



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Mass will be held on Wednesday 23rd September at 10.00am, and Sunday 27th September at 9.00 am.

Please do not arrive at church hoping to attend Mass if you have not booked in advance.

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 during the following times:

Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd or Thursday 24th September

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 20th September: Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Year

Sunday Year A; Psalter week 1

Reading 1 – Is 55: 6-9

Psalm refrain: The Lord is close to all who call him.

Reading 2 – Phil 1: 20-24, 27

Gospel – Matthew 20: 1-16

Prayers of the Faithful, Twenty-Fifth Sunday

We pray for the Church; that she may fulfil her role of encouraging and strengthening the Christian people in this time of pandemic.

We pray that, even in these difficult times, we will continue to seek the Lord in all we do and in our outreach to one another.

Today's gospel reading reminds us of the generosity of God. We pray that we may remember to rely on Him.

We remember in our prayers the Christian communities of St George and St Teresa, Taunton; St John Fisher, Wellington with Wiveliscombe; and the Core Church here in Melksham. Gervase O'Donohoe

Monday 21st September: Feast of St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

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

Hours: Psalter 1 and Proper of Feast

Tuesday 22nd September: Word: Prv 21: 1-6, 10-13; Ps 118; Lk 8: 19-21

Hours: Psalter 1

Wednesday 23rd September: Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Word: Prv 30: 5-9; Ps 118; Lk 9: 1-6

Hours: Psalter 1

Thursday 24th September: Memorial of Our Lady of Walsingham

Word: Eccl 1: 2-11; Ps 89; Lk 9: 7-9

Hours: Psalter 1

Friday 25th September: Word: Eccl 3: 1-11; Ps 143; Lk 9: 18-22
Hours: Psalter 1

Saturday 26th September: Word: Eccl 11: 9 - 12:8; Ps 89; Lk 9: 43-45
Hours: Psalter 1

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

Mrs Bridie Liddle: It is with deep regret that we have learned of the death of Bridie Liddle, who passed away peacefully in Bath RUH on 16th September. Please remember Bridie and her family in your prayers.

Ride and Stride: Sheila and I walked to all the Churches in Melksham and Devizes, then drove to Poulshot, Worton where we ate our sandwiches, Bulkington and Keevil. We then walked around the churches in Trowbridge and drove to Holt finishing with St Barnabas and Shaw. A total of 28 churches. We will be collecting the sponsorship after Mass or you can put it through the letterbox at the Presbytery making sure your name is on it. Grateful thanks to all who sponsored us. Ann

Parish Charities 2020 – Wiltshire Air Ambulance and Mary's Meals: Due to Covid restrictions, all charities are suffering reduced income. We have been unable to hold any fundraising events for our parish charities this year. If you would like to make a donation to either charity, please use following links: Wiltshire Air Ambulance <https://www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk/donate/> or Mary's Meals: <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/donate> Thank you.

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 that is available from the school admissions team of the **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/](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**.

The Season of Creation 2020 – an Invitation to Participate: The Season of Creation runs from 1st September (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) to 4th October (the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi) each year. This ecumenical season is dedicated to prayer and action for the protection of creation. It is a time to renew our relationships with God our Creator, and with all creation, as we join together in prayer. We give thanks for all that God has made, repent for the damage that we have caused and commit ourselves to take action to protect the earth our common home. This year we have been made acutely aware of how interconnected we all are, and so we come together in hope that we can rebuild and heal our world. More information is on our Diocesan website: <https://cliftondiocese.com/season-of-creation-2020/> and this week's prayer is at the end of this newsletter.

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.

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.

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

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, 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. 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.**

Wordsearch – Twenty-Fifth Sunday

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| GOD | ONEDENARIUS | |

Eliminate only the words given in the list. The remaining letters reveal a lovely couple with a special celebration!

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Last week’s words were “FORGIVING LORD”

Hilary Clifton

Just some thoughts:

I went down to the local Garden Centre. I said I want to buy a garden. She said, we don’t sell gardens. We sell things that are in gardens. I said, alright, I’ll have a path.

I was reading this book, The History of Glue. I couldn’t put it down.

Tim Vine

A little girl dressed in her Sunday best was running to church praying, “Please, God, don’t let me be late, please God, don’t let me be late.” At that moment she tripped and fell, getting her clothes dirty. She got up and ran on saying “Please, God, don’t let me be late, but DON’T SHOVE ME ANYMORE!” From Holy Joke

Words of Wisdom:

Searching for God
 Lord, where shall I find you?
 High and hidden in your place
 And where shall I not find you?
 The world is full of your Glory.
 I have sought Your nearness,
 with all my heart I called You,
 And going to meet You
 I found You coming to meet me.

Juda Halevi

(Prayer for World Environment Day)

Eternal God,
whose Spirit moved over the face of the deep bringing forth light and life;
by that same Spirit, renew your creation, and restore your image in your people.
Turn us from careless tenants to faithful stewards,
that your threefold blessing of clean air, pure water and rich earth
may be the inheritance of everything that has the breath of life
and one generation may proclaim to another the wonder of your works;
through Jesus Christ, your living Word,
in whom the fullness of your glory is revealed.

Amen.

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.*

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