



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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

Masses

It is no longer necessary to book to attend Mass, but you must 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.

Mass will be celebrated on:

Wednesday 25th August – 10.00 am

Saturday 28th August – 10.00 am

Sunday 29th August – 9.00am

Sunday 22nd August – Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Year B; Psalter week 1

Reading 1 – Jos 24: 1-2, 15-18

Psalms refrain: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Reading 2 – Eph 5: 21-32

Gospel – Jn 6: 60-69

Monday 23rd August: Word: 1Thes 1: 1-5, 8-10; Ps 149; Mt 23: 13-22 Hours: Psalter 1

Tuesday 24th August: Feast of St Bartholomew, Apostle

Word: Apoc 21: 9-14; Ps 144;

Jn 1: 45-51 Hours: Psalter 1

Wednesday 25th August: Word: 1Thes 2: 9-13; Ps 138; Mt 23: 27-32 Hours: Psalter 1

Thursday 26th August: Word: 1Thes 3: 7-13; Ps 89; Mt 24: 42-51 Hours: Psalter 1

Friday 27th August: Memorial of St Monica

Word: 1Thes 4: 1-8; Ps 96;

Mt 25: 1-13; Hours: Psalter 1

Saturday 28th August: Memorial of St Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Word: 1Thes 4: 9-11; Ps 97; Mt 25: 14-30

Hours: Psalter 1

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

PARISH NEWS

Baptism - Saturday 28th August: We welcome Sofia McCrum into our parish family as she is baptised on Saturday at 11.00 am after Mass. Please pray for her and her family.

Diocesan Diaries and Directories 2022: If anyone would like to purchase a Diocesan Diary or Directory for 2022, please add your name to the order sheet in the porch, indicating which publication you would like. We expect delivery in October/November.

We need you! We urgently need more volunteers to help us resume our pre-Covid activities such as Adoration, Altar Serving, welcoming, cleaning, reading, flowers etc. Thanks to those who have already signed up – we still need more people to help maintain these services to St Anthony's; the more the merrier! Please put your name on one of the sign-up sheets in the porch. Thank you.

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

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.

WHAT'S ON

Private Prayer: The church will be open for private prayer Tuesday mornings from 9.30 am to 11.30 am. *Please sign the attendance register in the church.*

Mothers' Prayers: Mothers' Prayers is taking a break for the summer. The next Mothers' Prayers session will be Monday 6th September.

CLIFTON DIOCESE NEWS

Virtual Pilgrimage to the Sanctuary of Lourdes Unfortunately, we are unable to travel to Lourdes once again this year, but we shall all be at the Sanctuary spiritually. During this week from 20th to 27th August we congregate virtually on our website with various events – please visit [Lourdes 2021 | Clifton Diocese](https://www.cliftondiocese.com/lourdes-2021) to see the programme for the week. This Sunday

morning, 22nd August, please join Bishop Declan at 9.30 am when he will be celebrating Mass from the Cathedral, livestreamed from the Diocesan website. **Prayer Petitions** Amongst other events, we shall be joining the Lourdes Chaplains in the Grotto, as they pray the Rosary in English on **Tuesday 24th August 2021 at 2.00 pm**. There will be a special candle lit for the Clifton Diocese and the pilgrims at this time. If anyone would like their intentions to be prayed for during this Rosary, please send your petitions to Deacon Paul Thompson who will pass them to the Grotto for inclusion on the altar. Please send any prayer requests to paul.thompson@cliftondiocese.com

Vacancy for Schools and Colleges

Department Administrator – Term time 25

hours per week: The Schools & Colleges Department of Clifton Diocese are recruiting a Department Administrator. Based in Alexander House, Pennywell Road, Bristol, the role supports the department with various administrative activities. Hours of work are 9.30 am to 2.30 pm Monday to Friday. The successful applicant will need to have office administration experience and be well organised. For the job description, personal specification and application form visit:

www.cliftondiocese.com/diocese/working-for-us/ Closing Date is midday on Friday, 10th September 2021.

Catechists' Day, 25th September: The Diocese is holding a day for catechists and those involved in parish formation and evangelisation. The focus will be on family catechesis, 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

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

CAFOD's Response to Multiple Emergencies

Worldwide: CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. We are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are

working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. Read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD

website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>. Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you. Please see CAFOD's prayer at the foot of this newsletter.

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 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.

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, 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

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

AND FINALLY

Wordsearch

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

Just a thought....

Walking down the street, a man is passing a house when he notices a boy trying to ring the doorbell. No matter how much the boy stretches, he can’t quite reach. The man calls to him “Let me help you”, bounds onto the porch and rings the bell. “Thanks”, says the boy. “Now let’s run!” Jesussite.com

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Words of Wisdom....

Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you,
All things are passing away:
God never changes.
Patience obtains all things.
Whoever has God lacks nothing;
God alone suffices.

Santa Teresa de Jesús

CAFOD’s Prayer

Loving Lord,

For those who have died, give them eternal rest.

For those who are bereaved, comfort and console them.

For those who are hurt, heal and strengthen them.

Lord God, enable us to help our suffering brothers and sisters in whatever way we can.

Heavenly Father, be with us now and always.

Amen.