



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Masses

Please 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, 20th October and Saturday 23rd October at 10.00 am, and Sunday 24th October at 9.00 am.

Sunday 17th October – Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Year B; Psalter week 1

Reading 1 – Is 53: 10-11

Psalm refrain: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Reading 2 – Heb 4: 14-16

Gospel – Mk 10: 35-45

Monday 18th October: Feast of St Luke, Evangelist

Word: 2Tim 4: 10-17; Ps 144; Lk 10: 1-9 Hours:

Psalter 1

Tuesday 19th October: Word: Rom 5:12, 15, 17-21; Ps 39; Lk 12: 35-38 Hours: Psalter 1

Wednesday 20th October: Word: Rom 6: 12-18; Ps 123; Lk 12: 39-48 Hours: Psalter 1

Thursday 21st October: Word: Rom 6 :19-23; Ps 1; Lk 12: 49-53 Hours: Psalter 1

Friday 22nd October: Word: Rom 7: 18-25; Ps 118; Lk 12: 54-59 Hours: Psalter 1

Saturday 23rd October: Word: Rom 8: 1-11; Ps 23; Lk 13: 1-9 Hours: Psalter 1

Reconciliation after Mass on Saturday or by arrangement with Fr Vincent

Next Week: Retiring Collection for World Mission (Missio)

PARISH NEWS

Mrs Beatrice Dobbs, RIP: We are sad to announce the death of Beatrice Dobbs. Her funeral will be held at St Anthony's on 21st October at 2.00pm. Please pray for her and her family.

CAFOD Family Fast Day: Thank you so much for your donations to CAFOD this Harvest Fast Day. Your generous gifts will help people like Ivanilde in the Amazon to protect our common home. You can add your voice to our petition calling for the Prime Minister to show leadership in tackling the climate crisis, and find out more about how you can get involved, by visiting

<https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Reclaim-our-common-home>

Tell Us the Story of St Anthony of Padua "Coffee and Chat": Bishop Declan has asked all parishes to re-discover and record their history for presentation at Deanery meetings in 2022. We are holding "Coffee and Chat" sessions after Sunday Mass so that people can come together and share their memories and thoughts about St Anthony's:

Sunday 24th October – Our past – your stories;

Sunday 31st October – The present – your thoughts and observations;

Sunday November 7th – The future - what you would like to see St Anthony's doing in the years to come. You can let us have your thoughts on all of these in writing/by email, too.

Wednesday 27th October – Golden Wedding

Anniversary Invitation: Fr. Vincent will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving, on Wednesday 27th October, at 10.00 am, to give thanks for Ron and Gay Harris's Golden Wedding Day. There will be tea/coffee and cake in the Hall afterwards. All are very welcome!

"Breaking open and Sharing the Word" will be held in the House that day.

Eucharistic Adoration: Eucharistic Adoration continues Thursdays. Thank you to the parishioners who have already signed up, but we need more! Please contact Mary Rooney on 07789 910591 or email maryaroonney@blueyonder.co.uk

Children's Liturgy of the Word: We are pleased to re-start our Children's Liturgy on Sunday 7th November. All children who have not yet received First Holy Communion are welcome.

St Anthony's Parish Christmas Lunch: Our parish Christmas lunch will be held on Wednesday 8th December at the Watermeadow, Melksham. Please arrive 12.30 pm for lunch at 1.00 pm. If you are interested, please see Rebecca or Henie for more details.

Foodbank: Our donation basket for Melksham Foodbank has returned to the porch. Please see below (charity section) for items needed.

WHAT'S ON

Sunday: Refreshments after Mass - Come and join us for tea, coffee and biscuits.

Monday: Mothers' Prayers continue each Monday at 10.30am in the hall.

Tuesday: The church will be open for Rosary followed by private prayer Tuesday from 9.30 am to 11.30 am.

Wednesday: Breaking Open and Sharing the Word continues Wednesday at 10.45 am. Come and join us!

Thursday: Eucharistic Adoration from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm; **please note the change to end time for this week.**

Mrs Beatrice Dobbs' Funeral Service, 2.00 pm.

SCHOOLS INFORMATION:

Time to Start School? If you have a child born between **1st September 2017** and **31st August 2018**, then **now** is the time to apply for a place at a Catholic primary school in the Diocese. You must complete an application form available from the school admissions team of Wiltshire Council, for admission during the **2022-23** school year. If your child has been baptised, you **must** provide a copy of the baptism certificate to your preferred school. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of **15th January 2022**. Our parish school is St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Corsham – please contact them also on 01249 713125, or email admin@st-patricks.wilts.sch.uk

Secondary Schools' deadline for applications for 2022-2023 is **31st October 2021**. Information on St Augustine's Catholic College, Trowbridge, can be found at [St-Augustine's Catholic College \(st-augustines.wilts.sch.uk\)](http://St-Augustine's-Catholic-College-(st-augustines.wilts.sch.uk))

CLIFTON DIOCESE NEWS

This Sunday 17th October - Synod 2021-2023: Bishop Declan opens the Diocesan phase of the Synod at Clifton Cathedral.

Synod Information Sessions: So that we can all fully understand what Pope Francis is asking for in our participation in the Synod, the Diocese is offering information sessions to give everyone an opportunity to find out more and so fully engage with the process. The information session in our Deanery is **6th November, 10am-12noon:** St John's Centre, Trowbridge:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/trowbridge-synod-information-sessions-tickets-190920838367> If you plan to attend, please let us know through the Eventbrite link above. Also, there are two **online Teams sessions on 8th and 9th November at 7.00pm**. If you wish to join one of these online sessions, please let us know at synod@cliftondiocese.com so that a Teams invitation can be sent out a few days before the event.

Clifton Climate Liturgy-Saturday October 23rd, 11.00am – led by Bishop Declan:

The Climate Liturgy being led by Bishop Declan on Saturday October 23rd in Clifton Cathedral will be both a recognition of the work of organisations involved in the Climate Change Campaign in the Clifton Diocese, and an ongoing call and blessing by Bishop Declan for all to continue the action to protect God's world. Representatives from the organisations involved in the Campaign will be holding stalls after the Liturgy as an opportunity for engagement, dialogue and action. Come along on October 23rd and be part of the mobilisation. Contact Liz Baldwin at CAFOD Clifton for any further details – ebaldwin@cafod.org.uk

Holy Land Pilgrimage 2022: Bishop Declan will lead the Holy Land pilgrimage 26th September to 4th October 2022, staying two nights in Bethlehem, three nights in Jerusalem and three nights in Galilee. If you are interested in joining the pilgrimage, contact adult.education@cliftondiocese.com. Some booking forms available from the parish office for those without access to email/internet.

CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE NEWS

Opposing the Assisted Dying Bill 2021: In 2021, a Private Members Bill on 'Assisted Dying' was introduced in the House of Lords by Baroness Molly Meacher, Chair of Dignity in Dying. It is due its second reading on 22nd October, where there will be a full debate in the House of Lords. The Bishops' main concerns with the Bill can be summarised as follows: Protecting the Most Vulnerable, The Experience of Other Countries and Investing in Care and Not Ending Care. More and how to help at:

Opposing the Assisted Dying Bill 2021 - Catholic Bishops' Conference (cbcew.org.uk)

Bishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues, has written an open letter inviting Catholics to pray for the defeat of the Assisted Dying Bill to be debated in the House of Lords in October. You can also sign an online petition: [**Sign the petition telling Boris Johnson and his Secretaries of State not to legalise assisted suicide.**](#)

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ENGLAND (CTE):

As a member church of Melksham Family of Churches, St Anthony is also a part of CTE. They have launched a new website: [Churches Together in England \(cte.org.uk\)](https://cte.org.uk) Explore their re-designed online 'home' and a range of resources and stories to equip and inspire you in working together with other churches. From here you can sign up to receive their monthly online newsletter. Visit the new mission section and ecumenism explained; there are also interesting articles on two of their new projects - Post Covid Theology: <https://cte.org.uk/postcovidtheologylaunch/> and Refreshed, renewed and ready for mission:

<https://cte.org.uk/eosconference2021/>

CHARITIES

Our Parish Charities: If you would like to make a 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. 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: 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 Melksham Foodbank or Sharon (Parish office) for further information.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please pray for the following: Don d'Cruz, 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, Anne O'Mahony, Lorraine Pavey,

Francis Ballinger. 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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 6th November – Synod Information Session, 10.00 am, St John's Trowbridge

Wednesday 8th December: Parish Christmas Lunch, 12.30 pm.

September 26th – 4th October 2022: Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

AND FINALLY -

Wordsearch

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ANGUISH	FIRST	MUST
APPLE	GLORY	NEED
APPROACHING	GUARD	RANSOM
CONFIDENT	HEBREWS	RULERS
CRUSH	HIGHEST	SIN
EARTH	HOPE	SLAVE
FAITH	LEFT	SOULS
FAITHFUL	LIFE	SUPREME
FAMINE	LONG	SURELY
FAULTS	MANY	TRUSTED
FELT	MINE	UPON

Eliminate only the words given, ignoring any others. No word should be entirely inside another.

Christ, the suffering / _ _ _ _ _ / of God.

The completed phrase from last week was
Christ, our WEALTH.

Hilary Clifton

Words of Wisdom....

"The truth is like a lion; you don't have to defend it. Let it loose; it will defend itself." Augustine of Hippo

Did you know....?

Weather records for the UK date back to August 55BC.

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

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