



## Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Mass 9.00 am**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August: Morning Prayer 9.45 am, Mass at 10.00 am**

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August: NO MASS**

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*

**Help our parish: Could you support St Anthony's in Wiltshire Historic Churches Ride and Stride?** Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September. Cycle or walk between churches to raise funds through sponsorship. If you are unable to actively take part, please sponsor one of our parishioners. Sponsorship forms available from Anne Doyle.

**Help our community: Become a Trustee for Melksham Foodbank** – Melksham Foodbank **urgently** needs Trustees. If you are able to give some time to help with the oversight of this vital community resource, please contact Sharon in the parish office.

### PARISH NEWS

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August:** Next Sunday we welcome Canon Alan Finlay who will celebrate Mass with us.

**Diocesan Diaries and Directories:** If you would like to order a diary or a directory from the Diocese, please sign up on the sheet in the porch before Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August.

**Thursdays:** Adoration from 10.00 am to 3.00pm.

**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, John Porter. 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)

### CLIFTON DIOCESE

**SYNOD – Continuing the Journey:** Following the launch of the Diocesan Synod report '*Listening with the Heart*', the Journey continues with four area meetings during the Autumn. The nearest to St Anthony's will take place on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October, at St John the Baptist, Trowbridge.** These days will be facilitated for us and help us to explore how parishes continue to walk together in the spirit of the Synod. You can book your place now on the Eventbrite link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/synod-session-trowbridge-tickets-368188330207>

Last Autumn the Margaret Beaufort institute for Theology ran a seminar series on Synodality, and on the back of this joined with Synod Fruits and CAFOD to run a series of Synodal conversations. Based on the feedback,

the organisers recognised it was important to keep bringing people together in a spirit of mutual support to help us grow as a synodal Church. The organisers are keen to engage with parishes who have engaged positively with the process and are still doing so. You may be interested to be involved in such a conversation as this. The event is on zoom on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September from 6-8pm**. Please register your interest at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/growing-synodality-a-conversation-tickets-389227328417>

**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.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September – Wiltshire Historic Churches “Ride and Stride” fundraising event.** Half of funds raised by participants go to their own parish. Join in for St Anthony’s! Details at <https://wiltshirehistoricchurchestrust.org.uk/ride-stride/parish-organiser-information>

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September – St Edmund’s Parish Barbeque** 12.30pm in the garden (or parish hall if wet). All welcome.

**September 10<sup>th</sup> /11<sup>th</sup> – The relics of St Bernadette visit Clifton Cathedral:** A timetable of the visit available is on the Clifton Diocese website: [Bernadette | Clifton Diocese](#) . If you

wish to attend, please email [mary.manners@cltondiocese.com](mailto:mary.manners@cltondiocese.com)

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**  
**The Turin Shroud Exhibition** will be visiting the Parish of St. John The Baptist Parish Centre, Trowbridge. Please contact Becky at St. John’s Parish Centre by emailing

[enquiries@sjpc.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@sjpc.org.uk) or tel: **01225 767215**

The exhibition will be available to view from 9.00am-9.00pm each day.

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October – St Anthony’s Quiz night** and fish and chip supper, 7.00 pm

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October – St Edmund’s Parish Concert** in the evening in aid of the Harbour Project.

**AND FINALLY –**

**Wordsearch: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

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| DIVISION | KING     | SINNERS    |
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| EARTH    | MALCHIAH | TRUST      |
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Eliminate only the listed words. No word should be entirely inside another. The remaining letters give complete the phrase of the day:

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The word from last week (19<sup>th</sup>) was ABRAHAM

Hilary Clifton

**Words of Wisdom**

We are continually faced by great opportunities brilliantly disguised as unsolvable problems.

# Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday Year C; Psalter 4

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August

Reading 1 – Apoc 11: 19, 12: 1-6, 10

Psalm refrain: **On your right stands the queen,  
in garments of gold.**

Reading 2 – 1Cor 15: 54-57

Gospel – Lk 11: 27-28

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August: Word:** Ez 24: 15-24;  
Dt 32; Mt 19: 16-22 **Hours:** Psalter 4

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August: Word:** Ez 28: 1-10; Dt 32;  
Mt 19: 23-30 **Hours:** Psalter 4

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August: Word:** Ez 34: 1-11;  
Ps 22; Mt 20: 1-16 **Hours:** Psalter 4

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August: Word:** Ez 36: 23-28;  
Ps 50; Mt 22: 1-14 **Hours:** Psalter 4

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August: Word:** Ez 37: 1-4; Ps 106;  
Mt 22: 34-40 **Hours:** Psalter 4

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August: Memorial of St Bernard,  
Abbot, Doctor of the Church**

**Word:** Ez 43: 1-7; Ps 84; Mt 23: 1-12

**Hours:** Psalter 4

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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