



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Masses

Please record your attendance on entry. We ask that face coverings/masks continue to be worn in places of worship, hands are sanitised on entry, and social distancing respected.

Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, 13th October and Saturday 16th October at 10.00 am, and Sunday 17th October at 9.00 am.

Sunday 10th October – Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Year B; Psalter week 4

Reading 1 – Wis 7: 7-11

Psalm refrain: Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.

Reading 2 – Heb 4: 12-1

Gospel – Mk 10: 17-30

Monday 11th October: Word: Rom 1: 1-7; Ps 97; Lk 11: 29-32 Hours: Psalter 4

Tuesday 12th October: Word: Rom 1:16-25; Ps 18; Lk 11: 37-41 Hours: Psalter 4

Wednesday 13th October: Word: Rom 2: 1-11; Ps 61; Lk 11: 42-46 Hours: Psalter 4

Thursday 14th October: Word: Rom 3 :21-30; Ps 129; Lk 11: 47-54 Hours: Psalter 4

Friday 15th October: Memorial of St Teresa of Jesus (of Avila), Virgin, Doctor of the Church

Word: Rom 4: 1-8; Ps 31; Lk 12: 1-7

Hours: Psalter 4

Saturday 16th October: Solemnity of the Anniversary of the Dedication of Parish Churches

Word: Rom 4: 13, 16-18; Ps 104; Lk 12: 9-12

Hours: Psalter 4

Reconciliation after Mass on Saturday or by arrangement with Fr Vincent

For a Synodical Church 2021-2023

The first phase of listening and discerning in Local Churches, in preparation for the 2023 Synod entitled For a Synodal Church "is about to be launched by Pope Francis on 10th October. Over the following seven days we are asked to pray daily for the

Synod's success. The intentions for each day and the times when we can pray together at church or at home are listed at the end of the newsletter with the Prayer for the Synod and the Diocesan launch on 17th October.

PARISH NEWS

Wednesday 13th October: PPC/Liturgy Meeting in the hall after Mass.

Tell Us the Story of St Anthony of Padua: Bishop Declan has asked all parishes to re-discover and record their history for presentation at Deanery meetings in 2022. Please tell us your St Anthony story – your memories, parish history, and hopes for our future. Details in the leaflets in church. Please do take part!

Rosary: In October the Rosary will be said in church on Tuesdays starting at 9.30 am, before private prayer.

Eucharistic Adoration: Eucharistic Adoration continues Thursdays. Thank you to the parishioners who have already signed up, but we need more! Please contact Mary Rooney on 07789 910591 or email maryar Rooney@blueyonder.co.uk

Children's Liturgy of the Word: We are pleased to re-start our Children's Liturgy on Sunday 7th November. All children who have not yet received First Holy Communion are welcome.

Sponsored Walk for Parkinson's UK: Chris and Hilary Clifton have completed a 6-mile sponsored walk in aid of Parkinson's UK. It is not too late to donate – please visit Chris' fundraising page: [Parkinson's UK - Chris Clifton \(parkinsons.org.uk\)](http://Parkinson's UK - Chris Clifton (parkinsons.org.uk))

St Anthony's Parish Christmas Lunch: Our parish Christmas lunch will be held on Wednesday 8th December at the Watermeadow, Melksham. Please arrive 12.30 pm for lunch at 1.00 pm. If you are interested, please see Rebecca or Henie for more details, or sign up on the sheet in the porch.

First Holy Communion: If you have a child in Year 3 or above who would like to join our First Holy Communion preparation, please leave your details on the sheet in the porch or email the parish office.

Time to Start School? If you have a child born between **1st September 2017** and **31st August 2018**, then **now** is the time to apply for a place at a Catholic primary school in the Diocese. You must complete an application form available from the school admissions team of Wiltshire Council, for admission during the **2022-23** school year. If your child has been baptised, you **must** provide a copy of the baptism certificate to your preferred school. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of **15th January 2022**. Our parish school is St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Corsham – please contact them also on 01249 713125, or email admin@st-patricks.wilts.sch.uk

WHAT'S ON

Refreshments after Sunday Mass: We welcome you to join us for tea, coffee and biscuits.

Mothers' Prayers: Mothers Prayers continue each Monday at 10.30am in the hall. No need to book - all are welcome!

Rosary and Private Prayer: The church will be open for Rosary followed by private prayer Tuesday from 9.30 am to 11.30 am.

Breaking Open and Sharing the Word: Breaking Open and Sharing the Word continues Wednesday at 10.45 am. Come and join us!

Eucharistic Adoration: Thursday from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm.

CLIFTON DIOCESE NEWS

Youth Council: Bishop Declan is forming a Youth Council to support the faith life of young people within Clifton Diocese. This is an exciting opportunity for anyone with a concern for young people and would like to get involved in this new venture. More information can be found here: [Diocesan Youth Council booklet](#)

If you are interested or know someone who may be interested then please do get in touch.

Youth@cliftondiocese.com

Dare to Dream – Autumn Series: We continue to explore this on Wednesdays after Mass. Video reflections can also be found at

[Dare to Dream | Clifton Diocese](#)

Saturday 23rd October – Clifton Climate

Liturgy: All are invited to this Climate Liturgy at Clifton Cathedral at 11.00 am. This will be a celebration of the work done so far to inspire a love of Our Common Home and to encourage us all to pray and advocate for its protection in the lead up to COP 26. Several faith organisations involved in the Climate Crisis Campaign will be present at the Liturgy who will be happy to engage with you, if you would like this opportunity.

CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE NEWS

Opposing the Assisted Dying Bill 2021: In 2021, a

Private Members Bill on 'Assisted Dying' was introduced in the House of Lords by Baroness Molly Meacher, Chair of Dignity in Dying. It is due its second reading on 22nd October, where there will be a full debate in the House of Lords. The Bishops' main concerns with the Bill can be summarised as follows: Protecting the Most Vulnerable, The Experience of Other Countries and Investing in Care and Not Ending Care. More and how to help at:

[Opposing the Assisted Dying Bill 2021 - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](#)

Bishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues, has written an open letter inviting Catholics to pray for the defeat of the Assisted Dying Bill to be debated in the House of Lords in October.

OTHER NEWS:

Journeying from Despair to Hope...Prisons' Week Online event - 12 October 2021, 5-6.15pm: There are many prisons in our diocese including HMP Erlestoke just outside Devizes. Clifton, Arundel & Brighton and Plymouth Dioceses invite you to explore the challenges facing prisoners and their families and how we can get involved in our parishes. The event will give an opportunity to direct our thoughts and prayers to prisoners and their families - often some of the most socially excluded people in our society - and reflect on how we as individuals, and as a community are serving those affected by imprisonment. Speakers include **Canon Paul Douthwaite**, National Catholic Chaplain for Prisons at CBCEW, and **Andy Keen-Downs**, Chief Executive, Prison Advice and Care Trust. Participants will receive advice on practical steps parishes can implement and information on voluntary organisations helping prisoners and their families. Please register your attendance by filling in this form: <https://forms.office.com/r/J1zTkUTiP7>

CHARITIES

Our Parish Charities: If you would like to make a donation to **Wiltshire Air Ambulance**, please use the following link:

<https://www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk/donate/>

Mary's Meals also has an internet "Giving Page": <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/donate>

Gift Aid: Your Parish Gift Aid contact is Tricia Hoy, phone number **01225 704805**.

Melksham Food Bank: There has been a huge rise in the number needing the Food Bank. To donate food items, please use either the designated trollies in the Supermarkets or deliver to the Baptist Church. Items needed - cans of meat, vegetables

and fruit, pots of jam, crisps. Do not send chilled, or frozen foods or fresh fruit or vegetables as these cannot be stored. Thank you.

Melksham Family of Churches' Crisis Support:

Melksham Family of Churches also supports those who need emergency relief (non-food items such as energy meter payments, uniform costs for school children etc.). If anyone would like to contribute to this, please contact Melksham Foodbank or Sharon (Parish office) for further information.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please pray for the

following: Don d’Cruz, Geoff Blwyddin, Mrs Jeanette Allsop, Zofia Clarke, Chris Bate, Andrew Bate, Katja Lubina, Patrick Egan, Rebecca Matthews, Paul Hogg, Keith Healy, Alan Glass, Tricia Rigg, Henie Dixon, Brian Hillhouse, June Carey, Janet Ruddick, Judith Curtis, Janice Kuranlu, Alan McFall, Alistair Strudwick, David Elliot, Callum Ford, Maria Podraza, Anne Doyle Sheila Likey-Ayling, Anne O’Mahony, Lorraine Pavey, Francis Ballinger. All who are suffering from coronavirus, and those finding life difficult.

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.

If anyone in the Royal United Hospital would like to receive Holy Communion, please telephone 01225 824039 and leave a message, or email: ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net

AND FINALLY -

Did you know....?

The first recorded use of fireworks in Britain was at the wedding of Henry VII to Elizabeth of York in 1486.

Words of Wisdom....

“There is no prayer without memory. What does this mean? That when we pray, we must remember our life, the life of our people, the life of the many people who accompany us... Prayer, the memory of one’s life, of the life of one’s people, their history: committing to memory and recalling. This is good for us and helps us pray.”

Pope Francis

Wordsearch

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ETERNAL	NUMBERED	TREASURE
EVERYTHING	PRAYED	UPON
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EYES	REJOICE	WORK

Eliminate only the words given, ignoring any others. No word should be entirely inside another.

The remaining letters complete the phrase for the day:

Christ our _ _ _ _ _

The completed phrase from last week was “THE FAMILY of God”.

Hilary Clifton

Is there anything you would particularly like to see included in the weekly newsletter? Help us make our newsletter a good read!

Please send any comments to the email address below, 'phone the office on 01225 702128 and leave a message or put a note through the Presbytery door.

Thank you

If you know of any parishioners who do not have access to email, please print this newsletter for them.

Newsletter/contact email:

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The 7 days of prayer for specific intentions related to the Synod.

Day One Intention: For a spirituality of journeying together. That we may be formed as disciples of Christ, as families, as communities, and as human beings, through our experience of this Synodal journey.

Day Two Intention: For listening ears. That our hearts and minds be open to listening to others without prejudice.

Day Three Intention: For a Church that celebrates. That our journey together in the coming months will be based on listening together to the Word of God and the celebration on the Eucharist in the communion of the People of God.

Day Four Intention: For our participation in the Mission of Christ. That through our Synodal journey together, we may grow in our shared responsibility of the mission that is entrusted to us.

Day Five Intention: For true dialogue in the Church and in Society. That through a path of perseverance, patience, and mutual understanding, we may be attentive to the experience of persons and peoples.

Day Six Intention: For the exercise of authority and participation in the People of God. That the Synodal roots of the Church will bear fruit in new ways of being at the service of one another at all levels of the Body of Christ.

Day Seven Intention: For our discernment to be led by the Holy Spirit. That all decisions made on this Synodal path may be discerned through a consensus that flows from our common obedience to the Holy Spirit.

Prayer for the Synod:

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

Sunday 17th October

On Sunday 17th October Bishop Declan will Launch the Synod in our own Diocese when he celebrates Mass at the Cathedral on that day. He will also be speaking about the Synod in that Sunday's "Dare to Dream"