



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Mass will be held on Wednesday 16th September at 10.00am, and Sunday 20th September 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 during the following times:

Monday 14th September, between 09.00 am - 11.00 am, or 6.00pm – 8.00pm;

We appreciate that some people would like to remain after Mass for private prayer. We must ensure the church is cleaned after each Mass, so **the church will be open at least 15 minutes before the beginning of Mass for private prayer.**

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 13th September: Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Year

Sunday Year A; Psalter week 4

Reading 1 – Ecclus 27: 30 – 28: 7

Psalm refrain: The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

Reading 2 – Rom 14: 7-9

Gospel – Matthew 18: 21-35

Prayers of the Faithful, Twenty-Fourth Sunday

As we continue in these uncertain and strange times, we call on God, the certain, the all-knowing to help sustain us -

We pray for:

- a church strong enough in faith to stand up for what is right and just;
- those who have lost their work or are in a state of uncertainty;
- all those who have died recently and their families and friends;
- the parishes of St Peter, Swindon; Sacred Heart, Royal Wootton Bassett and the Church of God of Prophecy here in Melksham;
- for all those sick in body, mind and spirit and those who care for them;
- all students and teachers, especially in the new academic year after such a long and worrying break;
- ourselves.

God, our Father, so often we are lost in our own world and taken up with our own needs, but You sent your son to find us, save us and bring us to the perfect love of your home. We thank you for this, through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Hilary Clifton

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

Word: Num 21: 4-9 or Phil 2: 6-11; Ps 77; Jn 3: 13-17

Hours: Psalter 4 and Proper of Feast

Tuesday 15th September: Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows
Word: 1Cor 12: 12-14, 27-31; Ps 99; Jn 19: 25-27 or Lk 2: 33-35
Hours: Psalter 4

Wednesday 16th September: Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
Word: 1Cor 12: 31-13: 13; Ps 32; Lk 7: 31-35
Hours: Psalter 4

Thursday 17th September: Memorial of St Edith of Wilton
Word: 1Cor 15: 1-11; Ps 117; Lk 7: 36-50
Hours: Psalter 4

Friday 18th September: Word: 1Cor 15: 12-20; Ps 16; Lk 8: 1-3
Hours: Psalter 4

Saturday 19th September: Word: 1Cor 15: 35-37, 42-49; Ps 55; Lk 8: 4-15
Hours: Psalter 4

Retiring Collections: This week, Sunday 13th and Wednesday 16th: Holy Places and Palestine

Ride and Stride: It is not too late to sponsor Anne and Sheila as they stride, walk, stroll, amble, saunter, ramble, trek, tramp, trudge, crawl around the churches in Melksham, Devizes and Trowbridge in aid of Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust and St Anthony's. Sponsor forms available in church or from Sharon, Anne and Sheila. Please contact Anne Doyle for further information on **01225 707486** or email anne.doyle16@blueyonder.co.uk

PPC Meeting: There will be a PPC meeting on **Wednesday 16th September, after Mass**. Please advise a member of the PPC if there are any issues you would like raised, or email the parish office, address above.

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 **1st September 2016 and 31st 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 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 **15th January 2021**.

The Season of Creation 2020 – an Invitation to Participate: The Season of Creation runs from 1st September (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) to 4th October (the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi) each year. This ecumenical season is dedicated to prayer and action for the protection of creation. It is a time to renew our relationships with God our Creator, and with all creation, as we join together in prayer. We give thanks for all that God has made, repent for the damage that we have caused and commit ourselves to take action to protect the earth our common home. This year we have been made acutely aware of how interconnected we all are, and so we come together in hope that we can rebuild and heal our world. More information is on our Diocesan website: <https://cliftondiocese.com/season-of-creation-2020/> and this week's prayer is at the end of this newsletter.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter - new online experience for marriage enrichment: Marriage Encounter are excited to announce a new online experience for marriage enrichment. Focused on couples who want to enrich their relationship and gain a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Marriage, it offers a unique experience to explore your relationship at a deeper, more intimate level, regardless of how long you have been together. During the Coronavirus pandemic residential retreats have had to be cancelled so they are reaching out to couples by offering a newly energised video conferenced retreat. **The next Marriage Encounter Online Experience is 26th & 27th September 2020**. Find out more at www.wwme.org.uk or contact them on **0845 260 2016**.

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@cliftondiocese.com

07710 094976 for more information – he would be delighted to hear from you.

Churches Together in England Newsletter – CTeNews: In the September edition of CTe News Cardinal Vincent Nichols, President of CTE, reflects on the last 30 years since CTE was founded. There are also a number of resources and interesting articles available. CTe News can be found at the following link: https://cte.org.uk/Groups/207196/Home/News/CTe_News/CTe_News_sign/CTe_News_sign.aspx

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

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, Mrs Bridie Liddle, 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-Fourth Sunday

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| FOUND | OWED | TORTURERS |
| GUILT | PLEAD | WHOLE |
| HEART | SERVANT | WIFE |
| HEAVEN | SEVENTYSEVEN | WRATH |

Eliminate only the words given in the list. The remaining letters describe Jesus as our...

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The highlighted words in the list give the initial letters.

Last week’s words were “DEBT OF LOVE”

Hilary Clifton

Words of Wisdom:

There is so much good in the worst of us
And so much bad in the best of us
That it ill behoves any of us
To find fault with the rest of us.

Anon

Just some thoughts:

Heavenly Rules - Lockdown Rules for Christians:

1. Wash your heart with Christ blood (*Hebrew 10:10*)
2. Keep a social distance from evil. (*Job 28:28*)
3. Avoid the crowd of wickedness and wicked people. (*Psalm 1:1*)
4. Cover your mind from being infected from sneeze of sin and hatred. (*Lev 19:17*)
5. Do not shake hands with abomination. (*Deut 25:16*)
6. Do not hug heresy and false teachings. (*2 Timothy 4:3-4*)
7. Sanitise your life with the word of God. (*Psalm 1:2*)
8. In case you notice any symptoms of sin, call the helpline of Christ in prayer. (*Jer 33:3*)
9. Always remember to boost your Spiritual Immunity with Faith and the Power of the Holy Spirit. (*Jude 1:20*)

Dennis and Carolina Andrews

Prayers for the Season of Creation: Sunday 13th September

God of the universe,
we thank you for your many good gifts -
for the beauty of Creation and its rich and varied fruits,
for clean water and fresh air, for food and shelter, animals and plants.

Forgive us for the times we have taken the earth's resources
for granted.

Transform our hearts and minds
so that we would learn to care and to share,
to touch the earth with gentleness and with love,
respecting all that you have made.

Help us to respect the rights of all people and all species
and to be willing to share your gifts
today and always. Amen.

Fiona Murdoch, Eco-Congregation Ireland: www.ecocongregationireland.com

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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