



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Mass will be held on Wednesday 19th August at 10.00 am and Sunday 23rd August 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 17th August, 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 15 minutes before the beginning of Mass at 9.45 am on Wednesday 19th August and 8.45 am on Sunday 23rd August for private prayer.** **Please note: Toilet facilities will remain closed;** please remember this when planning your visit. Heartfelt thanks to all our volunteers who make reopening possible.

**Sunday 16th August: Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday Year A; Proper of Solemnity**

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: 20-26

Gospel – Luke 11: 27-28

Prayers of the Faithful, Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Our souls proclaim the greatness of the Lord and Mary his beloved mother in glory, standing at his right clothed in garments of gold.

We pray to Mary and her Son Our Lord to help all peoples of the world who are suffering loss of homes, loss of dignity and loss of health.

Let us remember in our prayers all young people who are awaiting exam results. It is especially difficult for them as we slowly emerge from restrictions imposed by the Coronavirus.

We pray also for everybody who is worried about their jobs and future income.

Remembering also those whose health and lives have been affected by the recent virus, may we all play our parts in protecting others.

Our prayers go to The Immaculate Conception, Stroud with Bisley, Brownshill, Painswick, Randwick and More Hall, for our church and St Barnabas here in Melksham.

Terri Welch

Monday 17th August: Word: Ez 24: 15-24; Dt 32; Mt 19: 16-22
Hours: Psalter 4

Tuesday 18th August: Word: Ez 28: 1-10; Dt 32; Mt 19: 23-30
Hours: Psalter 4

Wednesday 19th August: Word: Ez 34: 1-11; Ps 22; Mt 20: 1-16
Hours: Psalter 4

Thursday 20th August: Memorial of St Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church
Word: Ez 36: 23-28; Ps 50; Mt 22: 1-14
Hours: Psalter 4

Friday 21st August: Memorial of St Pius X, Pope

Word: Ez 37: 1-14; Psalm 106; Mt 22: 34-40

Hours: Psalter 4

Saturday 22nd August: Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Hours: Psalter 4 Proper of Memorial

Beirut Appeal: The following link will take you to CAFOD's webpage, giving details of how you can donate to the Beirut emergency appeal: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Explosions-in-Beirut>
Donations can also be made by post to CAFOD, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1 7JB

Volunteer Cleaners: We rely heavily on our volunteers during this time to be able to open our church. We need more volunteer cleaners to join our team; if you are not in the clinically vulnerable group (under 70 and not shielding), please contact Mary Rooney on 07789 910591 to help with this important task. Thank you.

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.

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. All those 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 – Our wordsearch Guru, Hilary, is on a well-earned break – hope she and her family enjoyed the lovely sunshine! We have instead a short quiz – can you solve the clues?

More Biscuits:

1. Robin Hood's apparel was this this green.....
2. Starch used for thickening.....
- 3 Ladies underwear with a twist in the end.....
4. Birds of Antarctica.....
5. Join the
6. Not artful..but lucky.....
7. Call one to get you home.....
8. Brown digits.....
9. Will these quench your thirst ?.....
10. Kentucky liquor.....

Answers next week from Anne

Biscuits of all kinds – Last week's answers

1. Wealthy Beverage: *Rich Tea* 2. Lightweight loaf: *Shortbread*. 3. Foreign seaside resort: *Nice*. 4. London Hotel: *Ritz*. 5. Socialise with Lords and Ladies: *Hob Nobs*. 6. Redheaded loonies: *Ginger Nuts*. 7. Two things to serve with rhubarb: *Custard Cream*. 8. Boy with no hair: *Garibaldi*. 9. They keep turning in the west: *Wagon Wheels*. 10. Instructions to wash an orphan: *Bath Oliver*.

Just some thoughts: Extracts from Church bulletins -

- The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday
- Weight Watchers will meet at 7pm at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use the large double door at the side entrance

Words of Wisdom:

People do not remember much of what you say. But they do remember how you say it.

Hence the great importance of how you say hello and how you say goodbye; the one sets the tone of the conversation, the other the quality of what is remembered.

Anon

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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