



# Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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**Mass will be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00am, Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00 am, and Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 9.00 am.**

**Please do not arrive at church hoping to attend Mass if you have not booked in advance.**

*It is now mandatory for face coverings/masks to be worn in places of worship unless you have an exemption from wearing one (Children under 11, illness, disability, etc.)*

**To pre-book your attendance at Mass, contact Anne Doyle telephone 01225 707486 or email [anne.doyle16@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:anne.doyle16@blueyonder.co.uk) during the following times:**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> or Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October**

**Please note: Toilet facilities will remain closed;** please remember this when planning your visit. Heartfelt thanks to all our volunteer stewards and cleaners who make reopening possible.

**Prayer for Melksham** - you are invited to spend some time on Wednesday in prayer for all who live and work in Melksham, our Council, industry and shops, hospital, care homes and surgeries.

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October: Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year**

**Sunday Year A; Psalter week 4**

**Reading 1 – Is 25: 6-10**

**Psalm refrain: In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.**

**Reading 2 – Phil 4: 12-14, 19-20**

**Gospel – Matthew 22: 1-14**

**Prayers of the Faithful, Twenty-Eighth Sunday**

We thank You God, for choosing us to be Your people and for Your invitation to love You and to love our neighbours as ourselves.

We pray for Pope Francis, Bishop Declan, Fr. Vincent and all followers of Christ, that we all may serve You in each other.

We pray for our Government that they will be mindful of the poor, those made redundant, the unemployed and the vulnerable.

We pray for all we have loved and lost, and for their families and friends.

We pray for the sick and for the disabled, and for all who love and care for them.

We thank God for our lives and for the gift of this day. Help us to live our lives to the full as best we can

We pray for all the men and women in prison, and for their families. Help them to know that our God is ever welcoming, forgiving, merciful and loving.

We pray for our own parish, for St. John the Baptist Church, Trowbridge with Westbury, and for the Church of St. Barnabas, Beanacre.

We pray for a vaccine.

Dear God help us not to be afraid in these fearful days, but to know You are with us always, by our side.

We make these prayers in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Gay Harris.

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October: Word:** Gal 4: 22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1; Ps 112; Lk 11: 29-32

**Hours:** Psalter 4

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October: Word:** Gal 5: 1-6; Ps 118; Lk 11: 37-41

**Hours:** Psalter 4

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October: Word:** Gal 5: 18-25; Ps 1; Lk 11: 42-46  
**Hours:** Psalter 4

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October: Memorial of St Teresa of Jesus (of Avila), Virgin, Doctor of the Church**  
**Word:** Eph 1: 1-10; Ps 97; Lk 11: 47-54  
**Hours:** Psalter 4 and Proper of Memorial

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October: Solemnity of the Anniversary of the Dedication of Parish Churches**  
**Word:** Ez 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12 7-14; Ps 144; Jn 2: 13-22  
**Hours:** Psalter 4

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October: Memorial of St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr**  
**Word:** Eph 1: 15-23; Ps 8; Lk 12: 8-12  
**Hours:** Psalter 4 and Proper of Memorial

**Reconciliation: Please contact Fr Vincent if you would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Retiring Collection:** This week, there will be retiring collections for proceeds of CAFOD Family Fast Day, commencing 10<sup>th</sup> October (see also below). Next week (from 17<sup>th</sup> October), retiring collections for World Mission Sunday.

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October - Baptism:** We welcome Isaac Drew-McCann into our parish family on his Baptism on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October, after Mass. Please keep Isaac and his family in your prayers.

**NHS Covid-19 App:** St Anthony's has registered with the NHS Covid-19 App, and posters with our unique QR code are on display. If you have the NHS Covid-19 App, please scan one of the posters with your device each time you attend church to record your visit. Thank you.

**CAFOD Family Fast Day:** This week our parish is marking CAFOD's Family Fast Day to help people facing the worst of the coronavirus crisis. We've all felt the impact of this terrible disease – let's come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world survive, rebuild and heal. Please pray for all those affected and donate online at <https://cafod.org.uk/Give> or by using one of the envelopes available in church. You can also give easily via text: Text **CAFOD** to **70085** to donate **£10**. Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text CAFODNOINFO to 70085. For more information please see our Privacy Policy: <https://cafod.org.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice>

**Ride & Stride:** Sheila and Anne are delighted to announce that the final total for their sponsored effort is £910.00. Huge thanks to all who contributed.

**Parish Charities 2020 – Wiltshire Air Ambulance and Mary's Meals:** Due to Covid restrictions, all charities are suffering reduced income. 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>

**Face Masks for Mary's Meals:** We have been unable to hold any fundraising events for our parish charities this year, but Zofia is making Christmas face masks to sell in aid of Mary's Meals. These will be available at church. Each mask is £3.00, with 100% of all donations going to Mary's Meals. Please leave money in the box at church. We regret that due to Coronavirus restrictions we are unable to handle cash or give change.

**FAIR TRADE:** Due to Covid 19 we are unable to hold our Traidcraft stall in our hall for Christmas shopping. Adrienne Dart, the Fairtrade Agent from St Edmund's Church, Calne will provide the most recent catalogues which include Christmas cards and gifts. These catalogues will be in a box in the church porch; order with Adrienne by email: [amdarts1@gmail.com](mailto:amdarts1@gmail.com) or by phone: **01249 740604**. Your order will be delivered to your door whilst maintaining social distancing. **Please do not browse the catalogue and then return to the box** - please take them away and keep everyone safe. Thank you.

**Gift Aid:** Please contact Tricia Hoy 01225 704805 if you are still waiting for your new Gift Aid envelopes and we can arrange delivery. Only use the new envelopes for your giving as the numbers have changed again this year. Many thanks.

**Starting School?** If you have a child born between **1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017**, then **now** is the time to apply for a place at a primary school for admission from **September 2021** onwards. You must complete an application form available from the school admissions team of **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<sup>th</sup> January 2021**.

**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.

**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](mailto:ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net)**

**Please pray for the following:** Mrs. Rosa Menghini, Don d’Cruz, Mrs Kathleen Murphy, John Doyle, Mrs Marian Frawley, Geoff Blwyddin, Mrs Jean Irwin, Mrs Jeanette Allsop, Zofia Clarke, Chris Bate, David Coughlin, Katja Lubina, Patrick Egan, Mrs Jonasz. Deacon David Wakefield, Rebecca Matthews, Paul Hogg, Keith Healy, Alan Glass, Tricia Rigg, Henie Dixon, Brian Hillhouse, June Carey, Jon, Naomi & Isaac Harrison, John Learoyd. Alan McFall, Chair of Melksham Family of Churches. All who are suffering from coronavirus, and those finding isolation 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.**

**Wordsearch – Twenty-Eighth Sunday**

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| ALIKE      | MASTER    | SAME     |
| ANYWHERE   | MOUNTAIN  | SHAME    |
| CATTLE     | OIL       | SHEPHERD |
| EVERYWHERE | PASTURES  | SILENT   |
| EVIL       | PATH      | STRAINED |
| FARM       | PAUL      | SURELY   |
| FATHER     | PREPARE   | TEARS    |
| FOES       | REPOSE    | TEETH    |
| JESUS      | REVIVE    | TROOPS   |
| KINGDOM    | SALVATION | VEIL     |

Eliminate only the words in the list. The remaining letters give a joyous occasion and another description of the Kingdom Of God:

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The hidden word from last week was “VINEYARD”

Hilary Clifton

**Just some thoughts:**

An exasperated mother whose son kept running in and out asked, “How do you expect to get to Heaven?” Her son thought and then said, “I’ll keep running in and out and slamming Heaven’s door until St Peter says “for Heaven’s sake, come in and shut the door”.

From Holy Joke

**Words of Wisdom:**

Lord, help me to live this day quietly, easily,  
To lean upon thy great strength, trustfully, restfully,  
To wait for the unfolding of thy will, patiently, serenely,  
To meet others peacefully, joyously,  
To face tomorrow confidently, courageously.

A prayer of St Francis

**Could you be a School Foundation Governor?** The Diocese is recruiting people to serve on school governing bodies. If you believe in Catholic education, have enthusiasm and commitment, you can make a valuable contribution to a Catholic school. It also provides the opportunity to use your life/work skills and experience for the benefit of the children in our schools. Please contact [bill.mcentee@cliftdiocese.com](mailto:bill.mcentee@cliftdiocese.com) 07710 094976 for more information – he would be delighted to hear from you.

**Any Comments?** *Is there anything you would particularly like to see included in the weekly newsletter? 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.*

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