



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Diary

Sunday 8th September Twenty Third 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 9th September Mothers' Prayers 10.30 in the hall

Tuesday 10th September The Church will be open for Rosary, 10.30 am

Wednesday 11th September **Morning Prayer 9.45 am; No Mass today.** Breaking Open and Sharing the Word

Thursday 12th September Adoration 10.00 am to 7.00pm

Friday 13th September **Morning Prayer 09.30 am;** Prayer Group 7.30 pm

Saturday 14th September **Morning Prayer 9.45am; No Mass today**

Sundays Year C-1; Psalter Week 3

Readings: Reading 1 – Wisdom: 9: 13-18

Psalm Refrain: O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

Reading 2 – Phlm 9-10, 12-17

Gospel – Luke 14: 25-33

Collections: Sunday September 1st £132.70; Building and Maintenance Fund £126.60. This week, retiring collection for Catholic Education Service; next week Home Mission Sunday

DBS Check Update - 15th September: As part of Safeguarding Requirements we need to update DBS checks and records every 3 years. That time has come again! We are hoping to get the majority of people updated after Sunday Mass on 15th September - can all Eucharistic ministers and children's liturgists bring their current DBS certificate with 3 forms of ID - including at least one photographic form such as passport / driving license. Bank statements are valid if from the last 3 months. If you have any questions or can't make that date please let Lauren Fletcher know.

Wednesday 25th September Deanery Day Follow-up: St John's Parish centre, Trowbridge at 7.00 pm. A "Wisdom Group" for our Deanery will be discussed.

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! Please sign up on the sheet in the porch by **Wednesday 9th October**. Please bring a packed lunch.

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.

Clifton Diocese is seeking to appoint a Marriage and Family Life co-ordinator: This is a part-time post, 3 days a week based in Bristol. Closing date 18th September. For application form and job description contact Richard.Williams@cliftondiocese.com. 0117 902 5590, or www.cliftondiocese.com/diocese/working-for-us

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**.

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.

18th - 20th October – Vocations Discernment Retreat: Organised by Clifton Diocese and Downside Abbey for Catholics aged 18 to 35 years old, at Downside. Talks will consider all vocations, including consecrated life, priesthood, and lay life. Residential cost including all meals - £50 in shared accommodation in a Retreat House; £70 in an en-suite twin room in the Monastery Guest Wing; £40 non-residential cost including all meals. No one should feel unwelcome if they cannot meet these costs, so please discuss this with the organiser. For more information and to book please contact the organiser, Rina Bird rinabird@outlook.com

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.

Energise Youth: There's a Christian youth group in Melksham for secondary-school aged young people that's open to all churches, and meets every Sunday evening in term-time from 6-8 at Melksham Baptist Church. It's a fun space to build friendships and build your faith. Want more information? Contact John and Sharon Firth (firth@goodnewschurch.org.uk 01225 707387) or Rachel Erwin, Queensway Chapel.

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, Anne Dobbin, Keith Healy, George Goodwin, Alan Glass.
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:

Wednesday 25th September – Prayer for Melksham: St Michael's Church, 08.00 am

Friday 4th October – CAFOD family Fast Day

Saturday 26th October – Day on Prayer and Meditation, and Exhibition of Contemporary Icons, Clifton Cathedral 10.30 am – 3.15 pm; entrance only on ticket (£10) available from

www.cliftdioocese.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