



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Sunday 20th November: Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe: Mass 9.00 am

Wednesday 23rd November: Morning Prayer 9.40 am; NO Mass today

Thursday 24th November: Adoration in the hall 10.00 to 3.00 pm

Saturday 26th November: Mass 10.00 am

Reconciliation after Mass on Saturdays, or by arrangement with Fr Vincent

Government advice is that face coverings/masks can help reduce the spread of Covid.

Readings at end of newsletter

As winter approaches, we ask everyone to make sure they dress for warmth when they come to church. We continue to keep windows open in the church to reduce the spread of virus – at the same time due to increased utility costs that we all face, church heating cannot be set to as high a temperature as we would like. Thank you.

PARISH NEWS

This week – retiring collection for the Clergy Training Fund

Saturday 26th November – Baptism: We are delighted to welcome Mia Piotrowska into our parish family on her Baptism on Saturday.

Candidates for First Holy Communion are invited to sign up on the sheet in the porch. Please ensure you register by 31st December; a meeting for parents is planned for January.

Sunday 20th November – In Memory of Mary Harris: A statue in Christchurch, Shaw, which has been purchased with donations in memory of Mary Harris will be dedicated today at Christchurch Shaw (SN12 8EQ) 10.00 am. We are all welcome to attend. *Please note; there will be no refreshments this Sunday, to enable us to travel to Shaw after Mass.*

Sunday 4th December – Traidcraft: There will be a Traidcraft stall in the hall after Mass on Sunday 4th December, stocking various Fairtrade produce. Fairtrade products ensure that farmers in the developing world receive a fair price which covers the cost of production, plus an extra premium for growers to invest in community projects.

Melksham Community Larder - food for anyone:

This is perishable food that would be thrown away aimed at young families, families in need and anyone suffering from the cost-of-living crisis, but they are happy for anyone to come along and collect food. **The community larder is now at the Roundhouse by the Post Office on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 4.00pm**

Remembrance Tree: Our Remembrance Tree in the church is in memory of all those who have died. To remember someone, please take a blank leaf/leaves from the tray in the porch, sign their name(s) on the leaf and put it in the relevant tray, for display on the tree. Please do not place leaves on the tree yourself.

Time to start school? If you have a child born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019, 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) available from the school admissions team of Wiltshire Council, for admission during the **2023-24** school year. If your child has been baptised, you **must** also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to your preferred school. 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 Please ensure you apply by the closing date of **15th January 2023**.

Mother's Prayers: Mondays at 10.30 am.

Wednesdays: Breaking Open and Sharing the Word after Mass

Fridays: Divine Mercy Chaplet 3.00 pm

OUR PARISH FAMILY

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please pray for: Geoff Blwyddin, Mrs Jeanette Allsop, Zofia Clarke, Chris Bate, Andrew Bate, Katja Lubina, Patrick Egan, Rebecca Matthews, Paul Hogg, Keith Healy, Tricia Rigg, Henie Dixon, Brian Hillhouse, Judith Curtis, Janice Kuranlu, Anne Doyle, Sheila Likey-Ayling, Anne O'Mahony, Lorraine Pavey, Francis Ballinger, Shireen Doyle, Fr John O'Toole, Martin Hughes. 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

CLIFTON DIOCESE

Clifton Diocese, in partnership with Caritas Plymouth is hosting A Fresh Start: People Affected by Imprisonment on Zoom Tuesday 29th November 2022 from 19:00-20:00. This is an opportunity to explore prison ministry, praying together and learning about the context of prison ministry. A poster for the event is in the porch, with details on how to register. If anyone is interested in learning more about Prison Ministry, please email jason.charewicz@cliftondiocese.com.

OTHER NEWS

Homes for Ukraine Matching Service: Caritas Social Action Network, have launched a service to bring together Ukrainian people displaced by the brutal war in their country with people in the Catholic community willing to host them in their homes for 6 months. Once the match is confirmed, the Ukrainian guest can apply for their visa. If you have room in your home and in your heart to consider welcoming a stranger displaced by war, then we'd love to hear from you. Please visit [SJOG - Homes for Ukraine Here to help](#) for more information.

CHARITIES and PARISH PROJECT

Gift Aid: Your Parish Gift Aid contact is Tricia Hoy, phone number 01225 704805.
Our Parish Charity is Wiltshire Air Ambulance. You can donate by using this link: <https://www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk/donate/>
Our Parish Project is the repair and refurbishment of the Presbytery. Funds raised will be split between our charity and our project with 2/3

allocated to Presbytery repairs, and 1/3 to Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

Melksham Food Bank is grateful for the help from St Anthony's parishioners. 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: This is for those who need emergency relief (items such as energy meter payments, uniform costs for school etc). If anyone would like to contribute to this, please contact Melksham Foodbank or Sharon (Parish office) for further information.

AND FINALLY –

Wordsearch: Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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N	V	Y	T	I	C	I	E	C	A	E	P
I	J	I	L	N	N	M	S	A	V	E	A
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I	P	O	W	E	R	G	T	I	O	W	L
D	O	G	R	S	G	E	D	I	A	O	E
B	I	M	E	A	E	A	N	A	O	G	A
M	E	V	T	F	R	T	R	N	E	N	R
A	O	E	A	A	E	F	L	E	S	H	S
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ANOINTED	GATES	OUT
BODY	GOD	OWN
CITY	HEAD	PARADISE
CREATED	IMAGE	PAYING
DAVID	INHERIT	PEACE
DIVINITY	ISRAEL	POWER
DOMINATIONS	JEWS	REMEMBER ME
FEAR	LAMB	SAMUEL
FEET	LAW	SAVE
FLESH	LIGHT	VINEGAR
GAIN	LOVES	

Eliminate only the listed words. No word should be entirely inside another. The remaining letters give what kings sit on!

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The phrase from last week (33rd Sunday) was...

THE SOUND OF MUSIC! (Yes, really!)
Hilary Clifton

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Sunday Year C; Psalter 2

Sunday 20th November

Reading 1 – 2Sam 5: 1-3

Psalm refrain: I rejoiced when I heard them
say: “Let us go to God’s house.”

Reading 2 – Col 1: 12-20

Gospel – Lk 23: 35-43

**Monday 21st November: Memorial of the
Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Word: Apoc 14: 1-5; Ps 23; Lk 21: 1-4

Hours: Psalter 2, Proper of Memorial

**Tuesday 22nd November: Memorial of St
Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr**

Word: Apoc 14: 14-19; Ps 95; Lk 21: 5-11

Hours: Psalter 2, Proper of Memorial

Wednesday 23rd November:

Word: Apoc 15: 1-4; Ps 97; Lk 21: 12-19

Hours: Psalter 2

**Thursday 24th November: Memorial of St
Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions,
Martyrs**

Word: Apoc 18: 1-2, 21-23, 19: 1-3, 9; Ps 99;
Lk 21: 20-28 **Hours:** Psalter 2

Friday 25th November: Word: Apoc 20: 1-4,
11-21:2; Ps 83; Lk 21: 29-33 **Hours:** Psalter 2

Saturday 26th November: Word: Apoc 22: 1-7;
Ps 94; Lk 21: 34-36 **Hours:** Psalter 2

Is there anything you would particularly like to see included in the weekly newsletter? Help us make our newsletter an enjoyable read! Please send any comments or items for the newsletter 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 any parishioners who do not have access to email, please print this newsletter for them.



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