



## Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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In order to keep each other safe, save lives and support the NHS, at this time **our Catholic churches are closed to the public.**

**Please continue to pray at home for scientists, doctors, nurses and health care workers.**

**Message from Fr Vincent: *You are in my thoughts and prayers especially during this very different Holy Week. I pray for you all at Mass each day***



**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

**Word:** Is 50: 4-7; Psalm 21; Phil 2: 6-11; Mt 26: 14-27, 66.

**Hours:** Psalter 2 and Proper of Season. Page 392

Morning Prayer – Antiphons for Holy Week



**Prayers of the Faithful for the Feast of Palm Sunday 2020**

Let us now pray for the needs of the world: For the forgotten in this time of global crisis and for all those suffering from coronavirus whether directly or indirectly. Let us pray to the Lord

For the communities of St Peter, Cirencester, St Michael, Tetbury, the Church of God of Prophecy here in Melksham and all candidates for the sacraments. Let us pray to the Lord

We ask Mary to join her prayers with ours as we say, Hail Mary....

Finally, God, our Father, as we continue on our Lenten journey, help us to always keep in mind the greatest gift that we will receive at the end – the Easter resurrection of Your Son. We make this prayer through the same Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Hilary Clifton

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April: Word:** Is 42: 1-7; Psalm 26; Jn 12: 1-11.

**Hours:** Psalter 2 and Proper of Season.

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April: Word:** Is 49: 1-6; Psalm 70; Jn 13: 21-33, 36-38.

**Hours:** Psalter 2 and Tuesday of Holy Week

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April: Word:** Is 50: 4-9; Psalm 68; Mt 26: 14-25.

**Hours:** Psalter 2 and Wednesday of Holy Week.

**Bishop Declan – The Chrism Mass and the Blessing of Holy Oils will be held later in the year.**

**Suggestions for celebrating Holy Thursday and Good Friday at home from Clifton Diocese:**

These suggestions are offered as a starting point for us to think about how we might celebrate at home, according to our own circumstances. It is also an encouragement to be imaginative and meaningful for the circumstances in which we find ourselves. If you are alone, and many will be, know that you are united with others doing the same. We are united in the love God has for us all as we find a new way of being Church at this time.



**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April: Holy (Maundy) Thursday:**

**Word:** Ex 12: 1-8, 11-14; Psalm 115; 1Cor 11: 23-26; Jn 13: 1-15

**Hours:** Psalter 2 and Proper of Season. Prayer for the Triduum page 395

At sunset or early evening have a simple meal together, including bread and wine. During the course of the meal talk about what Jesus was doing when he was celebrating the Passover. Finish with prayer thanking God for the gift we have been given. **See Gay's suggestion for a prayer vigil:**



## Prayers for Holy Thursday

We thank you God, for the precious gift of the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. We know Jesus is with us always, even to the end of time.

In these frightening and challenging times, we pray for all those who are ill. We pray for an end to the Corona virus and for a vaccination to combat it. We pray for all the dedicated doctors, nurses, medical and care staff, social workers, shop workers, delivery drivers and manufacturers, that they will work in safe conditions.

We pray for all those who are in self isolation, and we pray that as a Parish community, we may reach out to these people in love and compassion, in whatever way we can, now and in the future.

We pray for our own Parish and for the Church of God of Prophecy, in Melksham and we pray for the whole world.

Gay Harris



## Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April: Friday of the Passion of the Lord

**Word:** Is 52: 13-53, 12; Psalm 30; Heb 4: 14-16, 5: 7-9; Jn 18: 1-19: 42

**Hours:** Proper of Season.

At 3.00pm, if possible, gather together with a cross in the middle of the gathering. Spend some time quietly and pray for the pain and suffering of our world. Depending on how many are there, it might be good to encourage everyone to share and pray for where they see suffering at present. Finish with an Our Father.



## Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April: Holy Saturday

**Word:** Gen 1: 1-2: 2: 2; Psalm 103 (or 32); Gen 22: 1-18; Psalm 15; Ex 14: 15-15:1; Ex 15; Is 54: 5-14; Psalm 29; Is 12; Bar 3: 9-15, 32-4:4; Psalm 18; Ez 36: 16-28; Psalm 41; Rom 6: 3-11; Psalm 117; Mt 28: 1-10

**Hours:** Proper of Season.

## Prayers for Holy Saturday

We pray for our own parish and for the parishioners of the Immaculate Conception, Clevedon with Yatton, St Francis Nailsea, St Joseph, Portishead and the Core Church, Melksham.

We pray for those who have the Coronavirus and their families, for all those in the NHS who are involved with caring for them, also the key workers and the Carers in the Nursing Homes. We also remember those in isolation who are separated from their loved ones and are lonely.

The Risen Christ leads us to glory. He reveals to us the love of God and the Holy Spirit who reaches out to all mankind.

Mary Harris

### Mass on the Internet

As the virus situation deepens, Parishioners may wish to know that the celebration of mass can be followed on smart TVs, laptops, iPads and mobile phones, using the following links: <https://churchservices.tv/salisbury> (St Osmund's Church Salisbury – daily mass at 10.00 am) or <https://www.churchservices.tv/churches/>

There is also a daily Mass said at Clifton Cathedral: <https://cliftondiocese.com/> Our Lady of Walsingham provides 24 hour coverage of a variety of devotions: <https://www.churchservices.tv/walsingham> Fr Chris at St John's, Bath is also live streaming (and recording) masses, rosary and adoration: <https://stjohnsrcbath.org.uk>. CAFoD is also hosting a live online [children's liturgy](#) for families, on Sundays at 10.00am.

**Maundy Thursday - 24 Hour Prayer Vigil for an end to the Covid-19 Global Pandemic:** While some of us have time on our hands during the Coronavirus lockdown, we would like to organise a 24 hour prayer vigil on Maundy Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April, starting at 10.00 am and ending on Good Friday at 10.00 am. If you are able to spend an hour in prayer during that time, please can you contact Mary Rooney either by email, text or phone. Contact details; [maryar Rooney@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:maryar Rooney@blueyonder.co.uk) Mob. **07789910591** or **01225 708029**. Look forward to hearing from you to book your prayer slot and hopefully it will be less stressful than trying to organise a grocery delivery on-line.

**Please pray for the following:** Mrs. Rosa Menghini, Vilma D'Sousa, 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.**

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**Wordsearch – Palm Sunday and Holy Week:**



CLOTHES	PHILIPPIANS	SCRIPTURE
CROSS	PILATE	SIMON
DISCIPLES	POTTERSFIELD	SWORD
DISTRESS	PRAETORIUM	TOMB
FATHER	PRAY	VEIL
FLINT	PROPHET	VINEGAR
HOSANNA	RESURRECTION	
ISCARIOT	SANHEDRIN	

Find the above words from Sunday's readings - horizontal, vertical and diagonal. All others are coincidental. The remaining letters describe who it's all about. Last week's word was "prayer". Hilary Clifton

*Just a thought;*

"We're a couple of weeks into isolation and it's really upsetting to witness my other half standing at the window gazing into space with tears in her eyes. It breaks my heart. I've thought long and hard about how I can cheer her up. I've even considered letting her in, but rules are rules.." via Anne Doyle

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# Live-streaming Holy Week & Easter 2020

THE CATHEDRAL WILL NOT BE OPEN FOR ANY MASSES OR SERVICES  
THROUGHOUT HOLY WEEK

**Palm Sunday**

**Sunday 5th April**

9.30am

**Daily Masses**

**Monday 6th –**

**Wednesday 8th April**

9.30am

**Mass of the Lord's  
Supper**

**Thursday 9th April**

8.00pm

**Good Friday**

**10th April**

Stations of the Cross

12 noon

Liturgy of the Passion

3.00pm

**Great Vigil of Easter**

**Saturday 11th April**

8.00pm

**Easter Sunday**

**Sunday 12th April**

Sunday of the Resurrection

9.30am

**Daily Masses after Easter**

9.30am

Masses will be celebrated with Bishop Declan Lang and Canon Bosco MacDonald