



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 20th January and Saturday 23rd January at 10.00 am, and Sunday 24th January at 9.00 am.

Please do not arrive at church hoping to attend Mass if you have not booked in advance. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday is currently suspended.

It is 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.)

Please note that Covid regulations require young children to be supervised by an adult, remaining with them at all times in and around the Church. Thank you.

To pre-book your attendance at Mass, contact Anne Doyle telephone 01225 707486 or email anne.doyle16@blueyonder.co.uk on the following days:

Monday, Tuesday or Thursday of each week

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 17th January: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Year B; Psalter week 2

Reading 1 – 1Sam 3: 3-10, 19

Psalm refrain: Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

Reading 2 – Cor 6: 13-15, 17-20

Gospel – John 1: 35-42

Prayers of the Faithful, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Almighty ever-living God, who governs all things both in Heaven and earth, pour on us the spirit of your love as we bring our prayers before you.

As the new Covid -19 variant spreads across the country, we thank God for the vaccines and the scientists who work continually to provide them.

Also the medical team in surgeries and hospitals, as they plan to vaccinate the public.

We pray for those suffering from the Corona Virus, particularly those in Intensive care and the NHS staff who are working to try and save their lives.

We pray for those who are Housebound, the elderly who are isolated, lonely and unable to see or be with their loved ones. Let them be aware of your presence, Lord.

We remember to pray for our young people who find it difficult to follow the government rules.

We pray for peace and reconciliation in the United States at this time of change and uncertainty, that the differences can be reconciled peacefully and that normal government can be restored for the good of the people.

We pray for our Church, the Church of St Thomas Moore, Bradford on Avon and St. Barnabas, Melksham.

God our Father, trusting in your love we bring these prayers before you.

Mary Harris

Monday 18th January: Word: Heb 5: 1-10; Ps 109; Mk 2: 18-22

Hours: Psalter 2

Tuesday 19th January: Memorial of St Wulstan, Bishop

Word: Heb 6: 10-20; Ps 100; Mk 2: 23-28

Hours: Psalter 2

Wednesday 20th January: Word: Heb 7: 1-3, 15-17; Ps 109; Mk 3: 1-6

Hours: Psalter 2

Thursday 21st January: Memorial of St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr

Word: Heb 7: 25- 8: 6; Ps 39; Mk 3: 7-12

Hours: Psalter 2

Friday 22nd January: Word: Heb 8: 6-13, 11; Ps 84; Mk 3: 13-19

Hours: Psalter 2

Saturday 23rd January: Word: Heb 9: 2-3, 11-14; Ps 46; Mk 3: 20-21

Hours: Psalter 2

St Edmund's Presbytery – Cleaner(s): Fr Vincent is searching for a cleaner for the Presbytery in Calne – can anyone help? For more information, please speak with Fr Vincent. Thank you.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – 18th – 25th January 2021: The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed from the 18th to the 25th January – the octave of St. Peter and St. Paul. This year's resources have been prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland. The theme that was chosen, "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit", is based on John 15:1-17 and expresses Grandchamp Community's vocation to prayer, reconciliation and unity in the Church and the human family. Readings and prayers for each day are distributed with this newsletter. For further details, please visit [Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2021 \(ctbi.org.uk\)](http://www.ctbi.org.uk)

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>

Clifton Diocesan Holy Land Pilgrimage 2021 led by Bishop Declan Lang – Expressions of interest needed: Bishop Declan plans to lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2021 (11th - 19th October) staying three nights in Galilee, two nights in Bethlehem, and three nights in Jerusalem. Initial estimated costings indicate a figure of £1,959 per person (based on two people sharing). The cost of the Pilgrimage is currently an estimate. It is possible that the cost of flights will rise and consequently increase the cost of the total package. As soon the final price is known the organisers will let you know. Since this is a popular pilgrimage expressions of interest are now invited for an idea of numbers. If you are interested in next year's pilgrimage, then please contact Sarah Adams in the Adult Education & Evangelisation department, at adult.education@cliftondiocese.com.

"The God Who Speaks": You may be interested in "The God Who Speaks" initiative. This is an online resource that can be found at [The God Who Speaks](http://www.thegodwhospeaks.org). Especially recommended by the Diocese is the section *Echoes of God: Journeying with the word of God* with David McLoughlin, who invites us to join him on a journey through the whole bible in a seven-week course, and also the *Blessing of Bibles - Order of Blessing within Mass*.

Signed Mass for the Deaf – St Nicholas of Tolentino Church, Bristol: St Nicholas is live-streaming their 10.00 am Mass with Signing by Sherrie Eugene-Hart every First Sunday of the Month (live-streamed from parish website: www.tolentino.org then click on 'St Nick's live-streamed Mass' page). Many of our Catholic deaf sisters and brothers feel very isolated at the best of times and these are not the best of times! Most are not aware of the Catholic Deaf Association or the monthly Signed Mass, so if you know anyone who would like to take advantage of this, please contact them with this information. Contact Fr Richard McKay (richard.mckay@cliftondiocese.com) for more information. We want to make this Diocesan Ministry among the Deaf community as available as possible - please help us to do so. Thank you!

Rediscover Your Marriage with Retrouvaille: Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) means 'rediscovery'. The Retrouvaille programme offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples have nurtured their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on 25th – 28th February 2021, call or text **0788 7296983** or **0797 3380443** – Email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

FJC Young Adult Network - Forthcoming Online Events: Four Weeks of Guided Prayer, Sundays at 5:30pm beginning 17th January; Vocations Weekend, 26th - 28th February, for women exploring the vocation to religious life; Reading Group, Friday 4pm from 15th January Book: Let us Dream - Pope Francis. Each session stands alone so there is no need to attend every week. Register, read the chapter set and then have a chance to talk with others about it. Everyone welcome! For more information on any of these events: FCJCentreStHughs@gmail.com or follow us on Facebook

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: Don d’Cruz, Mrs Kathleen Murphy, John Doyle, Mrs Marian Frawley, Geoff Blwyddin, Mrs Jean Irwin, Mrs Jeanette Allsop, Zofia Clarke, Chris Bate, Andrew Bate, David Coughlin, Katja Lubina, Patrick Egan. Deacon David Wakefield, Rebecca Matthews, Paul Hogg, Keith Healy, Alan Glass, Tricia Rigg, Henie Dixon, Brian Hillhouse, June Carey, Janet Ruddick, Judith Curtis, Janice Kuranlu. 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.**

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

Words of Wisdom:

When we meet with difficulties we think of our relatives; but on the brink of danger we rely on our friends.
Chinese aphorism

The real meaning of intercession is not telling God in one’s own words of the needs and sorrows of this world, but through the silent attentive spirit focussing the love of God where the need is greatest. Anon

Just some thoughts:

After Church Mother said “The choir was awful”. Father said “The sermon was too long”. Daughter said “You have got to admit it was a pretty good show for a pound!”
Holy Joke

Wordsearch – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| BROTHER | LORD | SCROLL |
| CHALICE | LYING | SERVANT |
| CORINTHIANS | MOST | SINS |
| DAY | RABBI | SPEAK |
| HEART | RAISE | SURELY |
| JOHN | ROCK | THIRST |
| LIPS | SAMUEL | UNDERSTOOD |

Eliminate only the words in the list. No word should be entirely inside another. The remaining letters give a declaration

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Last week’s remaining letters should have been “FRANKINCENSE”, and the shape made from the four words was a star.
Hilary Clifton

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.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight.
In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make straight your paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6

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