



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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In order to keep each other safe, save lives and support the NHS, at this time **our Catholic churches are closed to the public.**

Please continue to pray at home for scientists, doctors, nurses and health care workers. Please also pray for Fr Vincent who is going to care homes to anoint people where there is COVID-19 within the home.

Message from Fr Vincent: Hang in there everybody! I pray for you every day at Mass. Please pray for me.

Sunday 3rd May: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Word: Acts 2: 14, 36- 41; Psalm 22; 1Pt 2: 20-25; Jn 10: 1-10

Hours: Psalter 4 and Proper of Season.

Prayers of the Faithful for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

In this time of turbulence and uncertainty let us turn to God our Father to hear and answer our prayers, both proclaimed and in the silence of our hearts;

For church leadership, strong in the renewed life of Easter;

For more vocations to the priesthood and the religious life;

For all those who have been forgotten in the panic of the pandemic such as Syria, Zimbabwe, victims of different forms of addiction, the lonely;

For the parish of the Immaculate Conception, Devizes with Lavington and for St Barnabas in Beanacre. God our Father, by his perfect obedience to your will, Jesus Christ saved us through his death and resurrection. Help us to be witnesses to this greatest of all gifts. We make this prayer through the same Christ, our Lord.

Amen. Hilary Clifton

Monday 4th May: Feast of the English Martyrs

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

Hours: Psalter 4 and Proper of Season.

Tuesday 5th May: Word: Acts 11: 19-26; Psalm 86; Jn 10: 22-30.

Hours: Psalter 4 and Proper of Season

Wednesday 6th May: Word: Acts 12: 24 -13:5; Psalm 66; Jn 12:44-50.

Hours: Psalter 4 and Proper of Season

Thursday 7th May: Word: Acts 13: 13-25; Psalm 88; Jn 13: 16-20

Hours: Psalter 4 and Proper of Season

Friday 8th May: Word: Acts 13: 26-33; Psalm 2; Jn 14: 1-6

Hours: Psalter 4 and Proper of Season

Saturday 9th May: Word: Acts 13: 44-52; Psalm 97; Jn 14: 7-14

Hours: Psalter 4 and Proper of Season

Mass on the Internet: The celebration of Mass (and other devotions) can be followed on smart TVs, laptops, iPads and mobile phones, using the following links:

Britain, Ireland and the USA; <https://www.churchservices.tv/churches/>

Daily Mass said at Clifton Cathedral, 9.30 am: <https://cliftondiocese.com/>

St Osmund's Church Salisbury; daily Mass at 10.00 am <https://churchservices.tv/salisbury>

Fr Chris at St John's, Bath; Masses, Rosary and Adoration: <https://stjohnsrcbath.org.uk>.

Fr Richard at St Catherine's, Frome; now also streaming Mass <https://www.stcatharines.co.uk/> .
Our Lady of Walsingham; 24 hour coverage of devotions: <https://www.churchservices.tv/walsingham>
CAFOD hosts a live online **children's liturgy** for families, on Sundays at 10.00 am.

On-line Faith Exploration Course: (*Those of you who receive newsletters by email will have received this information already*). Walsingham Shrine is delighted to present the faith exploration series **Sycamore**, presented by Fr Stephen Wang www.sycamore.fm. Sycamore is an informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today. Each session involves a short film and discussion questions to get you thinking. The 10 sessions will be broadcast daily on the Shrine's live stream from **Wednesday 29th April** until **Friday 8th May**, with each episode shown at **10.30am** and then **repeated again at 4.00pm**.

A message from Missio: "Thank you from Missio and Mill Hill for your parish gift of £220.72. Through your Red Box or regular gifts, you are a missionary, helping spread God's work and share God's love for all his people. Thank you for your time, your gifts and your prayers for our brothers and sisters across the world. As a member of the Red Box family you will be held in prayer at Mass each day by the Missio Hill community and at Missio's chapel in London. Find out more about what your gift contributes to at <https://missio.org.uk/>."

Fr Anthony Chantry



Tour the world with your Rosary: His Holiness Pope Francis invites us all to pray the Rosary in a special way this May. He encourages us all *'to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May'*. The Mission Rosary has a colour-

coded decade for each continent where the Church continues her mission. It's a wonderful way for children to relate to the world around us and to gain an understanding of what it means to belong to the Universal Church. But anyone can pray the Mission Rosary. Mission Rosaries can be obtained from the Missio office. Please contact Missio by Phone: 020 7821 9755 (Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm), Email: info@missio.org.uk or Post: Missio, 23 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1NU to request yours. You can download a pamphlet from the website (or ask while ordering) to use with your Mission Rosary, with reflections for each mystery.

"Million Minutes" website: During this time of COVID-19 it is important to support our young people who may be feeling isolated. This website may be of interest: <https://millionminutes.org>

Office Administrator vacancy at Alexander House: Working within the Finance team, flexibility, attention to detail and excellent organisational skills are essential for this role. Salary circa £20,000 pa depending upon experience, 33 days holiday pa, including public holidays and a 5% matched contributory pension scheme. For full details of this vacancy and an application form visit: www.cliftondiocese.com/diocese/working-for-us For an informal discussion about this role please contact Janet Parker, Diocesan Financial Administrator, Clifton Diocese on 07751 258820. **Closing date for receipt of applications: Friday 15th May 2020.** INTERVIEW PROCESS DURING COVID-19: Applications should be sent by email to janet.parker@cliftondiocese.com Please do not post applications at this time as Alexander House is currently closed. It is likely that we will be conducting interviews via video conference, so access to the internet and the ability to participate in a video call will be required.

CAFOD Emergency Appeal: CAFOD launched its coronavirus emergency appeal on 30th April. The effects of coronavirus on developing countries where CAFOD works are likely to be devastating. Families without enough to eat and without access to clean water and healthcare are particularly vulnerable to coronavirus. The poorest and most marginalised communities will be pushed further into poverty. Your prayers and gifts are needed now more than ever to help protect the lives of those in poor communities. While we are not able to hold physical collections in our church, you can donate as individuals at cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal. You can see a two-minute video message about the appeal from Christine Allen, Director, CAFOD at cafod.org.uk/parishes, where you'll also find tips for gathering virtually, prayer resources, children's activities, etc. There is also a programme of [online talks](#) about our response work as well as a weekly live-streamed Mass and Sunday Children's Liturgy.

CAFOD quiz on VE Day: Friday 8th May @ 6:30pm, bookings via the website: www.cafod.org.uk/onlinetalks.

Collections: Some parishioners have asked how they can continue to make their offerings while our churches are closed. This will be much appreciated. If you normally put cash or a cheque in the collection plate during Mass, you could now donate via your bank. If you currently pay by standing order, this will continue as usual unless you tell your bank to vary it. We realise that the current emergency is affecting many people's income and they may not be able continue their present level of offerings; in which case, we fully understand and our prayers

are with you. Payments can be made direct to our parish bank account via Internet or telephone banking. You can make individual payments whenever you like, or you can set up a Standing Order. If you would like to pay directly into our parish account- please email treasurer.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftondiocese.com providing your name and telephone number and we will contact you with the necessary details.

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, Patrick Egan, Mrs Jonasz. Deacon David Wakefield, Rebecca Matthews, Paul Hogg, Keith Healy, Alan Glass, Tricia Rigg, Henie Dixon, Brian Hillhouse, June Carey. All those suffering from coronavirus, and those finding isolation 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.

Diocesan Newsletter: If you would like to receive the Diocesan electronic newsletter, please visit their web page <https://cliftondiocese.com/> , scroll down the page to where it says “Stay in the Loop!” and follow the instructions given to subscribe.

Wordsearch – Fourth Sunday of Easter:

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

Only those words in the list are in the wordsearch and 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 letters last week made "Road to Emmaus"

Hilary Clifton

Just some thoughts...;

Dear God, can you please uninstall 2020 and download it again???? It has a virus!!

Hilary Clifton

Definitions

Ushers: The only people in church who don't know the seating capacity of a pew.

Jonah: The original "Jaws" story.

Holy Water: A liquid whose chemical formula is H2OLY.

Senior citizen: Everything hurts – and what doesn't hurt doesn't work.

The trouble with many Christians is that they want to reach the Promised Land without going through the wilderness.

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