



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Mass will be held on Wednesday 12th August at 10.00 am and Sunday 16th August at 9.00 am.

Please do not arrive at church hoping to attend Mass if you have not booked in advance.

It is now 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.)

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

Monday 10th August, between 09.00 am - 11.00 am, or 6.00pm – 8.00pm;

We appreciate that some people would like to remain after Mass for private prayer. We must ensure the church is cleaned after each Mass, so **the church will be open 15 minutes before the beginning of Mass at 9.45 am on Wednesday 12th August and 8.45 am on Sunday 16th August for private prayer.** Please note: **Toilet facilities will remain closed;** please remember this when planning your visit. Heartfelt thanks to all our volunteers who make reopening possible.

Sunday 9th August: Nineteenth Sunday of the Year

Sunday Year A; Psalter week 3

Reading 1 – 1Kgs 19: 9, 11-13

Psalm refrain: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help

Reading 2 – Rom 9: 1-5

Gospel - Matthew 14: 22-23

Prayers of the Faithful, Nineteenth Sunday of the Year

We continue to pray for all those for whom the pandemic has meant a period of anxiety, loneliness or personal loss. May the Lord who says: "Courage, it is I. Do not be afraid" be with them.

We remember all those who are striving to find ways to counter the Coronavirus: May they be given wisdom and perseverance.

We remember the people of Beirut whose lives and homes have been destroyed by Tuesday's terrifying explosion.

We pray for the parishes of St Joseph, Stonehouse, Annunciation, Woodchester, and St Andrew's, Melksham. Gervase O'Donohoe

Monday 10th August: Feast of St Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr

Word: 2Cor 9: 6-10; Ps 111; Jn 12: 24-26

Hours: Psalter 3

Tuesday 11th August: Memorial of St Clare, Virgin

Word: Ez 2: 8-3: 4, 12-15; Ps 118; Mt 18: 1-5, 10, 12-14

Hours: Psalter 3

Wednesday 12th August: Word: Ez 9: 1-7, 10: 18-22; Ps 112; Mt 18: 15-20

Hours: Psalter 3

Thursday 13th August: Word: Ez 12: 1-12; Ps 77; Mt 18: 21- 19:1

Hours: Psalter 3

Friday 14th August: Memorial of St Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr

Word: Ez 16: 1-15, 60, 63; Is 12; Mt 19: 3-12

Hours: Psalter 3

Saturday 15th August: Word: Ez 18:1-10, 13, 30-32; Ps 50; Mt 19: 13-15

Hours: Psalter 3

Retiring Collections – Easter offering for Fr Vincent

Face Masks at Communion- Diocesan guidance: Communicants should unloop their face covering and consume the Sacred Host and then replace the face covering before moving away.

Beirut Appeal: The following link will take you to CAFOD's webpage, giving details of how you can donate to the Beirut emergency appeal: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Explosions-in-Beirut>
There are also prayers on the site, one of which can be found at the end of this newsletter. Donations can also be made by post to CAFOD, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1 7JB

Volunteer Cleaners: We rely heavily on our volunteers during this time to be able to open our church. We need more volunteer cleaners to join our team; if you are not in the clinically vulnerable group (under 70 and not shielding), please contact Mary Rooney on 07789 910591 to help with this important task. Thank you.

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.

Please pray for the following: Mrs. Rosa Menghini, Don d'Cruz, Mrs Kathleen Murphy, John Doyle, Mrs Marian Frawley, Geoff Blwyddin, Mrs Jean Irwin, Mrs Jeanette Allsop, Mrs Bridie Liddle, Zofia Clarke, Chris Bate, David Coughlin, Katja Lubina, Patrick Egan, Mrs Jonasz. Deacon David Wakefield, Rebecca Matthews, Paul Hogg, Keith Healy, Alan Glass, Tricia Rigg, Henie Dixon, Brian Hillhouse, June Carey. All those 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.

Wordsearch – Our wordsearch Guru, Hilary, is on a well-earned break this week – we miss her and hope she is having a good time! We have instead a short quiz – can you solve the clues?

Biscuits of all kinds

1. Wealthy Beverage..... 2. Lightweight loaf 3. Foreign seaside resort..... 4. London Hotel.....
5. Socialise with Lords and Ladies..... 6. Redheaded loonies..... 7. Two things to serve with rhubarb.....
8. Boy with no hair..... 9. They keep turning in the west.....
10. Instructions to wash an orphan.....

Answers next week from Anne

Just some thoughts:

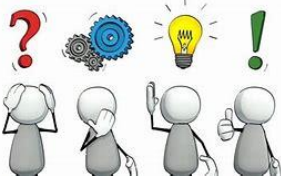
- It's been a great blessing to be at home with the wife these last few months. We've caught up on everything I've done wrong in the past 20 years..
- How long is this social distancing supposed to last? My husband keeps trying to come into the house!
- Day 37 of social distancing; struck up a conversation with a spider today; seems nice. He's a web designer.

Words of Wisdom:

The Joy of Thanks

Let us give thanks for friends
Who care for us and make us laugh,
For our families who love us and bring us up.
Let us give thanks for all the
Colours of the world which brighten up our lives,
And all the animals of the world.
Let us give thanks for cold ice cream
On a baking day.
Thank you, God, for everything lovely.

Joshua Kaufman, "Let there be", compiled by Churches Together in England



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.

For electronic newsletters, please email: comms.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftondiocese.com

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



Prayer for the people of Beirut

Light of new hope

God of refuge,
hear our prayer
as we hold the people of Beirut
in our hearts at this time.
Fill us with compassion
and move us to reach out in love.

In your mercy,
bring comfort to those who mourn,
healing to those who are injured,
shelter to those who are homeless
sustenance to those who hunger.

Give strength to those who are working
to rebuild shattered lives,
and protect those who are vulnerable
especially in a time of coronavirus.

Lead us in your ways
so that together we may bring
the light of new hope
wherever there is destruction and despair.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.