



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Diary

Sunday 27th October Thirtieth Sunday of the Year. Mass 9.00 am. Children's Liturgy; all children up to 12 years old welcome. Refreshments in the hall after Mass. (**Mass at St Edmund's Sat. 6.00pm; Sun. 11.00 am**).

Monday 28th October Mothers' Prayers 10.30 in the Hall

Tuesday 29th October The Church will be open for Rosary, 10.30 am

Wednesday 30th October **Morning Prayer 9.45 am; Morning Mass 10.00am.** Breaking open and sharing the Word in the Hall.

Thursday 31st October Adoration 10.00 am to 7.00pm

Friday 1st November **Solemnity of All Saints: Morning Mass 10.00am;** No Prayer Group tonight – *recommences 8th November*

Saturday 2nd November **All Soul's Day: Morning Mass of Remembrance 10.00 am;** Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sundays Year C-1; Psalter Week 2

Readings: Reading 1 – Eccles 35: 12-14,16-19

Psalm Refrain: This poor man called; the Lord heard him.

Reading 2 – 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18

Gospel – Luke 18: 9-14

Collections: Sunday 20th October £199.30; World Mission Sunday £186.50. Additional donations for CAFOD £5.00, and the Building Fund £25.00 were received. Next week retiring collection for Clifton Cathedral.

Friday 1st November – All Saints' Day: Mass 10.00am

Saturday 2nd November – All Souls' Day; Parish Mass of Remembrance, 10.00 am: During November we take time to pray and give thanks for family members, friends and parishioners who have died. At this Mass we will remember and pray for deceased members of our parish, our family and our friends who have died between November 2017 and November 2019. Refreshments in the hall afterwards. Please write the names of people you would like to pray for at this Mass on the clipboard in the porch, including your name also.

Saturday 2nd November 11.00 am – 2.00 pm - Coffee morning: In aid of Mary's Meals and Julia's House. Donations welcome of unwanted presents only, please. Also needed are good condition second hand backpacks, pencils, crayons and stationery for our Mary's Meals "school collection". Please leave all donations in the Presbytery porch, or give them to Carolina, Lydia or Ester.

Sunday 3rd November – Mass of Anointing of the Sick and Housebound, 2.30 pm: If anyone needs a lift, please contact Mary Harris, tel. 01249 730340

Advent Course: Global Caring - Tuesdays 5th, 19th & 26th November, 10.30am and 7.30 in the Hall: This course is a CaFE production and sponsored by the Bishops' Conference in response to Pope Francis' Encyclical letter 'Laudato Si', Care for our common home. Nothing is more pressing than our responsibility to care for our beautiful world; Global Caring will help us explore how we enjoy, care and share the great gift of Creation. We will show a short Trailer for this course on Sunday 20th October in the hall during refreshments. Please sign up for this course on the clipboard in the church porch.

Tuesday 12th November – Confirmation Catechists’ Formation: St Anthony of Padua, 6.30 - 9.00 pm in the hall. To book your place email: youth@cliftondiocese.com.

Sunday 17th November - Traidcraft Stall: In the hall after Mass, stocking all kinds of Fairtrade products including Advent calendars, Christmas cards and gifts. Fairtrade products ensure that farmers in the developing world receive a fair price which covers the cost of production, plus an extra premium for growers to invest in community projects.

Pilgrimage to Krakow with St Edmund’s Calne – September 21st-25th 2020: Information packs in the porch

Thursday 31st October 2019 - St Augustine’s Catholic College Yr. 7 Admission Deadline: Applications can be completed online or on Wiltshire Council’s paper application form. You must also complete a Supplementary Application Form (SIF) and return it to St Augustine’s by 31st October with a copy of your child’s certificate of baptism. More information and SIF forms available from the Admissions Secretary on 01225 350001, or the website www.st-augustines.wilts.sch.uk/parents/admissions/loweradmissions/

Tuesday 19th November - Pastoral Ministry Formation Course Information Evening: St John’s Parish hall, Trowbridge, 7.30 – 9.00pm (refreshments from 7.00pm). An evening to learn about a proposed course in Pastoral Ministry starting September 2020. All are welcome to find out more.

Friday 22nd November - 7.00pm Clifton Cathedral: Bishop Declan invites our diocesan community to join him at a celebration of Evening Prayer during which he will present to each parish, community and school the resources for the *Year of Communion*, starting Sunday 1st December.

Saturday 23rd November - Diocesan Youth Gathering, 11.00 am – 4.00 pm: To celebrate National Youth Sunday (NYS) 2019 in the Clifton Diocese, we are holding our annual Diocesan Youth Gathering at St Bede’s Catholic College, Long Cross, Lawrence Weston, Bristol. There will be great speakers, workshops, Diocesan Youth Forum and WYD 2022 launch! This event is for young people of Secondary School age and above. To book your place click on the NYS logo on www.cliftondiocese.com

30th October - Prayer for Melksham, Queensway Chapel 08.00 am

Wednesday 6th November - Wiltshire Churches Together Annual Forum: St Andrew’s Church, Devizes, SN10 1 NJ, 7.00pm for 7.30pm (Refreshments on Arrival). Speaker for the evening is the Bishop of Ramsbury, Rt Revd Andrew Rumsey, sharing thoughts on mission and ministry in Wiltshire from his travels across the county since his arrival earlier this year.

Saturday 9th November – Ladies Breakfast, Queensway Chapel: 8.45 for 9.00am. Speaker – Jan Lloyd. Please sign up on the sheet in the porch if you would like to attend

Melksham Food bank: 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 **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.

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.

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 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:

Saturday 9th November - Preparing Liturgically for Advent: St John, South Parade, Bath, is hosting this event, 10am-3pm (refreshments from 9.30am) for instrumentalists, singers and anyone involved in parish liturgy. The day will include use of music for Advent in reconciliation services and praying Evening Prayer during Advent. The day will finish with sung Evening Prayer. All are welcome.

14th - 17th November trip to Lourdes: The charity Fratello is organising four days in Lourdes for and with socially excluded people. More information is available on their website www.wearefratello.org/en

Youth Ministry - Catechists' Formation Courses starting Wednesday 29th 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 27th June 2020. There are some engaging and stimulating facilitators for each session. The session on 29th 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 Please ensure you apply by the closing date of **15 January 2020**. **St Patrick's Catholic Primary School Open day – Monday 11th November; please contact the school if you wish to attend.**

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 for more information about becoming a Foundation Governor.