



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Masses

Sunday Mass at 9.00 am.

Wednesday Mass and Saturday Mass at 10.00 am.

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

Sunday 6th March – First Sunday of Lent
Sunday Year C; Psalter 1 and Proper of Season
Reading 1 – Dt 26: 4-10

Psalm refrain: Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

Reading 2 – Rom 10: 8-13

Gospel – Lk 4: 1-13

Monday 7th March: Word: Lv 19: 1-2; Ps 18;
Mt 25: 31-46 Hours: Psalter 1 and Proper of Season

Tuesday 8th March: Word: Is 55: 10-11; Ps 33;
Mt 6: 7-15 Hours: Psalter 1 and Proper of Season

Wednesday 9th March: Word: Jon 3:1-10;
Ps 50; Lk 11: 29-32 Hours: Psalter 1 and Proper of Season

Thursday 10th March: Word: Est 4:17; Ps 137;
Mt 7: 7-12 Hours: Psalter 1 and Proper of Season

Friday 11th March: Word: Ez 18: 21-28; Ps 129;
Mt 5: 20-26; Hours: Psalter 1 and Proper of Season

Saturday 12th March: Word: Dt 26: 16-19;
Ps 118; Mt 5: 43-48; Hours: Psalter 1 and Proper of Season

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

PARISH NEWS

Next week – retiring collection for proceeds of CAFOD family fast day

Lent Course 2022 - Belong & Believe: How our Celtic past can help us today. Refreshing our communities and renewing our mission. This is a Catholic Faith Exploration course produced by CaFE and taking place over five weekly sessions. Starting Tuesday 8th March at 10.00 am in the hall and 7.00 pm at 16, Sherwood Avenue, SN12 6BN All are welcome. If you would like to attend, please sign the sheet in the porch.

CAFOD Family Fast Day - Lent Appeal: This Family Fast Day, we remember that there are many people who need our love and support all around the world. Children experiencing malnutrition like Amie's daughter Lombeh did in Sierra Leone or as we are seeing now in Ukraine, families affected by conflict. Your small act of love can make big things happen. Donations to CAFOD this Lent will reach families around the world, enabling local experts to provide support to families in times of need or conflict. You can donate in church using a CAFOD envelope or by visiting the CAFOD website: cafod.org.uk/lent

Lenten Lunches start Friday 11th March after Stations of the Cross: We need soup making volunteers to help with these lunches. Donations going to CAFOD. If you are able to help, please contact Mary Rooney on 07789910591 or email maryar Rooney@icloud.com

Church Flower Arrangers: It is always lovely to see fresh flowers in church. Easter is on the way we are definitely going to need help to make our church beautiful. At the moment it is falling on just two people to keep the flowers replenished and fresh. We really need people to come forward to help out, male or female, young or not so young! You only need to know how to put flowers in a vase, not so tricky! Guidance will be provided if required. Please contact Carolina 01225 706953 or Tricia 01225 704805.

Grace Disney RIP: Grace Disney's funeral service will be held at West Wilts Crematorium on Thursday 10th March at 2.30pm.

WHAT'S ON

Sunday 6th March: Refreshments in the hall after Mass.

Monday 7th March: Mothers' Prayers 10.30 am in the hall.

First Holy Communion Classes at 5.30 pm in the hall.

Wednesday 9th March: PPC/Liturgy Meeting in the hall after Mass.

Breaking Open and Sharing the Word in the Presbytery after Mass

Thursday 10th March: Eucharistic Adoration from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm.

Friday 11th March: CAFOD Family Fast Day. Stations of the Cross followed by Lent Lunch in the hall. Donations for charity.

CLIFTON DIOCESE

Each day in Lent, The Department for Adult Education and Evangelisation will publish a video in which a member of our diocese shares their thoughts and prayers on our website, on The Clifton Evangelist Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter pages.

We encourage you to pray with each of them and ask that you show your support by sharing these videos with your family and friends. We hope to find more creative and effective ways to support and encourage people to share their faith with others and proclaim the Good News in their lives. If you have any ideas, or questions about evangelisation, we would love to hear from you. Email us your thoughts at adult.education@cliftondiocese.com

OTHER NEWS

Join Missio and Mill Hill Missionaries praying a special Novena to St Joseph 10th -18th

March: Every year, the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph 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 would like to join in on Zoom from home, Masses from St. Joseph's Church will be available 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, SL6 7GZ, telephone **01628-676909**, or email novenamhm@gmail.com.

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, Shireen Doyle, Chris Harvey. 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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 16th March – Finance Committee Meeting, after Mass in the Hall.

Thursday 17th March - Diocesan Reconciliation Liturgy, 7.00 pm, St John's, Bath.

Wednesday 23rd March - Sharing the Journey; Entering the Mystery, Praying the Triduum – Fr James Hanvey SJ, online conversation

Thursday 31st March - Diocesan Reconciliation Liturgy, 7.00 pm, St John's, Trowbridge.

AND FINALLY –

Did you know?

The word “school” comes from the ancient Greek for “free time”.

Words of Wisdom

Lent is a favourable time for personal and community renewal, as it leads us to the paschal mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. For our Lenten journey 2022 we will do well to reflect on St Paul’s exhortation to the Galatians “let us not grow tired of doing good, for in that time we reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all”. Pope Francis

Wordsearch – First Sunday of Lent

M	L	E	N	O	L	A	N	G	E	L	S
A	I	A	I	O	P	G	N	T	O	O	F
D	S	G	N	S	I	I	R	D	L	I	T
E	P	O	H	R	H	L	H	E	R	R	E
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U	L	G	O	E	Y	T	T	I	R	K	T
T	F	N	W	O	L	F	E	A	O	O	D
P	S	I	K	O	R	P	H	R	R	B	W
I	I	R	L	U	B	C	M	D	R	E	E
R	G	B	I	L	I	O	T	E	E	I	L
C	N	T	M	R	E	S	A	W	T	N	L
S	S	E	N	R	E	D	L	I	W	G	S

ALONE	FLOW	RIGHTEOUS
ANGELS	FOOT	SAW
BEING	GREEK	SCRIPTURE
BOW	LION	SIGNS
BREAD	LIPS	TEMPLE
BRING	MADE	TERROR
CHARGE	MIGHTY	TEST
DWELLS	MILK	TOIL
ETERNAL	NOTHING	WILDERNESS
FILLED	RAISED	WORSHIP
FIRSTFRUITS	RICH	

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

Jesus _ _ / _ _ _ _

The completed phrase from last week was “PRAISE AND thanksgiving” Hilary Clifton

Lent prayer

Christ Jesus, nourish us and strengthen us with your word, so that we may reach out to all those among us who hunger. Together lead us to build a world where everyone has enough to eat. Amen. CAFOD



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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