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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT Laetare Sunday – 15th MARCH 2026

Church Cleaning: Week 3 **Divine Office: PSALTER 4, PROPER OF SEASON**

SATURDAY	EVE OF THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	Mass at 6.00pm
SUNDAY	THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Laetare Sunday	Mass at 11.00am
	St Anthony of Padua, Melksham, Mass 9.00am	
TUESDAY	Feast of St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland	No Mass
WEDNESDAY	Weekday of Lent	
	St Anthony of Padua, Melksham, Mass at 10.00am	
THURSDAY	Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Mass at 10.00am
FRIDAY	Weekday of Lent	Mass at 11.30am followed by Stations of the Cross
SATURDAY	EVE OF THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	Mass at 6.00pm
	St Anthony of Padua, Mass at 10.00am	

Confessions by arrangement with Fr Vincent

To restrict the spread of virus, you may wish to continue to wear a face covering. Please sanitise your hands on entering the Church.

Please join us for refreshments in the hall after Mass on Sunday

Next week: Retiring collection for the Priests' Retirement Fund

WEDNESDAY 18th MARCH: Fr Vincent will hear confessions between 6.00 and 7.00pm.

SAFEGUARDING: The parish is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all those entrusted to our care, especially children and vulnerable adults. Information about safeguarding, including details of how to contact the Parish Safeguarding Representative and/or the Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator, is displayed on the notice board in the porch and on the parish website. Leaflets about safeguarding matters entitled 'What should I do if I have a concern?' are available on the table in the church porch.

THE NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH continues until 18th March 2026 at St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead. Every year, the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St. Joseph, their Society Patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society's missionary outreach, and for the intentions of all those who support their work. If you are able to attend, Masses are at 10.00am every day of the Novena except Sunday, when it is at 11.00am. These Masses will be available to follow on YouTube, via the Mill Hill website: **www.millhillmissionarles.com/novena.** The Novena Prayer Booklet is available on request for a suggested donation of £1 per booklet to cover costs. You are welcome to send in your petitions and/or to request a Novena prayer booklet. Please write to the Novena Director at 6 Colby Gardens, Maidenhead, SL6 7GZ, or email **novenamhm@gmail.com**.

CHRISM MASS: As in previous years, St Anthony's have booked a coach to attend the Chrism Mass at Clifton Cathedral on Wednesday 1st April. If you would like to attend, please ensure that you sign up on the sheet in the church porch **before 18th March.** This will enable any vacant seats to be offered to neighbouring parishes so that the (considerable) costs to our parishes of seats not filled can be kept to a minimum.

ST EDMUND'S IS OCEAN RACING FOR UNICEF (The United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund): Parishioner David Clements is joining the Clipper Round the World Yacht Race from January to March - an extraordinary commitment in support of a great cause. The race brings together around 600 people worldwide over 11 months, many of whom have never sailed before, let alone raced offshore. Crews face extreme weather, fatigue, equipment failures, and constant race pressure—think *reality TV meets Formula 1 and The Repair Shop!* David's crew of 16 (made up of two professionals and 14 novices) will live life heeled over at 45 degrees, racing 10,000 km from Australia to China aboard the 70-foot racing yacht UNICEF. It is a high performance but very basic boat! **How you can support:** The race aims to raise £400,000 for UNICEF. Donations are warmly invited, and if you can't give, please pray for David's safety, the race crews, the families at home especially Helen and Hannah) and a successful mission**. David Clements is fundraising for UNICEF UK** or the Pictures & QR code in the porch.

CLIFTON DIOCESE – 17th EDITION OF THE CLIFTON EVANGELIST: The 17th edition of the "Clifton Evangelist" newsletter is now available on the Diocesan website at **Clifton Evangelist | Clifton Diocese** Please contact the Diocese if you would like a hard copy posted to you.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: This Pilgrimage will be led by Bishop Bosco MacDonald with the Catholic Association of Lourdes UK, **21st – 28th August 2026.** Including Airport transfers from Bristol to Birmingham Airport, Flights to Tarbes–Lourdes–Pyrénées Airport, hotel transfers. Full pilgrimage programme, including visits to the Grotto of the Apparitions, Mass each day, Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, Sacrament of Reconciliation, visits to sites related to St Bernadette, Open air Mass in the Cite-San–Pierre, Water Gesture, Stations of the Cross…Diocesan Day Trip to Bartres (extra charge). Please email **lourdes@cliftondiocese.com** to declare an interest.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS: Please note that submission of items for newsletters need to be received before the preceding Wednesday of each week. Contact details; please speak to Fr Vincent or email **calne.stedmund@cliftondiocese.com** Thank you.

COMMUNION AT HOME: If any house bound parishioners unable to get to Mass would like Holy Communion brought to them at home, please contact Father Vincent, who will arrange a visit by a Minister of the Eucharist. Thank you.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all who are unwell or housebound, especially those members of our parish, including, Clifford Browne and family, Kathleen Drury, Margaret Heard, Michael McNiff, Maggie Murray, Heather Smith, Helen Davies, Carol and Gemma, Laurence Davies, Mary Hardy, Emeritus Bishop Declan Lang, Sean Watermere, Nigel Tolley. Please inform Fr Vincent if you know a parishioner is unwell or housebound.