



## 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.

**NO Mass Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> or Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September. Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September, 9.00 am.**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September – Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday Year B; Psalter week 1**

**Reading 1 – Wis 2: 12, 17-20**

**Psalm refrain: The Lord upholds my life.**

**Reading 2 – Jas 3: 16-4: 3**

**Gospel – Mk 9: 30-37**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September: Memorial of Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs**

**Word: Ezr 1: 1-6; Ps 125; Lk 8: 16-18**

**Hours: Psalter 1**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September: Feast of St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**

**Word: Eph 4: 1-7, 11-13; Ps 18; Mt 9: 9-13**

**Hours: Psalter 1**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September: Word: Ezr 9: 5-9; Tb 13; Lk 9: 1-6 Hours: Psalter 1**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September: Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest**

**Word: Hg 1: 1-8; Ps 149; Lk 9: 7-9**

**Hours: Psalter 1**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September: Memorial of Our Lady of Walsingham**

**Word: Hg 1: 15-2: 9; Ps 42; Lk 9: 18-22**

**Hours: Psalter 1**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September: Word: Zec 2: 5-9, 14-15; Jer 31; Lk 9: 43-45 Hours: Psalter 1**

**We welcome Fr Kevin Hughes, MHM, who celebrates Mass with us this Sunday**

**Retiring Collection this Sunday: Home Mission**

### PARISH NEWS

**The Doyle and Hucker families** would like to thank the parish for their care and support following John's death and at his funeral. A special thank you to Carolina and her minions for a wonderful tea.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** We are hoping to re-start Eucharistic Adoration in our church every Thursday starting 7<sup>th</sup> October. We need more parishioners to commit to spending an hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Initially we hope to have Eucharistic Adoration from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm. If we have sufficient "adorers" we can extend this time. Thank you to the parishioners who have already signed up, but we need more! Please contact Mary Rooney on **07789 910591** or email [maryarooney@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:maryarooney@blueyonder.co.uk)

**First Holy Communion:** If you have a child in Year 3 or above who would like to join our First Holy Communion preparation, please leave your details on the sheet in the porch or email the parish office.

**Time to Start School?** If you have a child born between **1<sup>st</sup> September 2017** and **31<sup>st</sup> 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 (either online or on paper) that is 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** also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to your preferred school. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of **15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:admin@st-patricks.wilts.sch.uk)

### WHAT'S ON

**Refreshments after Mass:** We welcome you to join us as we start serving tea, coffee and biscuits this Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September, after Mass.

**Mothers' Prayers:** Mothers Prayers continue each Monday at 10.30am in the hall. No need to book - all are welcome!

**Private Prayer - Please note:** The church will be open for private prayer this Tuesday and Wednesday from 9.15 am to 11.30 am.

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

## CLIFTON DIOCESE NEWS

**Dare to Dream – Autumn Series:** Bishop Declan says, “I commend this resource and encourage you use it to help shape the future of our diocese according to the Kingdom of God”. Resources and video reflections for the Autumn series of “Dare to Dream”, can be found at [Dare to Dream | Clifton Diocese](#)

### Sharing the Journey – Online Catechists’

**Conversation:** There is an opportunity for catechists to be renewed and refreshed by taking part in a series of on-line conversations with a variety of speakers from around the country. Each speaker will offer their own insights into different aspects of catechesis and evangelisation, followed by time to discuss, comment and share ideas. Our speakers & dates are:

**23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021: What is the Church asking of us?** - Fr Jan Nowotnik

**21<sup>st</sup> October: Sycamore** - Susan Longhurst

**25<sup>th</sup> November: Celebrating the Rites – why bother?** - Mgr Kevin McGinnell

**20<sup>th</sup> January 2022: Called by Name - the significance of the Rite of Election** - Sarah Adams

**24<sup>th</sup> February: The Lenten Journey through Art**

**24<sup>th</sup> March: Entering the Mystery, Praying the Triduum** - Fr James Hanvey SJ

**21<sup>st</sup> April: Mystagogia – it’s not a swear word** - David Wells

**19<sup>th</sup> May: Supporting people in our parishes who present with intellectual difficulties** - Cristina Gangemi

**16<sup>th</sup> June: Being a Catechist** - David Wells

### July: Retreat

All are welcome to join, including anyone who is interested in this area of ministry but not yet involved. To our first session on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, we welcome Fr Jan Nowotnik. The conversations will take place on *Microsoft Teams*, 7.30pm – 8.45pm. For parishioners to register their interest please contact:

[adult.education@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com).

A *Microsoft Teams* invite will be sent out a few days before each talk.

**Catechists’ Day, 25<sup>th</sup> September:** The Diocese is holding a day for catechists and those involved in parish formation and evangelisation. Led by David Wells and Ingrid La Trobe, the event will take place at **St. John the Baptist parish centre, Trowbridge**, starting at 11.00am and finishing around 4.00pm. Refreshments will

be provided from 10.30am, please bring a packed lunch. Please register early via:

[adult.education@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com)

### Celebrating Marriage – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October:

Bishop Declan is celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** at 12 noon and is inviting all married couples to join him. If you are celebrating a significant anniversary, newly married, or looking forward to marriage in 2021, please contact 0117 902 5595 or email [adult.education@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com)

### SATURDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER – Clifton Climate

**Liturgy:** All are invited to this Climate Liturgy at Clifton Cathedral at 11.00 am. This will be a celebration of the work done so far to inspire a love of Our Common Home and an encouragement for us all to pray and advocate for its protection in the lead up to COP 26. There will be several faith organisations involved in the Climate Crisis Campaign present at the Liturgy who will be happy to engage with you, if you would like this opportunity.

**Online Catechists’ Meetings:** This is a new venture to gather catechists, experienced and inexperienced, to meet on-line to share ideas and to possibly receive a little bit of formation at the same time. New people are encouraged to come along and gain in their own confidence by hearing others talk. These meetings will ensure a crossover of deaneries so that good practice can be shared across the diocese. The first dates for these are as follows. If you are unable to attend the meeting related to our deanery you are free to join another. The boundaries are fluid.

Deaneries	Dates	Time
Taunton, Weston and Glastonbury	October 5 <sup>th</sup>	7.30-8.30pm
Bristol including Cathedral	October 6 <sup>th</sup>	7.30-8.30pm
Bath Trowbridge and Salisbury	October 7 <sup>th</sup>	7.30-8.30pm
Stroud and Swindon	October 12 <sup>th</sup>	7.30-8.30pm
Gloucester and Cheltenham	October 14 <sup>th</sup>	7.30-8.30pm

To participate in the conversation, just register at [adult.education@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com) and include the meeting you wish to attend, so that an invitation can be sent for the correct date. These meetings will be via *Microsoft Teams*. A *Teams* invitation will be sent out a few days before each meeting.

**New Bishop’s Video – Will you be a School Governor?** There are 62 maintained schools in Clifton Diocese, educating 21,673 pupils. They

are supported by a 'volunteer army' of school governors, including 350 Foundation Governors appointed by Bishop Declan. He wishes to recruit new candidates to help grow and sustain Catholic education in the Diocese for current and future generations and has produced a new promotional video where the Bishop, current governors and Headteachers talk about the importance and value of school governors.

Visit <https://schools.cliftdiocese.com/governance> and click on the Recruitment tab to watch the video to discover what being a school governor is about. If you would like to support catholic education and apply to be a governor, please complete the online application form <https://schools.cliftdiocese.com/form-2> or contact Bill McEntee, Governance Officer [bill.mcentee@cliftdiocese.com](mailto:bill.mcentee@cliftdiocese.com) or call **07710 094976** for more information – he would love to hear from you!

### **CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE NEWS** **Season of Creation Continues to 4<sup>th</sup> October:**

European Church leaders invite Christians to observe the Season of Creation and to continue to pray for the climate conferences taking place this autumn. More details on the CBCEW website: [Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales \(cbcew.org.uk\)](http://Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales (cbcew.org.uk))

### **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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 \(cbcew.org.uk\)](http://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.

### **OTHER NEWS**

**Love Christmas Webinar:** Love Christmas is a national initiative for your parish to spread love, hope and kindness in your community this Christmas. Together we are mobilising volunteers through local churches to sponsor and deliver a million Christmas Boxes to the most vulnerable and isolated. By partnering together, you will be joining thousands of churches from across the UK. It is easy to take part and an effective way of reaching out to those around us. Join the **Love Christmas webinar** on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October,**

**11.00 am – 12.00 pm** to hear more and to find out how to get involved. Sign up

here: <https://www.ffaforms.com/4917266>

### **YOUTUBE ADVERT**

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3IK1oYuuUts&t=12s>

**You Can Help Your Marriage:** Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. There is no group therapy or group work. This programme has helped tens of 1000s of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about Retrouvaille', or to register for the next programme commencing with a 'Virtual' weekend on 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> October, call or text 086 821 1795, 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

### **CHARITIES**

**Our 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>

**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. 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.

### **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 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. 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](mailto:ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net)

## AND FINALLY -

### Wordsearch

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ASK	JESUS	SEEDS
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ENEMIES	LAST	SELVES
FALSE	LIE	SERVANT
FIRST	LIFE	TRUE
GALILEE	LIGHT	UPBRINGING
GENTLENESS	PEACEMAKERS	WAY
HAVE	PLAYING	WELCOMES
HEART	POWER	WICKED
HOLINESS	PURE	WISDOM
HOUSE	SAVE	WORD

Eliminate only the words from the list, ignoring any others that appear by chance. No word should appear entirely inside another.

The remaining letters complete the phrase

Christ, the \_ \_ \_ / \_ \_ / \_ \_ \_

The completed phrase from last week was Christ, the SON OF MAN  
Hilary Clifton

### Did you know....?

"Almost" is the longest word in English with all the letters in alphabetical order.

### Just a thought....

Two Christians have lived very good, and very healthy lives. They die and go to heaven. As they are walking along, marvelling at the paradise around them, one turns to the other and says "Wow. I never knew heaven was going to be as good as this!"

"Yes", says the other. "And just think, if we hadn't eaten all that oat bran, we could have got here ten years earlier!"  
Christiansunite.com

### Words of Wisdom....

"It is to the Cross that the Christian is challenged to follow his Master: no path of redemption can make a detour around it."  
Hans Urs von Balthasar

*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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