



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Diary

Sunday 3rd March 6.00pm; Sun. 11.00 am).	Children's Liturgy, all children up to 12 years old welcome. Refreshments in the hall.
Monday 4th March	Mothers' Prayers 10.30 in the hall
Tuesday 5th March	Rosary in the Church 10.30 Lent groups 10.30 and 7.00 pm
Wednesday 6th March	Morning Prayer 9.45am; Ash Wednesday, Mass 10.00am - Distribution of Ashes. Breaking Open and Sharing the Word. St Edmund's Mass 7.00 pm.
Thursday 7th March	Adoration 10.00am – 7.00pm
Friday 8th March	Stations of the Cross 11.00am , followed by Lent lunch Prayer Group 7.30 pm
Saturday 9th March	Morning Prayer 9.45am; Morning Mass 10.00 am , Sacrament of Reconciliation 11.00am

Sundays Year C-1; Psalter Week 4

Readings: Reading 1 – Ecclesiasticus 27: 4-7.

Psalm Refrain – It is good to give you thanks, O Lord

Reading 2 – 1 Corinthians 15: 54-58

Gospel – Luke 6: 39-45

Collections: Sunday 24th February £142.85. This week: Retiring collection for Building fund.

Tuesday 5th March - Lent Groups begin: Our Lent groups will start on 5th March, at 10.30 am in the Hall, and 7.00 pm at 16, Sherwood Ave. The theme this year is "Jesus the Jew" – please sign up on the sheet in the porch to indicate which group you will attend.

Sunday 10th March - Mass of Anointing of the Sick and Housebound: This Mass will be held at 2.30 pm, followed by refreshments in the hall.

Sunday 10th March - Traidcraft Stall There will be a Traidcraft stall in the hall after Mass on 10th March, stocking all kinds of Fairtrade produce including Fairtrade Easter eggs. Fairtrade products ensure that farmers in the developing world receive a fair price, covering production costs and an extra premium for growers to invest in community projects. We are grateful to Adrienne Darts from St. Edmund's parish who is providing the Traidcraft Stall.

Monday 11th March – Talk by Bishop of Salisbury: The Bishop of Salisbury will give a talk at St Edmund's on 11th March at 7.30 pm.

Friday 15th March 2019 - CAFOD Family Fast Day: CAFOD's Family Fast Day is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters around the world. Mahinur from Bangladesh makes a living from fishing, but is struggling to support her disabled husband and son. You can eat a simple meal in solidarity and give what you save to help people like Mahinur. Fast Day envelopes will be available next Sunday 10th March.

Saturday 16th March – Fr Nicholas King on the Gospel of St Luke. St Catharine's, Frome. Mass 09.00 am, talk 11.00 am, bring and share lunch talk resumes at 2.00 pm. Details available from Anne Doyle.

Lent Sacrament of Reconciliation: Our Deanery Reconciliation will be held at St John's Church, Trowbridge, on **Friday 29th March at 7.00 pm**. Bishop Declan will be celebrating Services of Reconciliation at five venues across the diocese; please see the Diocesan website for more information.

Vacancy for Head Teacher: St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Malmesbury, is looking to recruit a new Head Teacher for Sep 2019. Governors warmly welcome visits and expressions of interest from practising Catholic candidates. Please contact Elaine Pearce on 01666 822331 or admin@st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk to arrange a visit or request an application pack. **Closing date is 8th March 2019.**

Vacancy for Catholic Education Service (CES) South West Hub Development Officer: The CES represents and promotes the national education policy of the Bishops to the Catholic schools, colleges and university colleges across England and Wales. Closing date for applications is **9am on Monday 11 March 2019**; Interviews will take place on Thursday 21st March 2019. For more information please see the full job advert and job description on the CES website: <http://www.catholiceducation.org.uk/>

Saturday 16th March: New date for Ladies Breakfast: at Queensway Chapel. Please arrive at 8.45 am for a 9am start. Guest speaker will be Jeanine Porter. There is no charge but donations are welcome. Please sign up on the sheet in the porch.

St Patirck' Day cards – now available at the back of the church

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, Charlie Canavan, John Doyle, Mrs Marian Frawley, Geoff Blwyddin, Mrs Jean Irwin, Mrs Jeanette Allsop, Mrs Bridie Liddle, Mrs Adderly, Zofia Clarke, Chris Bate, David Coughlin, Katja Lubina, Mrs Audrey Tickner, Patrick Egan, Mrs Jonasz. Deacon David Wakefield, Rebecca Matthews, Anna Prangle, Paul Hogg, John and Anne Dobbin.

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.

RUH Bath Chaplaincy: Contact Mandy Baker 07775 895814, email - mandybaker@live.co.uk

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:

16th March - First Reconciliations after Mass

17th March - St Anthony's and St Edmund's Joint Lent Prayers, 3.00pm, St Anthony's

24th March - St Anthony's and St Edmund's Joint Lent Prayers, 3.00pm, St Edmund's

27th March - Prayer for Melksham, 8.00 am, Queensway Chapel