of Easter



ALLELUIA	HEAVEN	REPENT
ANOINTED	JOIN	RETALIATE
ASTRAY	LORD	RIGHTEOUS
CALLED	MOUTH	SOULS
COURAGE	NAME	SUFFERED
ELEVEN	OIL	THOUSAND
ENTER	OVERFLOWING	VALLEY
GENERATION	PROMISE	
HEAD	RECEIVE	

Only use those words in the list. None should be wholly inside any others. The remaining letters make up the following words which Jesus uses to describe himself

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The remaining words from last week (3rd Sunday of Easter A) were "ROAD TO EMMAUS" Hilary Clifton



Sunday 30th April Fourth Sunday of Easter Good Shepherd Sunday Sunday Year A; Psalter 4, Proper of Season

Reading 1: Acts 2: 14, 36-41

Psalm Refrain: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

In church, we will be singing hymn 806, "The Lord's My Shepherd"

Reading 2: 1Pt 2: 20-25

Gospel: Jn 10: 1-10

Monday 1st May: Word: Acts 11: 1-18; Pss 41,42; Jn 10: 11-18 **Hours:** Psalter 4, Proper of Season

Tuesday 2nd May: Memorial of St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Word: Acts 11: 19-26; Ps 86;

Jn 10: 22-30 **Hours:** Psalter 4

Wednesday 3rd May: Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles

Word: 1Cor 15: 1-8; Ps 18; Jn 14: 6-14

Hours: Proper of Feast

Thursday 4th May: Feast of the English Martyrs

Word: Acts 7: 55-60; Ps 30; Mt 10: 17-20

Hours: Common of Several Martyrs (Eastertide)

Friday 5th May: Word: Acts 13: 26-33; Ps 2;

Jn 14: 26-33 **Hours:** Psalter 4, Proper of Season

Saturday 6th May: Word: Acts 13: 44-52; Ps 97;

Jn 14: 7-14 **Hours:** Psalter 4, Proper of Season

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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