



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Sunday 5th March: Second Sunday of Lent: Mass 9.00am

Wednesday 8th March: Morning Prayer 9.40 am, Mass 10.00am

Thursday 9th March: Adoration in the hall 10.00am - 3.00pm

**Friday 10th March: Stations of the Cross 11.30 am, followed by Lent Lunch in the Hall
Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3.00 pm**

Saturday 11th March: Mass 10.00am

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.

Daily readings at end of newsletter

During the 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

Next weekend there will be a retiring collection for the proceeds of CAFOD family Fast Day

Next week's newsletter will be a double edition for Sundays 12th and 19th March

This Sunday, 5th March, we are pleased to welcome the Jeffery family as they start their preparation for their daughter Imogen's baptism after Easter. Please pray for them and the catechists helping in their preparation.

Friday 10th March: (and Fridays in Lent thereafter) Stations of the Cross, 11.00am followed by Lent Lunch

Friday 10th March – CAFOD Family Fast Day: St Anthony's is marking CAFOD Family fast day on March 10th. This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Give using the envelope in church or at cafod.org.uk/give and please join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world.

St Patrick's Day Cards are now available to buy in church; please see Sheila Likely-Ayling

Traidcraft: Adrienne Darts will host a Traidcraft stall in the hall after Mass on **26th March**. Please contact her before then on 01249 740604 if you would like to order

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Chrism Mass at Clifton Cathedral, Wednesday 5th April:

If you would like to attend the Chrism Mass at Clifton Cathedral, please sign up on the sheet in the porch.

Lent Courses: We are running the Lent Course "Following Christ in the Footsteps of the Saints" each Tuesday in Lent, **10.00 am** in St Anthony's Church Hall, **and 7.00 pm** at 16, Sherwood Avenue SN12 7HJ. All are welcome; sign-up sheets are in the porch.

Rise Theatre will be performing 'Faithful Companions' at St Edmund's church on Wednesday 15th March 2023 at 7.00pm. Tickets are £10 per adult; £25 per family, and can be purchased online via St Edmund's parish website or from Mary Rooney.

Musicians and Singers - Please Help! Even if you can only commit to an occasional Sunday, we would love to hear from you. **We also welcome new members to our choir.** Please speak with Anne or contact Sharon in the parish office if you would like to become involved.

Also this week:

Monday 6th March: Mothers' prayers in the hall at 10.30 am.

Wednesday 8th March: Breaking Open and Sharing the Word After Mass.

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. 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 to receive Holy Communion, please telephone 01225 824039 and leave a message, or Email ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net

CLIFTON DIOCESE

Liturgies of Reconciliation: Bishop Declan will celebrate Liturgies of Reconciliation during the Season of Lent at four venues across the diocese. The closest one to St Anthony's will be **Thursday 16th March (St Catharine of Alexandria, Frome)**, and will start at 7pm. There will be priests available at each venue to celebrate sacramental reconciliation.

OTHER NEWS

The National Novena to St Joseph will take place from **11th – 19th March 2023** at St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead. Every year, the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, their Society Patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society's missionary outreach, and for the intentions of all those who support their work. If you are able, and if it is possible to attend, Masses are on Saturday (11th and 18th) at 10.00am; Sunday (12th and 19th) at 11.00am; Monday -Friday (13th - 17th) at 7.30pm. If you would like to join in from home, Masses from St. Joseph's Church will be available on Zoom, via the Mill Hill website:

www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena You are welcome to send in your petitions and/or to request a Novena prayer booklet. Please write to the Novena Director at 6 Colby Gardens, Maidenhead, SL5 7GZ, telephone **01528-673178**, or email novenamhm@gmail.com

CAFOD Syria-Turkey Earthquake Appeal: CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible.

Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>.

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. StreetLink will provide the council with details so officers can talk to the rough sleeper, help them find a warm place to stay and offer ongoing support. People are also encouraged to donate to local charities in Wiltshire, which directly help those in need. 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 $\frac{2}{3}$ allocated to Presbytery repairs, and $\frac{1}{3}$ 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

Wednesday 15th March – RISE Theatre at St Edmund's, 7.00pm

Thursday 16th March – Liturgy of Reconciliation, 7.00pm, St Catherine's, Frome

Wednesday 5th April – Chrism Mass Clifton Cathedral

Thursday 18th May – Ascension Mass 10.00am, followed by Adoration in the Church until 10.00 pm.

AND FINALLY –

Did you know?

All polar bears can trace their ancestry back 50,000 years ago to one female brown bear from Ireland.

Antarctica is the highest, coldest, windiest and driest continent on Earth.

Wordsearch: Second Sunday of Lent

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Eliminate only the listed words. No word should be entirely inside another. The remaining letters complete this phrase from today:

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The words from the previous week (1st Sunday Lent) were "HUMAN RACE" Hilary Clifton

Lent Prayer

Compassionate God,
we thank you for your gifts.
Give us generous hearts,
inspire us to share our own gifts,
our time, our talents, our care
so that, through us,
others may know your love.
Amen CAFOD

Sunday 5th March

Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday Year A; Psalter 2, Proper of Season

Reading 1: Gn 12: 1-4

Psalm Refrain: **May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.**

Reading 2: 2Tim 1: -10

Gospel: Mt 17: 1-9

Monday 6th March: Word: Dn 9: 4-10;

Ps 78; Lk 6: 36-38 **Hours:** Psalter 2, Proper of Season

Tuesday 7th March: Word: Is 1: 10, 16-20;

Ps 49; Mt 23: 1-12 **Hours:** Psalter 2, Proper of Season

Wednesday 8th March: Word: Jer 18: 18-20;

Ps 30; Mt 20: 17-28 **Hours:** Psalter 2, Proper of Season

Thursday 9th March: Word: Jer 17: 5-10; Ps 1;

Lk 16: 19-31 **Hours:** Psalter 2, Proper of Season

Friday 10th March: Word: Gn 37: 3-4, 12-13, 17-

28; Ps 104; Mt 21: 33-43,45-46 **Hours:** Psalter 2, Proper of Season

Saturday 11th March: Word: Mi 7: 14-15, 18-20;

Ps 102; Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32 **Hours:** Psalter 2, 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.

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