



# Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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## Diary

- Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November** Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King. Mass 9.00 am. Children's Liturgy; all children up to 12 years old welcome. Refreshments in the hall (Mass at St Edmund's Sat. 6.00pm; Sun. 11.00 am).
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November** Mothers' Prayers 10.30 in the Hall
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November** The Church will be open for Rosary, 10.30 am.
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November** Morning Prayer 9.40 am; Morning Mass 10.00 am. Breaking open and sharing the Word in the Hall
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November** Adoration 10.00 am to 7.00pm
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November** Morning Prayer 09.40 am; Prayer Group 7.30 pm
- Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November** Feast of St Andrew, Apostle. Morning Prayer 9.40 am; Morning Mass 10.00am. Sacrament of Reconciliation 10.45 am

## Sundays Year C-1; Psalter Week 2

Readings: Reading 1 – 2 Samuel 5: 1-3

Psalm Refrain: I rejoiced when I heard them say "Let us go to God's house".

Reading 2 – Colossians 1: 11-20

Gospel – Luke 23: 35-43

**Collections: Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November £149.85; Building and Maintenance Fund £210.30. This week, retiring collection for the Catholic Youth Service. Next week, Poor Missions of the Diocese.**

**Advent Course: Global Caring – Continues Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November: 10.30 am in the hall and 7.00 pm at 16, Sherwood Avenue:** Global Caring will help us explore how we enjoy, care and share the great gift of Creation.

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Prayer for Melksham:** This month hosted by St Anthony's, 8.00 am.

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December - Parish Pastoral Council meeting at 7.30 pm:** Please pass anything you would like discussed to a PPC member before this date.

**National Youth Sunday:** This weekend, on the Feast of Christ the King, the Church celebrates National Youth Sunday. On this day, we celebrate the young people in our parish and community and all the gifts and talents they share with us. There is a retiring collection for the diocesan Youth Service to support their work in serving the young people of the diocese. Please keep our young people in your prayers.

**Christmas Cards –** Now available to buy at the back of the church, packs of 5 large cards £2.00, packs of 10 small cards £1.50

**Pre-Ordered Diocesan Directories and Diaries 2020 now arrived:** Diaries £6.50, Directories £5.00. Please give your remittance to Michael Rooney, Anne or Sharon.

**St Anthony's Parish Charities 2020:** The shortlisted charities for our support in 2020 are the following:  
Local charities – St Mungo's <https://www.mungos.org/>, Wiltshire Air Ambulance <https://www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk/>; Young Melksham <https://youngmelksham.org.uk/>; Overseas Charities – Mary's Meals <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>, Mercy Ships UK <https://www.mercyships.org.uk/>, Hope for Justice <https://hopeforjustice.org/>, The Little Way Association

<http://littlewayassociation.com/> . Please vote by completing a slip and posting in the black post box by the door in the porch. Closing date for votes Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November.

**Pilgrimage to Krakow with St Edmund's Calne – September 21<sup>st</sup>- 25<sup>th</sup> 2020:** Information packs available in the porch, or email [admin.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:admin.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftondiocese.com)

**Mary's Meals:** Backpacks and stationery, pencils etc. still needed, please! Donations to Carolina gratefully received.

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November - Women and Faith, Apostle Room, Clifton Cathedral:** This *Interfaith* evening starts at 7.00 pm (refreshments available from 6.30pm). The evening will focus on 'Women and Faith', an exploration of the changing role of women in three religions: Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November - Exploring St Matthew:** As we begin next month to read St Matthew liturgically, John Huntriss leads an evening talk on deepening our understanding of the Jesus we encounter in Matthew's Gospel. On, from 7.30pm, at **Emmaus House, Sleep Lane, Whitchurch, Bristol**, John will focus on **St Matthew's Infancy Narrative**. Emmaus House will give you a warm welcome.

**Melksham Foodbank:** Desperately need donations; please look on the website for further information: <http://melkshamfoodbank.org.uk/foodbox-contents/> . Please donate non-perishable food, e.g. potatoes (instant) Peas, carrots (canned) sugar, pasta, UHT milk, and ensure that these items are within the "use by" dates.

**Free Foodbank Advent Calendars** – Now available at the back of the church; a practical way to help Foodbank during Advent!

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Carol Singing with the Salvation Army:** Melksham Market Place, 10.30 am

**Gift Aid:** Contact for all queries: Tricia Hoy 01225 704805.

**Sick & Housebound:** Please let Fr Vincent or Mary Harris 01249 730340 know if anyone sick, elderly or housebound would like to be visited and receive Holy Communion.

**If anyone is going into the Royal United Hospital and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact the RUH Chaplaincy; direct line 01225 428331, or email: [ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net](mailto:ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net)**

**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, Mrs Audrey Tickner, Patrick Egan, Mrs Jonasz. Deacon David Wakefield, Rebecca Matthews, Paul Hogg, Keith Healy, George Goodwin, Alan Glass, Fr Richard Northey, Tricia Rigg, Rev. Alison Sowton, Henie Dixon.

***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.***

**Drivers:** Please be careful entering and leaving the car park and leave the turning area free. Please do not block neighbours' entrances.

Please send items and information for the newsletter to:

[comms.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:comms.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftondiocese.com) or give to Sharon Pearce or Anne Doyle by each Thursday ***Please email to the above address if you would like to receive the newsletter electronically, or give Sharon your email address.***

#### **Dates for your Diary:**

**Melksham Family of Churches – Christmas 2019 Events Programme** – Please see the poster in the porch

**18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> January – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:** This year, resources have been created by Churches Together in Malta, and are called "Unusual Kindness". Melksham Family of Churches' programme is as follows:

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 11.00 am St Michael's – Prayer and praise followed by communion;

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2.30 pm Queensway Chapel – Songs of Praise;

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January – 10.00 am St Anthony's – Prayer and praise;

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January – 11.00 am Melksham Baptist Church – prayer and praise

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January – Covenant Service, St. Michael's Church

**Youth Ministry - Catechists' Formation Courses starting Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020, St Osmund, Salisbury SP1 2SF:** Designed for the formation of the catechists of our diocese, this course includes the diocesan day gathering on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2020. There are some engaging and stimulating facilitators for each session. The session on 29<sup>th</sup> January is designed to set the scene for the monthly sessions that follow. Sessions start at 7.30pm with refreshments from 7pm. Further information can be found on the Clifton Diocese [website](#). Those wishing to take part in the series will need to send their registration details to Alexander House, 160 Pennywell Road, Bristol, BS5 0TX by the end of January. There is a minimal cost to the course of £50 which may be subsidised by your parish. Cheques are to be made payable to *Clifton Diocese*.

**Starting School?** If you have a child born between **1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016**, then **now** is the time to apply for a place at a primary school for admission from September 2020 onwards. You must complete an application form that is available from the school admissions team of the **Wiltshire Council**. If your child has been baptised and you are applying for a Catholic school, you **must** also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to the school concerned – contact the school for full details. Our parish school is St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Corsham <http://www.stpatricks-wilts.co.uk/>, telephone number 01249 713125; email [admin@st-patricks.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-patricks.wilts.sch.uk) Please ensure you apply by the closing date of **15 January 2020**.

**Teachers – including those who are now retired:** Teachers and retired teachers can make a valuable contribution to the governing body of a school. Sharing experience and good practice benefits the governing body and the school and enables you to utilise and grow your skills and experience in a different context. We would love to hear from you. Please contact [bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com) for more information about becoming a Foundation Governor.