



## Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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### Diary

<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January: Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. Mass 9.00 am (St Edmund's Sat. 6.00pm; Sun. 11.00 am)</b>	Refreshments in the hall
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Mothers' Prayers 10.30 in the hall
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Rosary in the Church 10.30
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>No Mass today; Morning Prayer 9.45am</b> Refreshments, Breaking Open & Sharing the Word
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Adoration 10.00am – 7.00pm
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Morning Prayer 9.30am</b> Prayer Group 7.30pm
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Morning Prayer 9.45am; Mass 10.00am</b> <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation 10.30-11.00am</b>

### Sundays Year C-1; Psalter Week 2 and Proper of Solemnity

Readings: Reading 1 – Isaiah 60: 1-6

Psalm Refrain – All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

Reading 2 – Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6; Gospel – Matthew 2: 1-12

Prayer for Priests refrain: Pray for more priests

**Collections: Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December £176.06; Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December £131.00**  
**This week – Retiring collection for Building Fund**

### New Liturgy Course for 2019 – Starts 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019

The Liturgy Office is hosting a new course entitled 'Understanding and Praying the Liturgy', for our Diocesan Year of Prayer. It will seek to enable us to enter more deeply into our understanding of the Mass both as an encounter with the Risen Christ and as prayer itself. Beginning with Bishop Declan we will be guided through the course by a number of excellent speakers. Full details can be found on <https://cliftondiocese.com/departments/adult-education/liturgy-office> or by phoning Richard Williams or Doreen Wyatt on 0117 902 5595.

**Holy Land Pilgrimage for young Catholics (18-35ish) 24<sup>th</sup> July – 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2019** Arranged by Downside Abbey and Clifton Diocese Vocations Ministry. Visit many Holy Christian sites, together with archeological and cultural places of interest in Israel and the Palestinian Territories. Many opportunities for swimming, camel riding, rafting on the Jordan river, and even sleeping out in the desert to experience life as a Bedouin. Contact Rina at [rinabird@outlook.com](mailto:rinabird@outlook.com) for a full itinerary, pricing and a booking form. Approximate price is £1,000.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> January** This year's theme: "Justice, only justice, I will pursue" Deuteronomy 16: 20, organised by the Communion of Churches, Indonesia, and the Catholic Bishops' Conference, Indonesia. Resources available from the Churches Together in England website.

**Melksham Family of Churches' Covenant Service 2019** – This will be held on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 11.00am at St Michael's church.

**Prayer for Melksham 2019** – Please note from January 2019, monthly Prayer for Melksham will be held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 08.30 am. The locations will be announced later - the first occasion will be on 30<sup>th</sup> January.

**February 2<sup>nd</sup> - Ladies' Breakfast** - Queensway Chapel are holding a Ladies' Breakfast on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Please arrive at 8.45am for a 9.00am start. Guest speaker will be Jeanine Porter. There is no charge but donations are welcome. Please sign up on the sheet in the porch if you would like to attend.

**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, Les Warren, Anna Prangley, Paul Hoff, 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](mailto: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.

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[comms.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:comms.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftondiocese.com) or given to Sharon Pearce or Anne Doyle by each Thursday. *Please send to the above address if you would like the newsletter emailed to you.*

**Future dates for your diary:**

**Melksham Family of Churches AGM – 11<sup>th</sup> February**

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting – 21<sup>st</sup> February**

**International Evening – 2<sup>nd</sup> March**