



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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No Wednesday Mass this week. Mass will be celebrated Thursday 13th May – Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord - at 10.00 am and Sunday 16th May 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 Monday, Tuesday or Thursday of each week

Heartfelt thanks to all our volunteer stewards and cleaners who make reopening possible.

**Sunday 9th May - Sixth Sunday of Easter
Sunday Year B; Psalter week 2, Proper of Season
Reading 1 – Acts 10: 25-26**

Psalm refrain: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Reading 2 – 1Jn 4: 7-10

Gospel – John 15: 9-17

Prayers of the Faithful, Sixth Sunday of Easter

God is love itself and love itself is the nature of God. Let us strive to follow him as we bring our prayers before him.

We pray for our parishioners that we may be a living true reflection of the light of Christ.

Also for the sick and Housebound that they may experience God's healing power in body mind and spirit and be surrounded by the love and support of family and friends.

We pray for our own Church, also the Church of Our Lady, Glastonbury, St Michael, Shepton Mallet, Our Lady, Cheddar, St Joseph & St Theresa, Wells and St Barnabas, Melksham.

We pray for all those affected by Covid-19 in India and thank God for the aid been provided throughout the world.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those involved in the Mexican rail crash

For those experiencing racism attitudes we pray they have the support of government, Church and Community.

We thank God for the gift of each day. Help us to live it the best way we can.

We make these prayers through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mary Harris

Monday 10th May: Word: Acts 16: 11-15; Ps 149; Jn 15: 16-4
Hours: Psalter 2, Proper of Season

Tuesday 11th May: Word: Acts 16: 22-34; Ps 137; Jn 16: 5-11
Hours: Psalter 2, Proper of Season

Wednesday 12th May: Word: Acts 17: 15, 22-18:1; Ps 148; Jn 16: 12-15
Hours: Psalter 2, Proper of Season

Thursday 13th May: Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Reading 1 – Acts 1: 1-11

Psalm refrain: God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

Reading 2 – Eph 1: 17-23

Gospel – Mark 16: 15-20

Prayers of the Faithful, Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

The Ascended Lord leads us to glory, He reveals to us the love of God which reaches out to all mankind. We place our prayers at His feet.

We pray for Covid victims and their families, we pray that God may walk alongside them in their grief. We also remember all those we have known and loved who have died, and their families and friends. We pray for the sick in body and mind, the disabled and the vulnerable, and for all who love and care for them.

We thank God for the vaccine and we pray that our government will continue to provide medical supplies to India and other poor countries.

We pray for Francis, our Pope, Declan, our Archbishop, Fr. Vincent, the clergy and we faithful. We pray that our service and love to God, to each other, and to others, may bring the world closer to God.

We pray for the United Church in Melksham.

Help us to see the goodness in other people and in ourselves.

We bring these prayers to You in the name of The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit. Amen.

Gay Harris

Friday 14th May: Feast of St Matthias, Apostle

Word: Acts 1: 15-17; Ps 112; Jn 15: 9-17

Hours: Psalter 2, Proper of Season

Saturday 15th May: Word: Acts 18: 23-28; Ps 46; Jn 16: 23-28

Hours: Psalter 2, Proper of Season

Toilets: Toilets are now open for use by parishioners. In order to reduce infection risk, please note: Stewards **must** be informed if the toilet is needed in order to maintain social distancing; access and egress are outside the church **not** through the sacristy; you must use the wipes provided to wipe down the toilet seat, handle, door handle and taps; dispose of the wipes in the bins **not** in the toilet. Toilets will be cleaned after Mass, not after each use. Thank you.

Monday 10th to Friday 21st May; Temporary Closure of King Street and part of Semington Rd: We have been assured that access to St Anthony of Padua will be maintained during this time. Those who drive to church will need to inform one of the "gatekeepers" at either end of the closure that they are attending St Anthony's, and access will be given. Please note that you will need to allow more time to travel to and from church as you may have to wait while heavy plant is moved to allow you to pass.

Thursday 13th May – Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord: Mass at 10.00 am. Please book attendance as usual.

St Anthony's 24-Hour Prayer Vigil to Pentecost: The vigil will take place in our church from 11.00 am to 4.00 pm on 13th May, and from 4.00 pm until 11.00 am 14th May you are invited take part in the vigil in your home. If you wish to come to church between 11.00 and 4.00pm, please book a place with Anne Doyle (details above). If you would like to take part in the vigil at home, please contact Mary Rooney maryar Rooney@blueyonder.co.uk Mobile 07789 910591, landline 01225 708029.

Order of Mass Cards: We have purchased some Order of Mass cards if anyone would like to buy their own to keep. Priced at £1 per card, please contact Mary or Michael Rooney if you would like one.

Praying a Novena to the Holy Spirit: Bishop Declan invites us all to participate in praying a Novena to the Holy Spirit beginning this week on Thursday 13th May (Feast of the Ascension). Each of the nine days will focus on a different fruit of the Spirit. You can access the prayer resource for the Novena on the diocesan website: <https://cliftodiocese.com/novena> (Please note this link will not become active on the website until the start of the Novena on the 13th) We hope as many people will join us in praying the Novena as we continue to 'Dare to Dream' and invite the Holy Spirit to bless our diocese as we move forward.

Liturgy trainers: The Diocese has been considering how, in the future, the formation and support of liturgical ministers can be provided. It was felt this could begin by "training some trainers" who would go on to be responsible for training ministers in their own area or deanery. If you would like to be considered for one of these roles, please email the parish office or contact Fr Vincent, so that he can submit names on behalf of St Anthony's.

Gift Aid: Giving envelopes are available at church. Please start using these envelopes now and dispose of any of the old envelopes you hold. Many thanks for Gift Aiding your donations. Your Gift Aid contact is Tricia Hoy, phone number **01225 704805**.

Parish Charities: 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 16th to Monday 24th May - Laudato Si' Week: The entire global Catholic family, from Pope Francis to children learning about Laudato Si' for the first time, is committed to caring for creation. During this week, the world's 1.3 billion Catholics will come together from six continents to celebrate the great progress we've made and prepare for the future with hope. We recognise that much needs to be done, and we'll start on the clear road map for the decade ahead. **[Join today to receive the official Laudato Si' Week prayer and resources that will help you spread the good news!](#)** The theme for the celebration is, "for we know things can change" (LS 13).

Thanks from CAFOD: We have received a letter of thanks from CAFOD; "Thank you to all parishioners at St Anthony of Padua for your generous support for CAFOD and your latest donation of £270.00 which we received on 21st April. It means so much to us that you have reached out to our brothers and sisters around the world when life here at home is quite changed. Thank you so much for being there for our global family".
Michelle Oakford, CAFOD

CAFOD's Response to the Crisis in India: As coronavirus brings devastation across India, CAFOD is working with experienced local Church agency, Caritas India, to provide vital support to poor and marginalised communities. Donations to CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal will help Caritas India distribute PPE kits to frontline health workers, promote COVID & vaccine awareness campaigns, and set up safely run isolation & quarantine centres. You can donate online here: cafod.org.uk/give. Please keep praying for the people of India and all those affected by the pandemic.

Thy Kingdom Come 2021: This year Thy Kingdom Come, the global ecumenical prayer takes place from Thursday 13th to Sunday 23rd May. New resources for 2021 will include an **[11-part children's video series called Cheeky Pandas](#)** - packed with Bible stories, prayers, animation, worship songs and interviews with special guests. Other new resources include **[this year's Novena and the Prayer Journal](#)** and a Prayer Adventure Map. For more information visit **[New For 2021 | Thy Kingdom Come](#)**

Rediscover Your Marriage: Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) simply means 'rediscovery'. The programme offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. 10s of 1000s headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the programme commencing with a 'Virtual' weekend on 1st – 4th July 2021, call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443, or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com or visit www.retrouvaille.org.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 energy meter payments, etc.). If anyone would like to contribute to this, please contact Sharon (email as at foot of newsletter) for further information.

Please pray for the following: Don d'Cruz, John Doyle, Geoff Blwyddin, Mrs Jeanette Allsop, Zofia Clarke, Chris Bate, Andrew Bate, 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, Alan McFall, Alistair Strudwick, David Elliot, Callum Ford, Dennis Andrews, Maria Podraza. 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

Could you be a School Foundation Governor? St Edmund's school in Calne, urgently needs more governors. If you might be willing to help by becoming a school governor, and would like to find out more

about what is involved, please contact the Chair of governors at St Edmunds, Ross Swan, either by email at rswan@st-edmunds-pri.wilts.sch.uk or by phone on **07906 918373**.

Our parish school, St Patrick's in Corsham also requires Governors; contact Clerk to the Governors Sharon Gilbert, **01249 713125**, email admin@st-patricks.wilts.sch.uk . Alternatively contact Bill McEntee at Clifton Diocese bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com **07710 094976** for more information – he would be delighted to hear from you.

Wordsearch – Sixth Sunday of Easter

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| ACCEPTABLE | JESUS | SEND |
| ANYBODY | JOY | SHOUT |
| ARM | LOVE | SOUND |
| ASK | MEET | SPEAKING |
| BAPTISED | NAME | STAY |
| COMMANDMENTS | ORDERS | STRANGE |
| COMPLETE | PROSTRATED | TRUTH |
| DAYS | REALISE | WONDERS |
| GOD | REMAIN | YOU |

Eliminate only the words in the list. The remaining letters describe what God does *not* have;

– – – – – Last week's words were "THE TRUE VINE"
Hilary Clifton

Just a thought....

Church Bulletins
 The Outreach committee has enlisted people to call on those who are not afflicted by any church.
 Next Sunday Mrs Vinton will be the soloist, the Pastor will then speak on "It's a terrible experience".
Holy Joke

Words of Wisdom:

It is the *difference* we despise. That is only caused by our different eyes, which see, yet do not see that accepted signs are love's surprise.
Anon

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.