



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:

Sunday 19th September – 9.00 am. NO Mass this Wednesday or Saturday

Sunday 12th September – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Year B; Psalter week 4

Reading 1 – Is 50: 5-9

Psalm refrain: I walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Reading 2 – Jas 2: 14-18

Gospel – Mk 8: 27-35

Monday 13th September: Memorial of St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Word: 1Tm 2: 1-8; Ps 27; Lk 7: 1-10

Hours: Psalter 4

Tuesday 14th September: Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Word: Nm 21: 4-9; Ps 77; Jn 3: 13-17

Hours: Psalter 4

Wednesday 15th September: Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

Word: 1Tm 3: 14-16; Ps 110; Jn 19: 25-27

Hours: Psalter 4

Thursday 16th September: Memorial of SS Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

Word: 1Tm 4: 12-16; Ps 110; Lk 7: 36-50

Hours: Psalter 4

Friday 17th September: Memorial of St Edith of Wilton

Word: 1Tim 6: 2-12; Ps 48; Lk 8: 1-3;

Hours: Psalter 4

Saturday 18th September: Word: 1Tim 6: 13-1; Ps 99; Lk 8: 4-15 Hours: Psalter 4

Please ensure young children are always supervised by an adult in and around the Church.

PARISH NEWS

John Doyle, RIP: The Requiem Mass for John will be held this Tuesday September 14th at 3.00pm followed by private cremation; immediate family only. No flowers, donations to the British Heart Foundation and Forever Friends RUH, please. Refreshments in the hall after Mass where there will be an opportunity for people to write their memories of John.

Eucharistic Adoration: We are hoping to re-start Eucharistic Adoration in our church every Thursday starting 7th October. We need more parishioners to commit to spending an hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Initially we hope to have Eucharistic Adoration from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm. If we have sufficient “adorers” we can extend this time. 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

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. Classes will begin in late September/early October.

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 (either online or on paper) that is 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** also 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

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

Private Prayer - Please note: The church will be open for private prayer this **WEDNESDAY** instead of

Tuesday from 9.15 am to 11.30 am.

Breaking Open and Sharing the Word: Breaking Open and Sharing the Word will start this Wednesday, 15th September at 10.45 am, in the Hall. Come and join us!

Refreshments after Mass: We welcome you to join us as we start serving tea, coffee and biscuits next Sunday 19th September, after Mass.

CLIFTON DIOCESE NEWS

Dare to Dream – Autumn Series: Bishop Declan says, “I commend this resource and encourage you use it to help shape the future of our diocese according to the Kingdom of God”.

Resources and video reflections for the Autumn series of “Dare to Dream”, can be found at

[Dare to Dream | Clifton Diocese](#)

Sharing the Journey – Online Catechists’

Conversation: There is an opportunity for catechists to be renewed and refreshed by taking part in a series of on-line conversations with a variety of speakers from around the country. Each speaker will offer their own insights into different aspects of catechesis and evangelisation, followed by time to discuss, comment and share ideas. Our speakers & dates are:

23rd September 2021: What is the Church asking of us? - Fr Jan Nowotnik

21st October: Sycamore - Susan Longhurst

25th November: Celebrating the Rites – why bother? - Mgr Kevin McGinnell

20th January 2022: Called by Name - the significance of the Rite of Election - Sarah Adams

24th February: The Lenten Journey through Art

24th March: Entering the Mystery, Praying the Triduum - Fr James Hanvey SJ

21st April: Mystagogia – it’s not a swear word - David Wells

19th May: Supporting people in our parishes who present with intellectual difficulties - Cristina Gangemi

16th June: Being a Catechist - David Wells

July: Retreat
All are welcome to join, including anyone who is interested in this area of ministry but not yet involved. To our first session on Thursday 23rd September, we welcome Fr Jan Nowotnik. The conversations will take place on *Microsoft Teams*, 7.30pm – 8.45pm. For parishioners to register their interest please contact:

adult.education@cliftondiocese.com.

A *Microsoft Teams* invite will be sent out a few days before each talk.

Catechists’ Day, 25th September: The Diocese is holding a day for catechists and those

involved in parish formation and evangelisation. Led by David Wells and Ingrid La Trobe, the event will take place at **St. John the Baptist parish centre, Trowbridge**, starting at 11.00am and finishing around 4.00pm. Refreshments will be provided from 10.30am, please bring a packed lunch. Please register early via: adult.education@cliftondiocese.com

Celebrating Marriage – Saturday 2nd October: Bishop Declan is celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on **Saturday 2nd October** at 12 noon and is inviting all married couples to join him. If you are celebrating a significant anniversary, newly married, or looking forward to marriage in 2021, please contact 0117 902 5595 or email adult.education@cliftondiocese.com

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 an encouragement for us all to pray and advocate for its protection in the lead up to COP 26. There will be several faith organisations involved in the Climate Crisis Campaign present at the Liturgy who will be happy to engage with you, if you would like this opportunity.

New Bishop’s Video – Will you be a School Governor? There are 62 maintained schools in Clifton Diocese, educating 21,673 pupils. They are supported by a ‘volunteer army’ of school governors, including 350 Foundation Governors appointed by Bishop Declan. He wishes to recruit new candidates to help grow and sustain Catholic education in the Diocese for current and future generations and has produced a new promotional video where the Bishop, current governors and Headteachers talk about the importance and value of school governors. Visit <https://schools.cliftondiocese.com/governance> and click on the Recruitment tab to watch the video to discover what being a school governor is about. If you would like to support catholic education and apply to be a governor, please complete the online application form <https://schools.cliftondiocese.com/form-2> or contact Bill McEntee, Governance Officer bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com or call **07710 094976** for more information – he would love to hear from you!

CATHOLIC BISHOPS’ CONFERENCE NEWS

Season of Creation Continues to 4th October: European Church leaders invite Christians to observe the Season of Creation and to continue to pray for the climate conferences taking place this autumn. More details on the CBCEW website: [Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales \(cbcew.org.uk\)](http://CatholicBishopsConferenceofEnglandandWales.cbcew.org.uk)

OTHER NEWS

You Can Help Your Marriage: Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. There is no group therapy or group work. This programme has helped tens of 1000s of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about Retrouvaille', or to register for the next programme commencing with a 'Virtual' weekend on 21st – 24th October, call or text 086 821 1795, 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

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 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. 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 -

Wordsearch

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Eliminate only the words in the list. Ignore any others that appear coincidentally. No word should be entirely inside another.

The remaining letters complete the subtitle in the Sunday Missal:

Christ, the / _ _ _ / _ _ / _ _ _

Last week's solution was "The LORD who does all things WELL".
Hilary Clifton

Did you know....?

The fear of long words is called "hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia".

More Biblical Songs:

Peter "I'm Sorry"

Esau "Born to be Wild"

The Three Kings "When You Wish Upon a Star"

Christiansunite.com

Words of Wisdom....

“Criticism of others is thus an oblique form of self-commendation. We think we make the picture hang straight on our wall by telling our neighbours that all his pictures are crooked.”

Fulton J. Sheen, Seven Words of Jesus and Mary:
Lessons from Cana and Calvary

A Prayer of Thanksgiving for the work of those in Catholic Schools for Education Sunday, 12th September.

Dear Lord, Thank you for the gift of Catholic schools. Thank you for all those who have given their talents to educating our young people.

Through the challenges they encounter each day, lead them to an ever-deeper appreciation of the sacred duty to which you have called them.

Thank you for all those who contribute to the efficient running of our schools; support staff, kitchen staff, maintenance staff, governors and chaplains. We thank them for their hard work and dedication.

Thank you for all those who lead our Catholic schools. May they be people of integrity so that they can be witnesses as well as teachers. We pray that the schools they lead will become places where our young people can experience your love in their lives.

Thank you for our pupils. May your love strengthen and nurture them through the influence and example of those who care for them. We pray that through their time at school they will flourish and grow to discover who you have called them to be.

We make this prayer through your Son, Jesus Christ, our teacher and our Lord, Amen

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*

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