

## DIARY

- SAT** 1<sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday at 5.30 pm.
- SUN** **SUNDAY 15 OF THE YEAR**  
Mass at 9.30 am followed by refreshments in the hall.  
Parish Family Picnic at Arnold's Mill, Lacock from 3 pm.
- MON** Morning Prayer at 9.15 am; Mass at 9.30 am.  
Mothers' Prayers in the hall, 10.30 am
- TUE** Let it Be – CaFE course on Mary, hall, 10.30 am (final session).
- WED** Morning Prayer at 9.15 am; Mass at 9.30 am, followed by refreshments & Breaking Open & Sharing the Word in the hall.
- THU** Adoration 10 am – 7 pm.
- FRI** Morning Prayer at 9.15 am; Mass at 9.30 am.  
Prayer Group, hall, 7.30 pm.
- SAT** Sacrament of Reconciliation, 11-11.30 am  
1<sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday (Sunday 16) at 5.30 pm.

Sundays Year B; Weekdays Year 2; Psalter: Week 3.

**MASS COMMEMORATIONS: Sat(14):** Derek Dyer, RIP; **Sat(21):** Mr Leonard Lockwood RIP.

### READINGS

**Reading 1:** Amos 7: 12-15.

Psalm (84) Refrain: **Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.**

**Reading 2:** Ephesians 1: 3-10.

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 6: 7-13.

**Please pray for the following who are sick:** Mr Frank Manning, Mrs R. Menghini, Mrs Bridie Liddle, Mrs Jonasz, Fr Lloyd, Zofia Clarke, Vilma D'Souza, Don d'Cruz, Mrs Audrey Tickner, Mrs Kathleen Murphy, Charlie Canavan, Ann O'Mahony, John Porter, Faith Wheat, Mrs Rebecca Matthews, Gail Ballinger, Joyce Alford, Chris Bate, John Doyle, David Coghlan, Michael Lees, Elizabeth Travers, Nuala Barron, June Carey, Tom & Claire Hunter, Mrs Marian Frawley, Geoff Blwyddin, Terri Welch, June Fenlon, Mrs Kathleen Delamere.

**Please note** that in future, according to new data protection rules, permission must be given in person by the person who is sick for them to be included on this list; and you will have to affirm that they have given permission before we can include them. Sorry, but it's not *my* rule!

## Welcome to The Parish of St Anthony of Padua



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### **SUNDAY 15 JULY, 2018**

Dear Friends,

In my home parish of my youth we had an eccentric sacristan who lived with an aunt who was a seamstress. He would choose some beautiful material and get her to make vestments for the church – *before* consulting the parish priest! It was good to have beautiful vestments – the Church's detractors imply that priests should dress in rags so all the money can go to the poor. But do most of *us* dress in rags? Don't we have good clothes for daily use, special clothes for more formal occasions, and still better ones for parties, weddings, etc? So why should we expect the worship of God to be conducted in rags? Why should not the presider at liturgy have, within reason, different vestments for different occasions? Jesus rebuked the disciples when they complained about the woman who poured expensive ointment over him to honour him instead of giving the money to the poor.

So within reason we should use good quality vestments etc. in worship. But this sacristan went too far. He provided so many vestments the parish priest had to have an extra wardrobe built in his office, adjacent to the sacristy, to house them all! I used to help in the sacristy in those days; selecting the right vestments from so many for the next day's celebration was a skill akin to that of a butler in the old stately homes selecting the right wine for the right food and occasion! So in the end the sacristan cost the parish too much and had to leave! Yes, we should if possible use good quality articles in worship; but the Church guidelines say that the church collection is "*for the poor* and for the needs of the Church." Let us honour God in worship, but let us also honour him in our service of the poor! It is a balance that is needed rather than one extreme against another!

In the love of Christ,

*Richard Northey*

**LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION:** £195.60; Apostleship of the Sea: £169.50

**MOTHERS' PRAYERS:** Monday, 10.30 am in the hall.

**BREAKING OPEN & SHARING THE WORD:** Sharing on next Sunday's Gospel, Wednesday, after Mass & refreshments.

**ADORATION:** Thursday, 10 am – 7 pm.

**PRAYER GROUP:** Friday, 7.30 pm in the hall. (none 27 July – 7 September)

**LET IT BE – INSPIRING FILM COURSE ON MARY:** Fifth and final session *this* Tuesday 19 June in the Parish Hall at 10.30 am. Refreshments included.

**RE-COMMISSIONING OF EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:** If anyone was away last weekend and did not attend the Diocesan Family Day, please come forward this weekend at the Lamb of God.

**FR MATT** has successfully concluded his cycle ride for vocations!

**ST ANTHONY'S PARISH FAMILY PICNIC:** at Arnolds Mill Lacock SN15 2LY this Sunday 15th July at 3pm. Everyone is very welcome. Please bring some picnic food to share, from the list in the porch. Donations can be made on the day to support our parish charities...Mary's Meals and Julia's House. More details from Judy or Carol.

**A GIFT TO CAFOD** in your will is a wonderful way to share your faith, hope and love with future generations. Find out about CAFOD's free will-writing service for supporters by picking up a leaflet in the church porch, [email\\_legacy@cafod.org.uk](mailto:email_legacy@cafod.org.uk) or call Hannah on 020 7095 5367 to find out more.

**SICK OR HOUSEBOUND:** Please let Fr. Richard know of anyone who is sick, elderly or housebound who would like to be visited and receive Holy Communion.

**RUH BATH RC CHAPLAINCY:** Mandy Baker – 07775895814, email: [mandybaker@live.co.uk](mailto:mandybaker@live.co.uk) please contact Mandy if you have a relative or friend in hospital.

**PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH** every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 9:30 am in church before Adoration begins. Prayer intentions: for God's guidance, a smooth transition and for a new parish priest and thanksgiving to God for our parish priest. All are warmly welcome to join in at church or home if you can.

**PARISH CENSUS:** In view of the requirements of the GDPR, and because Fr. Vincent has asked for a full parish list to be prepared for when he takes over, new census forms are now available for you to fill in and return. We do need every household to fill in one of these new forms irrespective of how many times they may have filled one in before! So please, *every household* take one and fill in and bring it back; otherwise you will no longer be officially recorded as a member of this parish. As there is only space for 4 names per form, if there are more than 4 people in your household, please take an extra sheet, and

if possible staple or paper-clip them together. Completed forms may be handed in or placed in the post-box inside the porch door.

**PARKING:** a) Could those parking on the corner of the car park please pull in tightly? It can be difficult for other cars to get past. b) As Christians, consideration of our neighbours is of primary importance. If you park in the street, please take care not to block our neighbours' parking areas, or park on yellow lines. If our church car park is full, there is a nearby public car park; please try to avoid upsetting our neighbours.

**MELKSHAM FOODBANK:** ([www.melkshamfoodbank.org.uk](http://www.melkshamfoodbank.org.uk)). They are most in need of potatoes (instant), peas (canned), carrots (canned), sugar, pasta. They no longer use boxes – thank you to those who have donated boxes, but please do not leave them in the church porch any more. Does anyone know anyone who is going through a difficult time and might be in need of the help of the Foodbank? ***Recently demands on the foodbank have become heavier, but the donations from this parish have not been so generous. Please do try to support this venture on behalf of all the Churches in the Melksham area.***

**PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:** for safety reasons, unaccompanied children are not allowed in the church hall during Mass.

**DRIVERS:** Please drive with great care when entering or leaving the car park, so that the lives of children – and adults – may not be put at risk.

**NEWSLETTER:**  
articles, etc,  
presbytery at the  
on the front of



Any information,  
please send to the  
address supplied  
the newsletter.