



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Diary

Sunday 6th October **Twenty Seventh Sunday of the Year. Mass 9.00 am.** Children's Liturgy; all children up to 12 years old welcome. (Mass at St Edmund's Sat. 6.00pm; Sun. 11.00 am).

Monday 7th October Mothers' Prayers 10.30 in the Presbytery

Tuesday 8th October The Church will be open for Rosary, 10.30 am

Wednesday 9th October **Morning Prayer 9.45 am; No Mass today.** Breaking open and sharing the Word in the Presbytery.

Thursday 10th October Adoration 10.00 am to 7.00pm

Friday 11th October **Morning Prayer 09.30 am;** Prayer Group 7.30 pm in the Presbytery

Saturday 12th October **Morning Prayer 9.45am; Morning Mass 10.00 am,** Sacrament of Reconciliation 10.30 am

Sundays Year C-1; Psalter Week 3

Readings: Reading 1 – Habakkuk: 1: 2-3, 2: 2-4

Psalm Refrain: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Reading 2 – 2 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14

Gospel – Luke 17:5-10

Collections: Sunday September 29th £145.00. This week retiring collection for CAFOD Fast Day; next week retiring collection for the Building and Maintenance fund.

Building work continues on the hall: Mothers' Prayers, Prayer Group, Quiz Night, etc., will take place in the house. MIND will be meeting in St Michael's Church Hall, Canon Square

Creation Celebration Mass - Sunday 20th October at 9am: We are all part of God's creation and we are called to care for, protect and restore our common home, the earth.

Our common home is a precious gift given to us by God. Not just for ourselves but for the world's poorest people and for generations still to come. Across the world the increased frequency of extreme weather events like hurricanes, floods and drought is creating food shortages, driving people from their homes and separating families. This in turn increases the risk of conflict, hunger and poverty. By coming together for a Creation Celebration we not only come to give thanks for the gift of God's creation but to play a part in responding to the climate crisis. A crisis we all face. You will have an opportunity to sign a petition requesting our Prime Minister to commit to a target of net zero emissions by 2045 in UK law.

Please sign this petition and join our parish family for refreshments in the hall after Mass.

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.

Wednesday 9th October – Formation Evening on Children's Liturgy of the Word: St Edmund's Catholic Primary School, Calne, SN11 9BX, from 7.30 -9.00pm. This formation welcomes all those who wish to enable

the children in our parishes to hear and reflect upon the word of God through CLOW. All are welcome, no experience necessary.

Saturday 19th October – A Life Lived in Communion: St Brendan's College, Brislington, 9.15am – 2.30 pm. with Fr. James Hanvey SJ, to reflect upon *A life lived in Communion*, to prepare us for the coming *Year of Communion* (beginning the first Sunday of Advent) and introduce us to the resources that will be available to us from the end of November. All are welcome! Lunch will be provided. Please sign up on the sheet in the porch by **Wednesday 9th October**.

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.

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.

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.

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, Christopher Eades.

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:

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

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

2nd November – All Souls' Day: Mass for the Dead 10.00am

3rd November – Mass of Anointing of the Sick and Housebound: 2.30 pm

CELEBRATE Bristol, 26 - 27 October, 5pm: St Bede's Catholic College, Bristol BS11 0SU. Cost: Adults £42, Young Adults (Age 18-22) £24, Children (Yr7-Yr13) - £14. Children (Age3-6) £12 Children Under 3 yrs. - Free Crèche. Contact Tony & Katherine Wadley 01452 547754 or 07891 194853 "We look forward to being inspired and encouraged in our faith through moving talks, creative liturgy and exciting worship. CELEBRATE is for everyone. Come and join us." Website www.celebrateconference.org

Saturday 26th October – Day on Prayer and Meditation, and Exhibition of Contemporary Icons: Clifton Cathedral 10.30 am – 3.30 pm; Aidan Hart will talk about the meaning of icons and how we can pray with them. He will be joined by Mother Sarah (Orthodox nun and chaplain) and Sarah Richards (Benedictine Oblate) who will talk about 'prayer of the heart' and praying the 'mystery of the rosary'. There will also be an exhibition of contemporary icons in the Cathedral gallery. Tickets are available from www.cliftondiocese.com/beauty-spirit-matter tel 0117 9025591

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

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