



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Continues to 25th January – see below for prayer times

Sunday 22nd January: Third Sunday Ordinary Time: Mass 9.00 am

Wednesday 25th January: Morning Prayer and Prayer for Unity 9.40 am: Mass 10.00am

Thursday 26th January: Adoration in the hall 10.00am - 3.00pm

Friday 27th January: Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3.00 pm

Saturday 28th January: 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

PARISH NEWS

Our Music Ministry: We wish Chris every joy in his retirement, and now we are looking for anyone who can help us with our music in church. If you or anyone you know plays any kind of musical instrument and would be willing to use this talent to help us celebrate Mass and enhance our liturgy – even if you can only commit to an occasional Sunday - we would love to hear from you. We also welcome new members to our choir. Please speak with Anne or contact Sharon in the parish office if you would like to become involved.

Diary

Monday 23rd January: Mothers' prayers – Prayer for Unity in the hall at 10.30 am.

Tuesday 24th January: The church will be open for private prayer and Prayer for Unity from 9.30 am – 11.00 am.

Wednesday 25th January: Parish Finance meeting after Mass. Breaking Open and Sharing the Word After Mass.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please pray for: Geoff

Blwyddin, Mrs Jeanette Allsop, Zofia Clarke, Chris 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, Tess Jones, Kelvin Boorer. All who are suffering from illness, 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

During the cold weather, 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.

OTHER NEWS

A Message from CAFOD: The Church and her organisations rely on people getting involved. **Our Church, our world needs you.** Could your New Year's resolution be getting more involved in the life of our Church? What aspects of Church brings you life or joy? Could you give a bit of time

to help those parts flourish? **CAFOD** is looking for people to give some time (could be as little as 2 minutes short talk twice a year) and join them in their mission. Could you help in bringing people together to help build a better world or by visiting local schools? Or raise a voice and campaign for justice or perhaps speak for CAFOD throughout the diocese? Could you support local volunteers or share your office skills to help CAFOD keep costs low? Training and support are provided. See cafod.org.uk/Volunteer for more information or get in touch at clifton@cafod.org.uk

Rosary: CAFOD's Rosary prayer takes place every Thursday morning on ZOOM. The reflections can be downloaded – more details at [Pray the rosary | CAFOD](#).

Retrouvaille - A Programme for Couples Struggling in Their Marriages: Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 24th – 26th February 2023, or a Virtual weekend on 6th – 9th July 2023, call or text **07887 296983** or **07973 380443** or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

How Can You Help Rough Sleepers? A Message from Wiltshire Council: If you see someone on the streets, you can provide details to [StreetLink](#) which connects rough sleepers with local services that can support them. StreetLink will provide the council with details so officers can talk to the rough sleeper, help them find a warm place to stay and offer ongoing support. People are also encouraged to donate to local charities in Wiltshire, which directly help those in need. If you are sleeping rough, or you know someone who is, let us know on **0300 456 0100** so we can provide accommodation and support.

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/>

Prayer for Melksham will be held at 'that meeting space' on Tuesday January 24th at 7:30pm. We join in praying for our town and surrounding villages and for a fresh outpouring of the Lord's grace and mercy. We look forward to this time of praying together.

Our Parish Project is the repair and refurbishment of the Presbytery. Funds raised will be split between our charity and our project with $\frac{2}{3}$ allocated to Presbytery repairs, and $\frac{1}{3}$ 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 for those who need emergency relief. This fund is seeing increased demand; if you would like to contribute, please contact Melksham Foodbank or Sharon (Parish office) for further information.

AND FINALLY –

Did you know?

A bolt of lightning five times hotter than the surface of the sun.

In the UK, accents change noticeably about every 25 miles.

Words of Wisdom

How do we look upon others? ..How often do we label people according to what they do or what they think! Even as Christians we say to ourselves "is he one of us or not?" This is not the gaze of Jesus; he always looks at each person with mercy.. And Christians are called to do as Christ did, looking like Him especially at the so-called "distant ones" ...If any one of us considers themselves righteous, Jesus is far away. He draws near to our limitations, to our miseries, to heal them.

Pope Francis

Wordsearch: Third Sunday



ASK	JAMES	PETER
BOAT	JESUS	PRESENCE
CAST	JOY	PROCLAIMING
CLOSE	LAND	RADIANT
DEAR	MAJESTY	SAVIOUR
DEEP	MEAN	SIMON
FISHERMEN	MESSAGE	STRONGHOLD
GALILEE	NAPHTALI	SURE
GLORY	NETS	YOKE
HOLY	ONCE	ZEBULUN
HOPE	PAIR	

Eliminate only the listed words. No word should be entirely inside another. The remaining letters complete the phrase for today:

Jesus, the _ _ _ _ _ / _ _ / _ _ _ world

The completed phrase from last week (2nd Sunday) was: THE LAMB OF God Hilary Clifton



Sunday 22nd January Third Sunday Ordinary Time Sunday Year A; Psalter 3

Reading 1: Is 8: 23- 9: 3

Psalm Refrain: The Lord is my light and my help.

Reading 2: 1Cor 1: 10-13, 17

Gospel: Mt 4: 12-23

Monday 23rd January: Word: Heb 9: 15, 24-28
Ps 97; Mk 3: 22-30 **Hours:** Psalter 3

Tuesday 24th January: Memorial of St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Word: Heb 10: 1-10; Ps 39; Mk 3: 31-35

Hours: Psalter 3,

Wednesday 25th January: Feast of the Conversion of St Paul, Apostle

Word: Acts 22: 3-16; Ps 116; Mk 16: 15-18

Hours: Proper of Feast

Thursday 26th January: Memorial of Ss Timothy and Titus, Bishops

Word: 2Tim 1: 18; Ps 95; Mk 4: 21-25

Hours: Hours: Psalter 3

Friday 27th January: Word: Heb 10: 32-39; Ps 36;
Mk 4: 26-34 **Hours:** Hours: Psalter 3

Saturday 28th January: Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church

Word: Heb 11: 1-2, 8-19; Lk 1; Mk 4: 35-41

Hours: Psalter 3

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.

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