



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Sunday 8th May – Fourth Sunday of Easter: Mass 9.00 am.

Wednesday 11th May: Mass 10.00 am

Saturday 14th May: No Mass

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

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

Readings at end of newsletter

PARISH NEWS

Retiring Collections:

This weekend – Priests' Retirement Fund

Wednesday 11th May – PPC Meeting: In the hall after Mass. If there is anything you would like the PPC to consider, please tell a PPC member, or notify the parish office.

Rosary: During the month of May, the Rosary will be said in church every Tuesday at 10.00 am

Eucharistic Adoration: It would be helpful to have more Adorers to cover the hours of 10.00 to 11.00 am and 2.00 to 3.00pm. If you can help, please contact Mary Rooney. Thank you.

Altar Servers needed: Thanks to those who have already signed up, but more altar servers will be helpful. Our young people are especially invited to become servers; please sign up on the sheet in the porch. Full training given.

Sunday 8th May: Refreshments in the hall after Mass.

Monday 9th May: Mothers' Prayers 10.30 am in the hall.

Tuesday 10th May: Rosary in the church 10.00 am.

Wednesday 11th May: Breaking Open and Sharing the Word in the **Presbytery** after Mass.

Thursday 12th May: Eucharistic Adoration 10.00 am to 3.00 pm.

Friday 13th May: Divine Mercy Chaplet 3.00 pm

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, Tricia Rigg, Henie Dixon, Brian Hillhouse, Judith Curtis, Janice Kuranlu, Anne Doyle, Sheila Likey-Ayling, Anne O'Mahony, Lorraine Pavey, Francis Ballinger, Shireen Doyle, Chris Harvey, Mary Harris, Fr John O'Toole. 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***

DIOCESAN NEWS

Synod Evening Liturgy: Bishop Declan invites every parish to an evening liturgy at the Cathedral on **Wednesday June 22nd at 7.00pm** when he will also present Clifton's Synod report to each parish. It is hoped that at least two people including the Parish Priest will be present to receive the report. However, there are no restrictions on numbers so all are welcome to attend. Please book onto the event via this link (*Eventbrite*):

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/evening-liturgy-synod-tickets-327123734897>

Celebration of Marriage – Saturday 2nd July: Bishop Declan is celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 2nd July (12 noon) and is inviting all married couples to join him. He

sends a personal invitation to those couples who are celebrating significant anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 65th, or 70th), during 2022 or those who will marry during this year. If this applies to you and you would like to attend, please email

adult.education@cliftondiocese.com with details of your names, address, and the number of years you are both celebrating so that a personal invitation can be sent to you.

Flame 2023: The theme of Flame 2023 (which is 150 days before World Youth Day in Lisbon) takes the WYD Scripture "Mary arose and went in haste" and crystallises it into the theme "Rise Up!" Rise up as young Catholics, Rise up, as Mary did, for the surprising and beautiful adventure that is our Catholic faith. Learn more about Flame 2023 at [FLAME – CYMFed](#) This year Clifton Diocese has booked tickets and a coach for 50 people. If you're interested in booking a ticket through and traveling with the diocese, please send an email to youth@cliftondiocese.com.

WYD 2023: World Youth Day will next take place in Lisbon in 2023. The Department for Adult Education and Evangelisation is organising an eight-day pilgrimage from **July 31st to August 8th, 2023**, for young adults [18-35] in our diocese. The provisional plan is to spend six nights in Lisbon and two nights in Fatima. There will be formation sessions for the group before the pilgrimage to build community and support one another in our faith journey. If you are interested in learning more about the Clifton Diocese World Youth Day 2023 Pilgrimage, and will be at least 18 years old on 1st April 2023, please register your interest at [World Youth Day 2023 | Clifton Diocese](#)

OTHER NEWS

Monks Chapel Open Day: Monks Chapel is a Grade 1 listed building in Monk's Lane, Corsham. An open day will be held on **Saturday 21st May, 11.00 am to 3.00 pm**. Light refreshments offered. For further information, tel **01249 712991**. Do pop in and visit this beautiful and historic place of worship.

CHARITIES

Gift Aid: Your Parish Gift Aid contact is Tricia Hoy, phone number **01225 704805**.

Our Parish Charities: We are re-evaluating our parish charities; more information to follow at a later date.

If you would like to donate to **Wiltshire Air Ambulance**, please use the link:

<https://www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk/donate/>

Mary's Meals: have an internet "Giving Page":

<https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/donate>

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 etc). If anyone would like to contribute to this, please contact Melksham Foodbank or Sharon (Parish office) for further information.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 22nd May – First Holy Communion

Sharing the Journey These conversations will take place on *Microsoft Teams*, 7.30pm – 8.45pm. To register please contact: adult.education@cliftondiocese.com.

A *Microsoft Teams* invitation will be sent out a day before each talk.

Thursday 19th May – Supporting people in our parishes who present with intellectual difficulties – Cristina Gangemi

Thursday 16th June: Being a Catechist – David Wells

Thursday 14th July: Formation of the Heart – Raymond Friel

AND FINALLY –

Did you know...?

1.3 million Earths could fit inside the Sun, which is an average-sized star.

The coldest place on Earth is a high ridge in Antarctica, where temperatures can fall below -133 °F (-93.2 °C)

St Matthias, Apostle, Feast Day 14th May: After Christ's Ascension, Matthias was chosen by lot to fill the place of Judas Iscariot among the Apostles. Tradition associates Matthias with spreading the gospel in Cappadocia and provinces bordering the Caspian Sea (in modern day Turkey), as well as Ethiopia. He is invoked for assistance against alcoholism, and for support by recovered alcoholics.

Wordsearch: Fourth Sunday of Easter

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AGE	GOD	SABBATH
ANTIOCH	GRACE	SHEEP
BARNABAS	HUGE	SPREAD
BLOOD	ICONIUM	SUN
CITY	JOY	TEARS
CONTRADICTED	LAMB	TOWN
COUNTRYSIDE	LORD	URGED
CROWDS	LOVE	WATER
DIED	NEVER	WIPE
ETERNAL	ONE	WORD
FOLLOW	PROCLAIM	
FRONT	ROBES	

Eliminate the listed words. No word should be entirely inside another. The remaining letters describe an important seat mentioned four times in the second reading:

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The completed phrase from last week was: It / IS
THE LORD
Hilary Clifton

Words of Wisdom

“...when our nets are empty in life, it is not the time to feel sorry for ourselves, to have fun, to return to old pastimes. It is time to begin again with Jesus, it is time to find the courage to begin again, it is time to put out to sea again with him...He is waiting for you.”

Pope Francis

Prayer for the Synod

This prayer is said at the end of each Mass for the success of Synod 2021-2023

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.

Amen

Readings Easter Week 4

Sunday Year C; Psalter 4 and Proper of Season

Sunday 8th May – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Reading 1 – Acts 13: 14, 43-52

Psalm refrain: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Reading 2 – Apoc 7: 9, 14-17

Gospel – Jn 10: 27-30

Monday 9th May: Word: Acts 11: 1-18; Pss 41, 42; Jn 10: 1-10 **Hours:** Psalter 4 and Proper of Season

Tuesday 10th May: Word: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 86; Jn 10: 22-30 **Hours:** Psalter 4 and Proper of Season

Wednesday 11th May: Word: Acts 12: 24-13: 5; Ps 66; Jn 12: 44-50 **Hours:** Psalter 4 and Proper of Season

Thursday 12th May: Word: Acts 13: 13-25; Ps 88; Jn 13: 16-20 **Hours:** Psalter 4 and Proper of Season

Friday 13th May: Word: Acts 13: 26-33; Ps 2; Jn 14: 1-6 **Hours:** Psalter 4 and Proper of Season

Saturday 14th May: Feats of St Matthias, Apostle

Word: Acts 1: 15-17 Ps 112; Jn 15: 9-17 **Hours:** Psalter 4 and 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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