



# Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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## Masses

It is no longer necessary to book to attend Mass, but you must 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:

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August – 10.00 am

NO Mass this Saturday

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August – 9.00am

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August – Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday Year B; Psalter week 4

Reading 1 – Apoc 11: 19, 12: 1-6, 10

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

Reading 2 – 1Cor 15: 20-26

Gospel – Lk 1: 39-56

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August: Word: Jgs 2: 11-19; Ps 105; Mt 19: 16-22 Hours: Psalter 4

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> August: Word: Jgs 6: 11-19; Ps 84; Mt 19: 23-30 Hours: Psalter 4

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August: Word: Jgs 9: 6-15; Ps 20; Mt 20: 1-16 Hours: Psalter 4

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> August: Word: Jgs 11: 29-39; Ps 39; Mt 22: 1-14 Hours: Psalter 4

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August: Memorial of St Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church

Word: Ru 1: 1, 3-6, 14-16, 22; Ps 145;

Mt 22: 34-40; Hours: Psalter 4

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August: Memorial of St Pius X, Pope

Word: Ru 2: 1-3, 8-11, 4: 13-17; Ps 127; Mt 23: 1-12

Hours: Psalter 4

Please ensure young children are supervised by an adult, remaining with them at all times in and around the Church. Thank you.

## PARISH NEWS

**Diocesan Diaries and Directories 2022:** If anyone would like to purchase a Diocesan Diary or Directory for 2022, please add your name to the order sheet in the porch, indicating which publication you would like. We expect delivery in October/November.

**We need you!** We urgently need more volunteers to help us resume our pre-Covid activities such as Adoration, Altar Serving, welcoming, cleaning, reading, flowers etc. Thanks to those who have already signed up – we still need more people to help maintain these services to St Anthony's. Please put your name on one of the signup sheets in the porch. Thank you.

**Cleaner for St Edmund's Presbytery:** Fr Vincent urgently needs a cleaner for the Presbytery in Calne. A small remuneration is available. If you can help, and for further details please contact Fr Vincent.

**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.

### WHAT'S ON

**Private Prayer:** The church will be open for private prayer Tuesday mornings from 9.30 am to 11.30 am. Please sign the attendance register in the church.

**Mothers' Prayers:** Mothers' Prayers is taking a break for the summer. The next Mothers' Prayers session will be Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

### ST EDMUND'S NEWS

**Fairtrade:** The St Edmund's Traidcraft stall has, over many years, provided support to marginalised communities across the world, and within our own community by donations to Doorway which provides a drop-in centre for those who are homeless, sofa surfing or have complex issues that might affect their ability to acquire or sustain a tenancy. Remarkably, Doorway has continued to provide services to these vulnerable members of our community during the pandemic, albeit on a more limited scale. Recently, Doorway has moved to The Citadel, Bath Road, Chippenham and is starting to exploit this new venue

and expand its operations. See further details on our notice board with the 'Summer Update' from Doorway.

## CLIFTON DIOCESE NEWS

### Virtual Pilgrimage to the Sanctuary of Lourdes

Unfortunately, we are unable to travel to Lourdes once again this year, but we shall all be at the Sanctuary spiritually. During the week from 20<sup>th</sup> August to 27<sup>th</sup> August we shall be joined together virtually on our website with various events. The Grotto of the apparitions is the heart of the Sanctuary and is a place of prayer, hope, peace, respect, unity and silence. The spring and the statue of Our Lady of Lourdes within it are the centre of prayer for all pilgrims.

**Prayer Petitions** Amongst other events, we shall be joining the Lourdes Chaplains in the Grotto, as they pray the Rosary in English on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at 3.00 pm. There will be a special candle lit for the Clifton Diocese and the pilgrims at this time. If anyone would like their intentions to be prayed for during this Rosary, please send your petitions to Deacon Paul Thompson who will pass them to the Grotto for inclusion on the altar. Please send any prayer requests to

[paul.thompson@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:paul.thompson@cliftondiocese.com)

**St Mary's Catholic Primary School** in Bath is seeking a learning support assistant/SMSA for September 2021. Details can be downloaded from the 'Our Community' section of the website <http://www.st-marys.bathnes.sch.uk> Closing date: Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> August.

### Vacancy for Interim Chief Financial Officer:

The Dunstan Catholic Educational Trust seeks to appoint a Chief Financial Officer (Interim) for a one-year fixed term contract. The applicant will need experience of working within a new Executive Leadership Team to oversee the setup of all business operations. This will be a highly influential position, and the post-holder will contribute to the strategic planning processes, and be responsible for working collaboratively with key stakeholders and delivery partners to help set up and open the multi-academy trust on 1 March 2022. The closing date for applications is **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 9.00 am**. An information pack can be found on the website: [VACANCIES | Clifton Diocese Schools and Colleges](#)

### Catechists' Day, 25<sup>th</sup> September:

The Diocese is holding a day for catechists and those involved in parish formation and evangelisation. The focus will be on family catechesis, 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](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com)

### Celebrating Marriage – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October:

Bishop Declan is celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com)

### MELKSHAM FAMILY of CHURCHES - Can you help?

Volunteers for the following will be very welcome:

**Melksham Foodbank** - Trustees to support registration with the Charity Commission; **Melksham Community Money Advice** - office support and trained advisors in the next 6-12 months supporting those struggling with debt. **Messy Church** - help with sessions will be welcome. **Melksham Job Club** - people with skills to help others search and apply for jobs will be needed. Groups from Melksham churches have been taking **Open the Book** to 3 of our town's primary schools - more team members are needed. If you can give help any of these Christian projects in Melksham, please contact Sharon in the parish office.

### 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, John Doyle, 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](mailto:ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net)

## NOTICES

**Can you help? Accommodation required** for a mature woman in the Melksham area, please. In employment, Catholic, non-smoker, non-drinker, quiet, reliable, trustworthy, kind and caring. Willing to live in shared house or flat, anything considered. Happy to supply references. Contact Rosemary: 07554 821612. Thank you.

### AND FINALLY....

#### Just a thought....

Questions to ponder:

How much deeper would the ocean be if sponges didn't grow there?

Is Disney World a people trap operated by a mouse?

Christiansunite.com

Church notices:

The sermon this morning: Women in the Church

Closing song: Rise up, O Men of God.

Jesussite.com

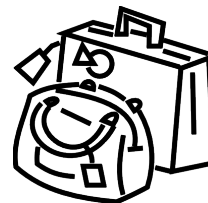
#### Words of Wisdom....

It might make us more comfortable to have a God who stays in heaven without getting involved in our life, while we can manage matters here on earth. Instead, God became man to enter into the concrete reality of this world.... And He is interested in every aspect of our life. We can tell him about what we are feeling, our work, our day, our heartache, our anguish, so many things. We can tell Him everything because Jesus wants this intimacy with us. What does he not want?... To be overlooked and set aside or called on only when we need him.

Pope Francis

## Wordsearch

Hilary is taking a well-earned break – Wordsearch will return on 5<sup>th</sup> September.



*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*

**If you know of any parishioners who do not have access to email, please print this newsletter for them.**

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