



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Mass will be held on Wednesday 4th November at 10.00am, Saturday 7th November at 10.00 am, and Sunday 8th November 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 Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday is currently rescinded.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 1st November: Solemnity of All Saints

Sunday Year A; Psalter week 3

Reading 1 – Apoc 7: 2-4, 9-14

Psalm refrain: Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.

Reading 2 – 1Jn 3: 1-3

Gospel – Matthew 5: 1-12

Prayers of the Faithful, Solemnity of All Saints

We pray to the God who has called us to be his children, to be like Him, and to see Him as he really is. We pray that your Church may be inspired by the example of the saints of every age who have borne witness to the gospel, that she may do the same in our own time.

We pray, giving thanks for the saints who have gone before us, for those who live beside us, and ask that we may respond to our call to be saints.

We continue to pray for all those who are unwell with the Coronavirus, for those who care for them and for those who are anxious and alone.

We pray for the Christian communities of St Luke and St Teresa, Wincanton with Mere, Milbourne Port, Castle Cary and Bruton; and for the Queensway Chapel here in Melksham.

Father, we rejoice in the holy men and women of every time and place. May we be filled with the Spirit that blessed them, so that having shared their faith on earth we may also know their peace in your kingdom.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gervase O'Donohoe

Monday 2nd November: Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

Word: Is 25: 6-9; Ps 26; Rom 5: 5-11; Mt 11: 25-30

Hours: Psalter 3

Tuesday 3rd November: Word: Phil 2: 5-11; Ps 21; Lk 14: 15-24

Hours: Psalter 3

Wednesday 4th November: Memorial of St Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Word: Phil 2: 12-18; Ps 26; Lk 14: 25-33

Hours: Psalter 3

Thursday 5th November: Word: Phil 3: 3-8; Ps 104; Lk 15: 1-10
Hours: Psalter 3

Friday 6th November: Word: Phil 3: 17-4:1; Ps 121; Lk 16: 1-8
Hours: Psalter 3

Saturday 7th November: Word: Phil 4: 10-19; Ps 111; Lk 16: 9-15
Hours: Psalter 3

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

Retiring collection - This week, Priests' retirement fund. During their years of service to parish congregations many priests did not have the opportunity to prepare adequately for retirement. The support received for this appeal each year is a great reassurance to them that they are not forgotten. There are currently twenty retired priests in receipt of financial support, which includes funding for retirement properties, retirement grants and care home fees, amounting to over £250,000 per annum. Your support for this important collection is much appreciated by our retired priests, who continue to give great help in many parishes by offering their services as supply priests. Gift Aid envelopes are available allowing an additional 25p to be claimed for every £1 donated.

Mrs Rosa Menghini: We are sad to announce that Mrs Rosa Menghini passed away peacefully at home on 28th October. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.

Tree of Remembrance: Due to Covid regulations regarding sharing books, we are unable to make our Book of the Dead available this year. Instead, during November, we will display a Tree of Remembrance at the back of the church. You are invited to write the names of those you wish to be remembered on coloured paper that will become a leaf in the tree. The paper will be available in church for you to take away and write names, then return the paper to church or Presbytery, where it will be added to the tree. The paper will be shaped to form a leaf before display – please feel free to cut your paper to any leaf shape! If you are unable to attend church, please email names to Sharon (using the email at the foot of the newsletter) who will write them for you. **Please do not add paper leaves to the tree yourself;** this will compromise our Covid infection control systems.

Saturday 31st October 2020, 9.00am to 9.00pm - National Rosary Relay Rally for Faith, Life and Peace to prevail in our Nation: Each Diocese has been designated a rosary hour during which we are encouraged to pray the rosary at some time in that hour. The specified rosary hour for **Clifton Diocese** is **between 1.00pm and 2.00pm.**

Ride & Stride for Churches: Many thanks and congratulations to Anne Doyle and Sheila Likely-Ayling for raising £910 on their sponsored challenge. Our parish will receive £455, and £455 will go to the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust. Much appreciated and well done!

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.

The Prayer Shield: This is a 365-day prayer initiative in the United Kingdom, launched this autumn. The vision for the Prayer Shield is to unite thousands in forming a shield of prayer over the United Kingdom. It was inspired by one man's image of a united Church engaging with God in prayer to establish His plans and purposes for the nation. For 365 days, Christian leaders of diverse denominations and expressions will

lead daily prayers, declarations, and blessings for the nation. "Join with us, for a few minutes every day, as we say a short prayer, make a declaration from God's Word and pronounce a blessing over the United Kingdom." For more information go to <https://theprayershield.uk/>

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: 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, Judith Curtis, Keith Healy. 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 – Solemnity of All Saints

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| BROADER | NAME | TASSELS |
| BURDEN | NIGHT | THINGS |
| CHILD | OBSEQUIOUSLY | TURN |
| CURSE | OCCUPY | |

Only eliminate the words given in the list. Any others are coincidental and should be ignored. None of the words should be completely inside any other. The remaining letters should finish this phrase-

Just some thoughts:

Man "How long is a million years to you?"

God "Only a second."

Man "How much is a million pounds to you?"

God "Only a penny".

Man "Can I have a million pounds?"

God "Just a second."

Words of Wisdom:

Delay is the deadliest form of denial.

Procrastination is the thief of time.

Deviate an inch, lose a thousand miles.

Anon

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.*

Contact: comms.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftondiocese.com

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