



## Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November: Thirty-third Sunday: Mass 9.00 am**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November: Morning Prayer 9.40 am; Mass 10.00 am**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November: Adoration in the hall 10.00 to 3.00 pm**

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November: Mass 10.00 am**

Reconciliation after Mass on Saturdays, or by arrangement with Fr Vincent

Government advice is that face coverings/masks can help reduce the spread of Covid.

*Readings at end of newsletter*

As winter approaches, we ask everyone to make sure they dress for warmth when they come to church. We continue to keep windows open in the church to reduce the spread of virus – at the same time due to increased utility costs that we all face, church heating cannot be set to as high a temperature as we would like. Thank you.

### PARISH NEWS

**Next week – retiring collection for the Clergy Training Fund**

**Candidates for First Holy Communion** are invited to sign up on the sheet in the porch. Please ensure you register by 31<sup>st</sup> December; a meeting for parents is planned for January.

**Mass for Deceased Family Members and Parishioners:** A Mass will be held for deceased family members and parishioners next **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November, at 10.00 am** at St Anthony of Padua. A sheet is available in the porch for the names of deceased family and friends who have died **after 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021**. Those who have died before then can be named on leaves on our Remembrance Tree. Please note that refreshments will be served in the hall after this Saturday Mass.

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November – In Memory of Mary Harris:** A statue in Christchurch, Shaw, which has been purchased with donations in memory of Mary Harris will be dedicated at Christchurch Shaw (SN12 8EQ) next Sunday at 10.00 am. We are all welcome to attend. *Please note; there will be no refreshments this Sunday, to enable us to travel to Shaw after Mass.*

### Melksham Community Larder - food for anyone:

This is perishable food that would be thrown away. They want to send the message out to young families, families in need and anyone suffering from the cost-of-living crisis, but they are happy for anyone to come along and collect food. Just pop along on Mondays and Thursdays to that meeting place in the Market Place from 4.15pm.

**Remembrance Tree:** Our Remembrance Tree in the church is in memory of all those who have died. To remember someone, please take a blank leaf/leaves from the tray in the porch, sign their name(s) on the leaf and put it in the relevant tray, for display on the tree. Please do not place leaves on the tree yourself.

**Traidcraft Advent Calendars:** Traidcraft chocolate advent calendars (£5) can be ordered from Adrienne Dart by signing up on the order sheet in the porch.

**Please order by 16<sup>th</sup> November.** Fairtrade products ensure that farmers in the developing world receive a fair price which covers the cost of production, plus an extra premium for growers to invest in community projects.

**Time to start school?** If you have a child born between **1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019**, 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 **2023-24** school year. If your child has been baptised, you **must** also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to your preferred school. 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](mailto:admin@st-patricks.wilts.sch.uk) Please ensure you apply by the closing date of **15<sup>th</sup> January 2023**.

**Mother's Prayers:** Mondays at 10.30 am.

**Wednesdays:** Breaking Open and Sharing the Word after Mass

**Fridays:** Divine Mercy Chaplet 3.00 pm

### OUR PARISH FAMILY

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please pray for:** Geoff Blwyddin, Mrs Jeanette Allsop, Zofia Clarke, Chris Bate, Andrew Bate, Katja Lubina, Patrick Egan, Rebecca Matthews, Paul Hogg, Keith Healy, Tricia Rigg, Henie Dixon, Brian Hillhouse, Judith Curtis, Janice Kuranlu, Anne Doyle, Sheila Likey-Ayling, Anne O'Mahony, Lorraine Pavey, Francis Ballinger, Shireen Doyle, Fr John O'Toole, Martin Hughes. 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](mailto:ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net)

### OTHER NEWS

**Mary's Meals – Double the Love:** From 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023, donations made to Mary's Meals will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £1.5million. Today, we face some of our greatest challenges yet in a world devastated by conflict, food insecurity and the cost-of-living crisis, which we know is affecting people here in the UK as well as in the countries where we work. With Double the Love, your donation will be matched and your kindness will go even further – meaning we can reach even more desperately hungry children with a life-changing school meal. There are many ways to get involved, find out more at [Homepage | Mary's Meals \(marysmeals.org\)](http://www.marysmeals.org)

**Homes for Ukraine Matching Service:** Caritas Social Action Network, in partnership with St John of God Hospitaller Services, an international Catholic charity, have launched a service to bring together Ukrainian people displaced by the brutal war in their country with people in the Catholic community willing to host them in their homes for 6 months. Once the match ids confirmed, the Ukrainian guest can apply for their visa. We know that coping with the cost-of-living crisis will be the main concern for many people this winter, but if you have room in your home and in your heart to consider welcoming a stranger displaced by war, then

we'd love to hear from you. Please visit [SJOG - Homes for Ukraine Here to help](http://www.sjog-homesforukraine.co.uk) for more information.

### CHARITIES and PARISH PROJECT

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

**Our Parish Charity is Wiltshire Air Ambulance.** You can donate by using this link:

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

**Our Parish Project is the repair and refurbishment of the Presbytery.** Funds raised will be split between our charity and our project with  $\frac{2}{3}$  allocated to Presbytery repairs, and  $\frac{1}{3}$  to Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

**Melksham Food Bank** Is grateful for the help from St Anthony's parishioners. A basket for donations is in the church porch, or you can use 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:** This is for those who need emergency relief (items such as energy meter payments, uniform costs for school etc). If anyone would like to contribute to this, please contact Melksham Foodbank or Sharon (Parish office) for further information.

### AND FINALLY –

Pope Francis has declared Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2022 to be the sixth World Day of the Poor, with the theme of "For your sakes Christ became poor" (2 Cor 8:9).

"That is precisely what solidarity is: sharing the little we have with those who have nothing, so that no one will go without. The sense of community and of communion as a style of life increases and a sense of solidarity matures."

Pope Francis, Message for World Day of the Poor, 2022

### Prayer

"Open our eyes to the needs of our brothers and sisters; inspire in us words and actions to comfort those who labour and are burdened.

Make us serve them truly, after the example of Christ and at his command.

And may your Church stand as a living witness to truth and freedom, to peace and justice, that all people may be raised up to a new hope."

**Wordsearch: Thirty-Third Sunday**

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| CONFIDENCE | MASTER      | STUBBLE |
| DEATH      | NAME        | TALKING |
| ENDURANCE  | OPPORTUNITY | TEMPLE  |
| EXAMPLE    | PEACE       | TIMES   |
| FAMINES    | RAYS        | USING   |
| FIGHT      | SEIZE       | WILL    |
| FRIGHTENED | SHINE       | WITNESS |
| HOSTS      | SIGN        | WORLD   |

Eliminate only the listed words. No word should be entirely inside another. The remaining letters give a phrase from today's psalm. You might know it:

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The completed phrase from last week (32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday) was Such SURE HOPE Hilary Clifton

**Thirty-Third Sunday**  
**Sunday Year C; Psalter 1**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November**

**Reading 1** – Mal 3: 19-20

**Psalm refrain: The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness.**

**Reading 2** – 2Thes 3: 7-12

**Gospel** – Lk 21: 5-19

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November: Memorial of the Beatified Martyrs of the Diocese**

**Word:** Apoc 1: 1-4, 2 : 1-5;

Ps 1; Lk 18: 35-43 **Hours:** Psalter 1

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November: Word:** Apoc 3: 1-6, 14-22; Ps 14; Lk 19: 1-10 **Hours:** Psalter 1

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November: Memorial of St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop**

**Word:** Apoc 4: 1-11; Ps 50; Lk 19: 11-28

**Hours:** Psalter 1

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November: Memorial of St Hugh of Lincoln**

**Word:** Apoc 5: 1-10; Ps 149; Lk 19: 41-44

**Hours:** Psalter 1

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November: Word:** Apoc 10: 8-11; Ps 118; Lk 19: 45-48 **Hours:** Psalter 1

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November: Word:** Apoc 11: 4-12; Ps 142; Lk 20: 27-40 **Hours:** Psalter 1

Is there anything you would particularly like to see included in the weekly newsletter? Help us make our newsletter an enjoyable read! Please send any comments or items for the newsletter 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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