



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Sunday 17th July – Sixteenth Sunday: Mass 9.00 am

Wednesday 20th July: Morning Prayer 9.45 am, Mass 10.00 am

Saturday 23rd July: Mass 10.00 am

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 be a welcomer at Sunday Mass? If you would like to join the team welcoming people with a smile, a friendly face, and a kind word, please contact Sharon

PARISH NEWS

Next week - retiring collection Bishops Charitable fund

This Sunday, to enable everyone to go home before the heat of the day, there will be no hot refreshments after Mass; cold drinks available if needed.

St Edmund's Barn Dance – Thank You to everyone who helped or donated in any way, and to those who came and enjoyed themselves; the Barn Dance was a great success and raised £892 for the Harbour Project.

Wednesday 20th July – Finance meeting after Mass in the hall

Parish Charity and Project Bring and Buy Event, Saturday 30th July, 10.00 am. All proceeds for our Parish Project and Wiltshire Air Ambulance. We need donations of scarves, unwanted gifts, and any new/nearly new goodies to be sold for our Tombola. Please leave donations in the Hall or give them to Ester, Lydia or Carolina one week before the event. We also need cakes and cookies for our Coffee and Cake sale (bring them on the day; we will be in the Hall by 8.00am for preparation). Please do support this important – and fun – event; we need everyone to make this possible for our church and charity!

Mondays: Mothers' Prayers 10.30 am in the hall.

Wednesdays: Breaking Open and Sharing the Word

Join our community: Melksham Community Larder. This is a new initiative complementing Foodbank, distributing only fresh/perishable food. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Adrienne Westbrook/Melksham Community Larder on Facebook or email thatmeetingspace@gmail.com The plan is to form a team of volunteers so that each volunteer would only be called on once or twice a month.

after Mass

Thursdays Eucharistic Adoration 10.00am - 3.00 pm.

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

CLIFTON DIOCESE

CLIFTON DIOCESE TRUSTEES: The Diocese is looking for people to join the Board of the Trustees to enhance the skills of the Board in specific areas. Suitable applicants should have in depth knowledge and experience of either corporate law, property law, or an HR environment. Experience in charity or corporate governance would also be beneficial. The commitment is to one 3-hour meeting per month on a Wednesday from 9.30 am in Bristol as well as at least one sub-committee, and preparation for meetings. It is usual for a Trustee to give somewhere in the region of 6 hours per month plus travelling time. If you would like to be considered for a position, please send your details to the Bishop's Private Secretary, St Ambrose, North Rd, Leigh Woods, Bristol BS8 3PW by **5th August**.

Listening with the Heart' - Clifton Diocese

Synodal Response: The Diocesan report is available on the Diocesan website [Synodal-response-booklet.pdf \(cliftondiocese.com\)](https://www.cliftondiocese.com/Synodal-response-booklet.pdf)

We will make copies of the report available locally soon.

Beatification of Pauline Jaricot: There will be four Missio diocesan Masses in July to celebrate the recent Beatification of Pauline Jaricot, one of Missio's founders. There will be Mass this **Wednesday, 20th July at 7.00pm at St Patrick's Church, Corsham**. You are very welcome to attend.

OTHER NEWS

OCTOBER 7th to 9th - YOUNG CATHOLIC

ADULTS (YCA) WEEKEND: Young Catholic Adults will be running a retreat at Douai Abbey with the Schola Gregoriana of Cambridge who will be holding Gregorian Chant workshops. There will also be a Marian Procession, Rosaries, Sung Masses, Confession, talks (and socials). The talks are: Rachael Mackenzie from "Rachael's Vineyard" will be telling her conversion story (Sat) and Fr. Glaysher will be talking about the Communion of Saints' prayer and the veneration of Holy Relics (Sun). Prices start from £12 (come for the day) and £55 per person per night (residential). Book soon as places are limited! **Please note to guarantee your place Douai Abbey have requested that everyone books in 3 weeks before the start of the weekend (16th September 2022)**. For More information visit the webpage <http://youngcatholicadults-latestnews.blogspot.co.uk/> or <http://www.youngcatholicadults.co.uk>. To book go

to <https://bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-douai2022>

Saturday 23rd July, Monthly Zoom "Adore"

Meeting: Each month, Mini-Retreats are available via Zoom. Mass is always celebrated followed by a "Witness" and prayer and praising. It starts at 10.00am and finishes at 1.00pm. The three hours pass very quickly, and it is normally attended by people all over the UK. July's theme will be "Forgive Us As We Forgive". The speaker will be Peter Hobbs. Further information and details on how to register is available at adore@altonrenewal.com

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 10th 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>

Saturday 10th September – The relics of St Bernadette visit Clifton Cathedral, when pilgrims will be able to join us for Mass with anointing of the sick, Torchlight procession, Rosary, and the opportunity to venerate these relics of "The Saint of Lourdes". Exact details will be available soon.

AND FINALLY –

Wordsearch: Sixteenth Sunday

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ABRAHAM	HOUSE	SERVANT
ACTS	JUSTICE	SPEAKS
CENTURIES	KNEAD	STAND
CHURCH	MARTHA	TELL
DIRECTION	MESSAGE	TENDER
DOES	MILK	TENT
FEET	NAME	WELCOMED
FEW	OAK	WILLING
FIND	OPEN	WONDERS
FIRM	PASS	WORRY
FRET	REFRESH	
HEART	SARAH	

Eliminate only the listed words. No word should be entirely inside another. The remaining letters complete the phrase of the day:

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The word from last week was SAMARITAN

Hilary Clifton

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

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

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Readings Ordinary Time week 16

Sunday Year C; Psalter 4

Sunday 17th July – Sixteenth Sunday

Reading 1 – Gen 18: 1-10

Psalm refrain: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Reading 2 – Col 1: 24-28

Gospel – Lk 10: 38-42

Monday 18th July: Word: Mi 6: 1-4, 6-8; Ps 49; Mt 12: 38-42 **Hours:** Psalter 4

Tuesday 19th July: Word: Mi 7: 14-15, 18-20; Ps 84; Mt 12: 46-50 **Hours:** Psalter 4

Wednesday 20th July: Word: Jer 1: 1, 4-10; Ps 70; Mt 13: 1-9 **Hours:** Psalter 4

Thursday 21st July: Word: Jer 2: 1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 35; Mt 13: 10-17 **Hours:** Psalter 4

Friday 22nd July: Feast of St Mary Magdalene, Apostle to the Apostles

Word: Sg 3: 1-4 (or Cor 5: 14-17); Ps 62; Jn 20: 1-2, 11-18 **Hours:** Proper of Feast

Saturday 23rd July: Feast of St Bridget, Patron of Europe

Word: Gal 2: 19-20; Ps 33; Jn 15: 1-8 **Hours:** Proper of Feast

