



# Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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## Masses

**Sunday Mass at 9.00 am.**  
**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February and Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February - Mass at 10.00 am.**

**Government advice is that face coverings/masks are worn in crowded, enclosed places.**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January – Fourth Sunday**

**Sunday Year C; Psalter 4**

**Reading 1 – Jer 1: 4-5, 17-19**

**Psalm refrain: My lips will tell of your help.**

**Reading 2 – 1Cor 12: 31 – 13: 13**

**Gospel – Lk 4: 21-30**

**31<sup>st</sup> January – Memorial of St John Bosco, Priest**

**Word: 2Sm 15: 13-14, 30, 16: 5-13; Ps 3; Mk 5: 1-20**

**Hours: Psalter 4**

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February: Word: 2Sm 18: 9-10, 14, 24-25, 30 – 19:3; Ps 85; Mk 5: 21-43 Hours: Psalter 4**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**

**Word: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 23; Lk 2: 22-40**

**Hours: Psalter 4, Proper of Feast**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February: Word: 1Kgs 2: 1-4, 10-12; 1Chron 29; Mk 6: 7-13 Hours: Psalter 4**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February: Word: Eccles 47: 2-11; Ps 17; Mk 6: 14-29; Hours: Psalter 4**

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February: Memorial of St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr**

**Word: 1Kgs 3: 4-13; Ps 118; Mk 6: 30-34**

**Hours: Psalter 4**

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

## PARISH NEWS

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> – Mothers' Prayers:** Please note that Mothers' Prayers will begin at 9.00 am this week only.

### Your Thoughts for the Synod

For those of you who are unable to attend one of our meetings to put forward your thoughts to the Pope for the Synod, there are paper questions in church for you to take away, complete and return to us so that your opinion will be heard too. Your answers can be anonymous; please leave your completed papers in the black post box by the front door, hand to Sharon, or if you would prefer, you can email the Sarah Adams



[sarah.adams@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:sarah.adams@cliftondiocese.com) or [synod@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:synod@cliftondiocese.com), both at Clifton Diocese. If you have any questions, please do contact one of our volunteer delegates; **Joan Boorer** on 07815 753542, **Hilary Clifton** on 07947 052035 or **Patrick Evans** on 07732 544965

*- See also Diocesan News*

## WHAT'S ON

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January:** Refreshments in the hall after Mass.

First Holy Communion Classes 5.30 pm in the hall.

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**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February:** Breaking Open and Sharing the Word in the hall after Mass

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February:** Eucharistic Adoration from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm.

## Diocesan News

**Ministry to the Catholic Deaf Community:** The Global Synod seeks to listen to the voices of the whole people of God and especially to those who feel excluded and marginalised. Our deaf sisters and brothers easily feel isolated

and 'left out.' Sherrie Eugene-Hart is facilitating a Synod Listening Group for the Deaf and Hearing-impaired community of the Diocese. If you or someone you know would like to take part, then please **text Fr Richard McKay 07779 677370** with contact details and Sherrie will be in touch. Throughout the Covid pandemic, St Nick's is live-streaming Sunday Signed Mass on the First Sunday of the month; they hope to restart monthly Mass for the Deaf on the Second Sunday of the month at 3.00pm as soon as safely possible.

## OTHER NEWS

### CAFOD's Walk Against Hunger Lent challenge:

There are 200 million children in the world whose lives are at risk from malnutrition. This Lent, challenge yourself to walk 200km, and help give hunger its marching orders. Do 5k a day, your way, for 40 days, get sponsored and you'll conquer your 200km target in time for Easter – and help people around the world to live free from hunger. To take part, go

to [cafod.org.uk/walk](https://cafod.org.uk/walk).

### Divine Revelation – What is God Saying?

As we slowly emerge from the pandemic, we have an incredible opportunity to recommit our energies to finding new and old ways to evangelise. You are invited to join Fr. James Mallon, Bishop Robert Barron, and Revd. Nicky Gumbel for a conversation on 'What is God Saying to the Church?' This is a **FREE** online event on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March** starting at **6pm**. Find out more and register at:

<https://www.divinerenovation.org/what-is-god-saying-event>

## CHARITIES

**Our Parish Charities:** If you would like to donate to **Wiltshire Air Ambulance**, please use the link:

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

**Mary's Meals:** Every donation to **Mary's Meals** will be doubled until 31st January 2022 through their **Double the Love** campaign – they also have an internet "Giving Page":

<https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/donate>

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

**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:** This is for those who need emergency relief (items such as energy meter payments, uniform costs for school children etc.). If anyone would like to contribute to this, please contact Melksham Foodbank or Sharon (Parish office) for further information.

## OUR PARISH FAMILY

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please pray for:** Geoff Blwyddin, Mrs Jeanette Allsop, Zofia Clarke, Chris Bate, Andrew Bate, Katja Lubina, Patrick Egan, Rebecca Matthews, Paul Hogg, Keith Healy, Alan Glass, Tricia Rigg, Henie Dixon, Brian Hillhouse, Judith Curtis, Janice Kuranlu, Alistair Strudwick, David Elliot, Callum Ford, Anne Doyle, Sheila Likey-Ayling, Anne O'Mahony, Lorraine Pavey, Francis Ballinger, Grace Disney, Shireen Doyle. All who are suffering from coronavirus, 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](mailto:ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net)**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March – CAFOD fast Day

## AND FINALLY –

### Did you know?

Warner Music collected over \$2 million in royalties in 2008 for public usage of the "Happy Birthday" song.

### Words of Wisdom

Have you had a kindness done?

Pass it on!

'Twas not given to you alone.

Pass it on

Let it travel down the years,

Let it wipe another's tears,

'Till in heaven the dead appear.

Pass it on.

Henry Burton

### Just for Fun....

You know, I'm not very good at magic - I can only do half of a trick. Yes - I'm a member of the Magic Semi-circle"

Tim Vine

## Wordsearch – Fourth Sunday



ADDRESSED	HEED	LOVE
BIRTH	HELP	LUKE
BOOMING	HOPE	QUOTE
CHILD	IRON	REFUGE
CLIFF	JUDAH	ROCK
CORINTHIANS	JUSTICE	SAVE
CYMBAL	KIND	SHORT
ENRAGED	KNOWLEDGE	SIX
FAITH	LIFE	STRONGHOLD
GIFT	LIPS	THREE
HAND	LORD	WIDOW

Eliminate only the listed words. No word should be entirely inside another. The remaining letters complete the following phrase of the day:

The \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ / \_ \_ prophet of God.

The completed phrase from last week was:  
The "LAW of the LORD"

Hilary Clifton

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

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