



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Mass will be held on Wednesday 21st October at 10.00am, Saturday 24th October at 10.00 am, and Sunday 25th October 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 Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the obligation to attend Mass on a Sunday is currently rescinded.

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 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 18th October: Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Year

Sunday Year A; Psalter week 1

Reading 1 – Is 45: 1, 4-6

Psalms refrain: Give the Lord Glory and Power.

Reading 2 – 1Thes 1: 1-5

Gospel – Matthew 22: 15-21

Prayers of the Faithful, Twenty-Ninth Sunday

It is easier to be concerned about unimportant things, than with the things that really matter most.

We ask Jesus the Way, the Truth and the Light to guide us that we may act responsibly and in a caring way so that all may be safe.

We pray for all who are finding life difficult at the moment and ask the Lord to comfort them.

We pray for our parish, may we be a loving community of prayer and service.

We pray for the Baptist Church, the Food Bank and all who volunteer to help those in need.

We pray for those who suffer in mind, body and spirit that they may feel the love of the Lord, friends and family surrounding them.

We pray for those who have died, and for their family and friends.

We offer these prayers through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen. Anne Doyle

Monday 19th October: Word: Eph 2: 1-10; Ps 99; Lk 12: 13-21

Hours: Psalter 1

Tuesday 20th October: Word: Eph 2: 12-22; Ps 84; Lk 12: 35-38

Hours: Psalter 1

Wednesday 21st October: Word: Eph 3: 2-12; Is 12; Lk 12: 39-48

Hours: Psalter 1

Thursday 22nd October: Word: Eph 3: 14-21; Ps 32; Lk 12: 49-53

Hours: Psalter 1

Friday 23rd October: Word: Eph 4: 1-6; Ps 23; Lk 12: 54-59
Hours: Psalter 1

Saturday 24th October: Word: Eph 4: 7-16; Ps 121; Lk 13: 1-9
Hours: Psalter 1

Reconciliation: Please contact Fr Vincent if you would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Retiring Collection: Sunday 18th October is World Mission Sunday. This week, there will be retiring collections for World Mission Sunday, commencing 17th October. World Mission supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help missionaries like Sr Nilcéia share the love of Christ with those most in need. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can to this very important collection which will sustain the future of our Church. Please call **020 7821 9755** (office hours) or visit Missio's website <https://missio.org.uk/donate/> to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation, if possible. A Mission Prayer can be found at the end of the newsletter. Thank you.

NHS Covid-19 App: St Anthony's has registered with the NHS Covid-19 App, and posters with our unique QR code are on display. If you have the NHS Covid-19 App, please scan one of the posters with your device each time you attend church to record your visit. Thank you.

Parish Charities 2020 – Wiltshire Air Ambulance and Mary's Meals: Due to Covid restrictions, all charities are suffering reduced income. 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>

Face Masks for Mary's Meals: We have been unable to hold any fundraising events for our parish charities this year, but Zofia is making Christmas face masks to sell in aid of Mary's Meals. Each mask is £3.00, with 100% of all donations going to Mary's Meals. Please leave money in the box at church. We regret that due to Coronavirus restrictions cash cannot be handled or change given.

FAIR TRADE: Due to Covid 19 we are unable to hold our Traidcraft stall in our hall for Christmas shopping. We have run out of catalogues at the moment, but you can browse online <https://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk/christmas>, and send Adrienne Dart, the Fairtrade Agent from St Edmund's Church, an email at amdarts1@gmail.com with the item description and quantity required and preferably the catalogue number. Some items Adrienne may have in stock and discounted. An order can be placed direct with Traidcraft - which supports the traders - but doesn't raise funds for other good causes. Adrienne is trying to obtain more catalogues.

Gift Aid: Please contact Tricia Hoy 01225 704805 if you are still waiting for your new Gift Aid envelopes and we can arrange delivery. Only use the new envelopes for your giving as the numbers have changed again this year. Many thanks.

Starting School? If you have a child born between **1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017**, then **now** is the time to apply for a place at a primary school for admission from **September 2021** onwards. You must complete an application form available from the school admissions team of **Wiltshire Council**. If your child has been baptised and you are applying for a Catholic school, you **must** also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to the school concerned – contact the school for full details. Our parish school is St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Corsham <http://www.stpatricks-wilts.co.uk/> telephone number **01249 713125**; email admin@st-patricks.wilts.sch.uk. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of **15th January 2021**.

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, Zofia Clarke, Chris Bate, Andrew 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, John Learoyd. Alan McFall, Chair of Melksham Family of Churches, Judith Curtis. 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

Wordsearch – Twenty-Ninth Sunday

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AWARE	FAITH	SPIRIT
AWAY	FEARED	SUN
BETWEEN	HAND	TAXES
BRING	HERODIANS	THESSALONIKA
CAESAR	HONEST	TRAP
CHRIST	JESUS	TREMBLE
COURTS	MONEY	UNRIVALLED
DENARIUS	RANK	UTTER
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Eliminate only the words in the list. Any others are coincidental. The remaining letters describe God as the

____ / ____ / _____ The remaining letters last week made "WEDDING FEAST" Hilary Clifton

Just some thoughts:

What kind of a man was Boaz? Ruthless.
 Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible? Samson. He brought the house down. From Holy Joke

Words of Wisdom:

When God had finished with the stars and whirl of coloured suns
 He turned his mind from the big things to fashion little ones;
 Beautiful tiny things (like daisies) he made, and then
 He made the comical ones in case the minds of men and women
 should stiffen and become
 dull, humourless and glum
 And so forgetful of their maker be
 As to take themselves – *quite seriously*.
 Caterpillars and cats are lively and excellent puns:
 All God's jokes are good – even the practical ones!
 And as for the duck, I think God must have smiled a bit
 Seeing those bright eyes on the day he fashioned it.
 And he is probably laughing still at the sound that came out of its bill! F.W.Harvey

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.

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.*

For electronic newsletters, please email: comms.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftondiocese.com

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

My Mission Prayer

Here I am, Lord,
send me
to share your love
with all people.
May I be empowered
and carried by you
to be courageous
and enthusiastic
in bearing faithful witness
to the merciful Father,
to the love of his Son, Jesus Christ,
and to the divine life
in the Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever
Amen.

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