



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Mass will be celebrated Wednesday 10th February at 10.00 am, and Sunday 14th February at 9.00 am; and Wednesday 17th February at 10.00 am, and Sunday 21st February at 9.00 am.

Please do not arrive at church hoping to attend Mass if you have not booked in advance. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday is currently suspended.

It is mandatory for face coverings/masks to be worn in places of worship unless you have an exemption from wearing one (Children under 11, illness, disability, etc.)

Please note that Covid regulations require young children to be supervised by an adult, remaining with them at all times in and around the Church. Thank you.

To pre-book your attendance at Mass, contact Anne Doyle telephone 01225 707486 or email anne.doyle16@blueyonder.co.uk on the following days:

Monday, Tuesday or Thursday of each week

Please note: Toilet facilities will remain closed; please remember this when planning your visit. Heartfelt thanks to all our volunteer stewards and cleaners who make reopening possible.

Prayer for Melksham - you are invited to spend some time on Wednesday in prayer for all who live and work in Melksham, our Council, industry and shops, hospital, care homes and surgeries.

Sunday 7th February: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Year B; Psalter week 1

Reading 1 – Jb 7: 1-4, 6-7

Psalm refrain: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted

Reading 2 – 1Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23

Gospel – Mark 1: 29-35

Prayers of the Faithful, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Let us open our hearts in prayer to our Father, who has shown his power to heal through Jesus.

We pray for all who are suffering from Covid 19 and those who care for them, for all who have died and their relatives and friends.

We remember those who are lonely and finding lockdown difficult and pray that we will respond by keeping in touch with them.

We pray for our parish, the parish of Holy Family, Bristol and for the Church of God of Prophecy, Melksham.

God, our Father, we know that all health and wholeness comes from you, and ask that you heal our sicknesses, our loneliness and fear, though Christ our Lord, Amen.

Anne Doyle

Monday 8th February: Word: Gen 1: 1-19; Ps 103; Mk 6: 53-56

Hours: Psalter 1

Tuesday 9th February: Word: Gen 1: 20-2: 4; Ps 8; Mk 7: 1-1

Hours: Psalter 1

Wednesday 10th February: Memorial of St Scholastica, Virgin

Word: Gen 2: 4-9, 15-17; Ps 103; Mk 7: 14-23

Hours: Psalter 1

Thursday 11th February: Word: Gen 2: 18-25; Ps 127; Mk 7: 24-30

Hours: Psalter 1

Friday 12th February: Word: Gen 3: 1-8; Ps 31; Mk 7: 31-37
Hours: Psalter 1

Saturday 13th February: Word: Gen 3: 9-24; Ps 89; Mk 8: 1-10
Hours: Psalter 1

**Sunday 14th February: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday Year B; Psalter week 2**

Reading 1 – Lv 13: 1-2, 44-46

Psalm refrain: You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Reading 2 – Cor 10: 31- 11:1

Gospel – Mark 1: 40-45

Prayers of the Faithful, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

With the readings for the day involving outcasts, we ask God's help for all those finding themselves cast out and those who endeavour to help

The homeless,

The forgotten,

Religious and political refugees.

We pray for all parishes during the pandemic especially St Bonaventure, Bristol and the Good News Church in Melksham.

We ask for strength for those in religious and secular authority and the medical services, and those who have lost loved ones.

And we ask our Lady to be mother to all.

We ask God to be our true Father, to love us as we are, and forever.

Hilary Clifton

Monday 15th February: Word: Gen 4: 1-15, 25; Ps 49; Mk 8: 11-13
Hours: Psalter 2

Tuesday 16th February: Word: Gen 6: 5-8, 7: 1-5, 10; Ps 28; Mk 8: 14-21
Hours: Psalter 2

Wednesday 17th February: Ash Wednesday

Reading 1: Jl 2: 12-18;

Psalm Refrain: Have Mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Reading 2: 2Cor 5: 20 – 6: 2;

Gospel: Mk 6: 1-6, 16-18

Hours: Psalter 4, Proper of Season

Prayers of the Faithful, Ash Wednesday

At the start of this season of Lent, the Prophet Joel encourages us to "turn to the Lord your God again for he is all tenderness and compassion" – and so we do ...

In this time of Lent we pray that we may all be reconciled to God, and recognise that this is the 'Day of Salvation'.

We pray for all those who live in conditions of war and famine, or under governments which deny them their freedoms as human beings.

We ask that in this time of pandemic we will all learn to place our trust and hope in God, confident that he will show his compassion to us.

We pray that the world's governments, and each and every one of us, may redouble our efforts to look after the environment, so that God's creation may be respected.

Gervase O'Donohoe

Thursday 18th February: Word: Dt 30: 15-20; Ps 1; Lk 9: 22-25
Hours: Psalter 4, Proper of Season

Friday 19th February: Word: Is 58: 1-9; Ps 50; Mk 9: 14-15
Hours: Psalter 4, Proper of Season

Saturday 20th February: Word: Is 58: 9-14; Ps 85; Lk 5: 27-32
Hours: Psalter 4, Proper of Season

Mrs Kathleen Murphy: Mrs Kathleen Murphy passed away peacefully at the Royal United Hospital on January 13th. She was the mother of Annette Benson and the grandmother of Kerry-Ann and Patrick. Her funeral takes place on February 10th at Windsor.

Wednesday 10th February – Finance Meeting: There will be a Finance Meeting in the hall after Mass on Wednesday 10th February. Covid restrictions (social distancing, face masks, ventilation, etc.) will be observed.

St Edmund's Presbytery – Cleaner(s): Fr Vincent is searching for a cleaner for the Presbytery in Calne – can anyone help? For more information, please speak with Fr Vincent. Thank you.

Parish Charities: Zofia Clark still has some facemasks to sell for our charities; they are 3 layer and she has created some Valentine's themed ones. If you would like to buy some, please contact Zofia direct on **01225 340998**. If you would like to make a donation to **Wiltshire Air Ambulance**, please use the following link: <https://www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk/donate/> **Mary's Meals** also has an internet "Giving Page": <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/donate>

Sunday 7th February - Signed Mass for the Deaf: St Nicholas of Tolentino Church, Bristol is live-streaming their 10.00 am Mass with Signing by Sherrie Eugene-Hart every First Sunday of the Month (live-streamed from parish website: www.tolentino.org then click on 'St Nick's live-streamed Mass' page). Many of our Catholic deaf sisters are not aware of the Catholic Deaf Association or the monthly Signed Mass, so if you know anyone who would like to take advantage of this, please contact them with this information. Contact Fr Richard McKay (richard.mckay@cliftondiocese.com) for more information.

Monday 8th February 2021 - Welcome the Stranger, Online Event at 5-6.30 pm: All are invited to join Bishop Mark O'Toole and Bishop Declan Lang for an evening of prayer and reflection on the issues facing refugees, migrants and those affected by modern slavery. Guest speakers include Nick Hanrahan from the Jesuit Refugee Service and Caroline Virgo from the Clewer initiative. The event will take place via zoom - you can register to attend by following this link: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=KidbqQHRkEKiqby9p4Zaca73jzqxgOQNhsGHGCFRchfhUME1HUTNENiRJV1EyQVdGU0ZFWepFNhFhQVCQIQCN0PWcu> or email caritas@prcdtr.org.uk.

Clifton Diocesan Holy Land Pilgrimage 2021 – Expressions of interest needed ASAP: Bishop Declan plans to lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2021 (11th - 19th October) staying three nights in Galilee, two nights in Bethlehem, and three nights in Jerusalem. Initial estimated costings indicate a figure of £1,959 per person (based on two people sharing). The cost of the Pilgrimage is currently an estimate. It is possible that the cost of flights will rise and consequently increase the cost of the total package. As soon the final price is known the organisers will let you know. If you are interested in next year's pilgrimage, then please contact Sarah Adams in the Adult Education & Evangelisation department, at adult.education@cliftondiocese.com. **by 15th February**, please.

Thursday 18th February to 25th March, Global Healing – Lent: This Lent, the Global Catholic Climate Movement invites you to 'Global Healing' in response to Pope Francis' call to care more deeply for Our Common Home. Running for six Thursdays from 18th February – 25th March 2021, 7.30pm – 8.30pm, Global Healing film sessions with reflection, guest speakers & discussion. To register, please email jane@catholicclimatemovement.global Hosted by GCCM Laudato Si' Animators in the UK.

Melksham Food Bank: There has been a huge rise in the number needing the Food Bank. To donate food items, please use either the 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: Melksham Family of Churches also supports those who need emergency relief help (non-food items such as fuel meter payments, etc.). If anyone would like to contribute to this, please contact Sharon for further information.

Please pray for the following: Don d'Cruz, John Doyle, Mrs Marian Frawley, Geoff Blwyddin, Mrs Jean Irwin, Mrs Jeanette Allsop, Zofia Clarke, Chris Bate, Andrew Bate, David Coughlin, Katja Lubina, Patrick Egan. Deacon David Wakefield, Rebecca Matthews, Paul Hogg, Keith Healy, Alan Glass, Tricia Rigg, Henie Dixon, Brian Hillhouse, June Carey, Janet Ruddick, Judith Curtis, Janice Kuranlu, Merv Pearce, Alan McFall. All who are 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.**

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

Just some thoughts:

Extracts from Church Notices:

- Attend the Parish Meeting and you will hear an excellent speaker and have a healthy lunch.
- The audience will remain seated until the end of the recession.
- Ushers will eat latecomers

Holy Joke

Wordsearch – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

G	N	I	R	U	O	B	H	G	I	E	N
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C	L	R	L	S	T	L	C	B	T	O	W
A	H	M	E	E	S	I	A	R	P	E	S
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| ALLOW | HEALS | RESTLESSLEY |
| BREATH | HELPED | REWARD |
| CHOSEN | HOUSE | SEARCH |
| COMES | LIGHT | SHUTTLE |
| CURED | NAME | SICK |
| DISEASES | NEIGHBOURING | STARS |
| DUTY | PRAISE | WEAVERS |
| FEVER | PREACHING | WISDOM |

Eliminate only the words given in the list. No word should be entirely inside another. Ignore any others, which occur accidentally. The remaining letters tell us that Christ makes us...

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Last week's words were "HIS VOICE" (what we should listen to)

Hilary Clifton

Wordsearch Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

D	S	E	Y	E	V	I	D	E	N	C	E
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S	W	G	O	E	E	C	U	R	E	U	E
A	T	P	D	H	V	N	I	K	S	G	H
L	E	S	C	E	Y	I	L	O	N	C	C
V	S	U	A	S	L	U	T	I	J	O	T
A	O	O	C	U	N	W	L	I	N	E	E
T	R	R	A	C	R	L	O	F	C	T	R
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| AWAY | HAND | SKIN |
| CALL | HOPE | SORRY |
| CONFESS | LEPER | STERNLY |
| CURE | LEPROUS | STRETCHED |
| ENLIGHTEN | LEVITICUS | SWELLING |
| EVIDENCE | MOSES | TOUCHED |
| EYES | PAUL | TOWN |
| FILL | REJOICE | UNCLEAN |

Eliminate only the words in the list. None of the words appear entirely within any other. The remaining letters give those people for whom Jesus is a friend:

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Hilary Clifton

Just some thoughts:

Definitions: "And in conclusion..." - a required statement halfway through a sermon;
Magi - the most famous trio to attend a baby shower;
Manger - the Bible's way of showing us that holiday travel can be rough.

Holy Joke

Words of Wisdom:

Goodness by itself can be a little dull,
But saintliness goes beyond and takes supreme risks and dares all.
Good people smile, saints dare to laugh,
And generate good humour that puts you at your ease.

Anon

I am not an island..... I am not a rock.... I am
Connected by a web of loving relationships to the people
Who have brightened my life.....
They are God's gift to me,
And I spread their names around me
As a child spreads out his birthday presents.

Damian Lundy, "To Grow in Christ"

Could you be a School Foundation Governor? The Diocese is recruiting people to serve on school governing bodies. If you believe in Catholic education, have enthusiasm and commitment, you can make a valuable contribution to a Catholic school. It also provides the opportunity to use your life/work skills and experience for the benefit of the children in our schools. Please contact bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com 07710 094976 for more information – he would be delighted to hear from you.

Any Comments? *Is there anything you would particularly like to see included in the weekly newsletter? Please send any comments 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.*

Contact: comms.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftondiocese.com

If you know of any parishioners who do not have access to email, please print this newsletter for them.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 24th February – PPC and Liturgy Meeting: There will be a PPC and Liturgy group meeting after Mass on 24th February in the hall. Covid restrictions (social distancing, face masks, ventilation, etc.) will be observed.

Friday March 5th - Alabaré's Big Sleep at Home: On Friday March 5th Alabaré were due to hold their "Big Sleep" at Salisbury Cathedral, which has been their flagship fund-raising event for the last 13 years. However, because of the current restrictions, this year they are doing things differently. Instead, they are holding their second "Big Sleep at Home" and are asking participants to sleep on their floor, in their garden, garden shed, church or anywhere else that is safe, and seek sponsorship from their friends, family, congregations and colleagues. Please visit the following link: [Big Sleep at Home](#) for more information. Please also pray for Alabaré and the work that they do.