



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

Parish Priest: Fr. Vincent Curtis

Tel: 01249 813131

Email: vincent.curtis@cliftondiocese.com

Diocesan Website: www.cliftondiocese.com

Parish Office: 22, West End, Melksham, SN12 6HJ Tel: 01225 702128

Email: admin.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftondiocese.com

Parish Website: <https://st-anthonyofpadua.weebly.com/>

Follow us on Instagram: [@stanthony0fpaduachurch](https://www.instagram.com/stanthony0fpaduachurch)

Facebook: [St Anthony of Padua Melksham](https://www.facebook.com/StAnthonyofPaduaMelksham)

Alternative phone numbers for emergencies: Trowbridge 01225 752152 or Chippenham 01249 652404

Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 4th August and Saturday 7th August at 10.00 am, and Sunday 8th August at 9.00 am.

Masses

It is no longer necessary to book to attend Mass, but you must record your attendance on entry. It is strongly recommended and we ask that face coverings/masks continue to be worn in places of worship.

Sunday 1st August – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Year B; Psalter week 2

Reading 1 – Ex 16: 2-4, 12-15;

Psalm refrain: The Lord gave them bread from heaven

Reading 2 – Eph 4: 17, 20-24

Gospel – Jn 6: 24-35

Monday 2nd August: Word: Num 11: 4-15; Ps 80; Mt 14: 13-21 **Hours:** Psalter 2

Tuesday 3rd August: Word: Num 12: 1-13; Ps 50; Mt 14: 22-26 **Hours:** Psalter 2

Wednesday 4th August: Memorial of St John Mary Vianney, Priest

Word: Num 13: 1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29, 34-35; Ps 105; Mt 15: 21-28 **Hours:** Psalter 2

Thursday 5th August: Word: Nm 20: 1-13; Ps 94; Mt 16: 13-23 **Hours:** Psalter 2

Friday 6th August: Feast of the Transfiguration

Word: Dn 7: 9-10, 13-14; Ps 96; Mk 9: 2-10;

Hours: Psalter 2

Saturday 7th August: Word: Dt 6: 4-13; Ps 17; Mt 17: 14-20 **Hours:** Psalter 2

Please ensure young children are supervised by an adult, remaining with them at all times in and around the Church. Thank you.

PARISH NEWS

Please see end of newsletter for arrangements for Mass from 19th July

Private Prayer: We intend to re-start Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as soon as we have enough volunteers. Until then, the church will be open for private prayer Tuesday mornings from 9.30 am to 11.30 am, starting 3rd August. *Please sign the attendance register in the porch.*

We need you! We urgently need more volunteers to help us resume our pre-Covid activities such as Adoration, Altar Serving, welcoming, cleaning, reading, etc. Please put your name on one of the signup sheets in the porch. Thank you.

Cleaner for St Edmund's Presbytery: Fr Vincent urgently needs a cleaner for the Presbytery in Calne. If you can help, and for further details please contact Fr Vincent.

Saturday 7th August – Wedding: Judy Clifton is marrying Pete this Saturday at St John the Baptist Church, Trowbridge at 2.00 pm. They will be pleased if anyone from St Anthony's would like to attend the service – please arrive by 1.30 pm. We wish them both many congratulations and every blessing as they start their new life together.

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. Classes will begin in late September/early October.

Mothers' Prayers: Mothers Prayers will be held on Monday 2nd August, in the Hall. No need to book. This will be the last Mothers' Prayers session until 6th September.

CLIFTON DIOCESE NEWS

St Mary's Catholic Primary School in Bath is seeking a learning support assistant/SMSA for September 2021. Details can be downloaded from the 'Our Community' section of the website <http://www.st-marys.bathnes.sch.uk> Closing date: Friday, 20th August.



Catechists' Day, 25th September: On Saturday 25th September the Diocese will hold a day for catechists and those involved in parish formation and evangelisation. The focus will be on family catechesis, and will be led by David Wells and Ingrid La Trobe. The event will take place at **St. John the Baptist parish centre, Trowbridge**, and will start at 11.00am and finish around 4.00pm. Refreshments will be provided from 10.30am, we ask catechists to bring a packed lunch. Please register early via: adult.education@cliftondiocese.com

Celebrating Marriage – Saturday 2nd October: Bishop Declan is celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on **Saturday 2nd 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

OTHER NEWS

CAFOD – Reclaim Our Common Home: We all have a role to play to stop the climate crisis. In November the UN “COP26” climate talks take place in Glasgow, and CAFOD are petitioning the Prime Minister urging him to make sure world leaders take action. Pick up a petition leaflet in church to sign and send, or sign electronically and see more details at <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Reclaim-our-common-home>.

MELKSHAM FAMILY of CHURCHES – Can you help? Volunteers for the following will be very welcome: **Melksham Foodbank** - Trustees to support registration with the Charity Commission; **Melksham Community Money Advice** - office support and trained advisors in the next 6-12 months supporting those struggling with debt. **Messy Church** - help with sessions will be welcome. **Melksham Job Club** - people with skills to help others search and apply for jobs will be needed. Groups from Melksham churches have been taking **Open the Book** to 3 of our town's primary schools - more team members are needed. If you can give help any of these Christian projects in Melksham, please contact Sharon in the parish office for further details.

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, John Doyle, 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. 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

NOTICES

Can you help? Accommodation required for a mature woman in the Melksham area, please. In employment, Catholic, non-smoker, non-drinker, quiet, reliable, trustworthy, kind and caring. Willing to live in shared house or flat, anything considered. Happy to supply references. Contact Rosemary: 07554 821612. Thank you.

AND FINALLY....

Just a thought....

What is the best way to Paradise? Turn right and go straight on.

I read in a book that a man called Christ went about doing good.

It is very disconcerting that I am so easily satisfied with just going about. Toyohiko Kagawa

Words of Wisdom....

Hope is one of your best gifts to us.
Teach us to give it to others.

Anon

Wordsearch

Hilary is taking a well-earned break – Wordsearch will return on 5th September.



Mass from 19th July

- There is no longer a requirement to pre-book Mass attendance;
- **you must** ensure your name and contact number/details are recorded on the list on entering the church;
- Face masks **should** continue to be worn inside the church, and hand sanitising will continue as now;
- “Please leave a space” cards will be available for those who wish to retain the spacing rule;
- The 10.00 am Saturday Mass will recommence on Saturday 7th August;
- The one-way system for going to Communion will cease and we revert to Communion starting from the front right hand bench (by the confessional), and ending with the front left hand bench;
- Please continue to respect social distancing at all times.

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*

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

Newsletter email:

comms.melksham.stanthonyfpadua@cliffondiocese.com