

## DIARY

<b>SAT</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday at 5.30 pm.
<b>SUN</b>	<b><u>SUNDAY 16 OF THE YEAR</u></b> Mass at 9.30 am (Mass for Young People), followed by refreshments in the hall.
<b>MON</b>	<b>St. Bridget, Patron of Europe</b> (Feast) Morning Prayer at 9.15 am; Mass at 9.30 am. Mothers' Prayers in the hall, 10.30 am
<b>WED</b>	<b>St. James, Apostle</b> (Feast) Morning Prayer at 9.15 am; Mass at 9.30 am, followed by refreshments & Breaking Open & Sharing the Word in the hall.
<b>THU</b>	Adoration 10 am – 7 pm.
<b>FRI</b>	Morning Prayer at 9.15 am; Mass at 9.30 am.
<b>SAT</b>	Sacrament of Reconciliation, 11-11.30 am 1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday (Sunday 17) at 5.30 pm.

Sundays Year B; Weekdays Year 2; Psalter: Week 4.

**MASS COMMEMORATIONS: Sat(21):** Mr Leonard Lockwood RIP; **Sat(28):** Richard Eades RIP.

### READINGS

**Reading 1:** Jeremiah 23: 1-6.

Psalm (22) Refrain: ***The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.***  
**(9.30 am Mass): *My shepherd is the Lord; nothing indeed shall I want.***

**Reading 2:** Ephesians 2: 13-18.

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 6: 30-34.

**Please pray for the following who are sick:** Mr Frank Manning, Mrs R. Menghini, Mrs Bridie Liddle, Mrs Jonasz, Fr Lloyd, Zofia Clarke, Vilma D'Souza, Don d'Cruz, Mrs Audrey Tickner, Mrs Kathleen Murphy, Charlie Canavan, Ann O'Mahony, John Porter, Faith Wheat, Mrs Rebecca Matthews, Gail Ballinger, Joyce Alford, Chris Bate, John Doyle, David Coghlan, Michael Lees, Elizabeth Travers, Nuala Barron, June Carey, Tom & Claire Hunter, Mrs Marian Frawley, Geoff Blwyddin, Terri Welch, June Fenlon, Mrs Kathleen Delamere.

**Please note** that in future, according to new data protection rules, permission must be given by the person who is sick or someone close to them, or their carer, for them to be included on this list; and you will have to affirm that they have given permission before we can include them. Sorry, but it's not my rule! *The above names will not be publicised after this week without permission* – if you are on this list please make a point of giving permission during the week, or please ask those on the list to give their permission **and let me know they have done so!** Where possible written/emailed permission would be appreciated so that it can be stored as a record.

## Welcome to The Parish of St Anthony of Padua



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### **SUNDAY 22 JULY, 2018**

Dear Friends,

When I preach a Sunday homily, I never come with a personal agenda, or with any "bright ideas". During the week I bring the readings prayerfully before the Lord so that I may, hopefully, say what *he* wants rather than what I want! I try to make the homily the fruit of my prayer. And this too is how I view parish life, as living out the fruit of prayer rather than just getting on with a collection of people's ideas of what we ought to do in the parish. What the Lord wants for a parish is what is most important, not what we want, or *think* God might want; and it is also vital that we work *together* to seek to achieve what we believe God wants of us. This is what I tried to teach when I first came here was the purpose of a parish pastoral council, for example – prayerfully seeking what God wants for the parish and trying to co-ordinate our efforts to achieve this goal. We are part of the one Body of Christ; we are also one Pilgrim People on basically one journey of faith together. You sometimes see parishes where everyone is seeking to do their own thing individually and without co-ordination; but such parishes are really missing the point.

What happens in this parish in the future is not strictly my business; but as your travelling companion for 14 years, I naturally care about your future. In general we have I think tried to be a people of prayer, and weekly Adoration has helped us in this; and I think we have tried to work together to seek to achieve what we believe to be God's will for us. With no resident priest some of you may have to share more responsibilities to keep the parish going; and I do hope and pray that you will continue to pray for God's guidance and his will for you, and work *closely together* to try to achieve what he is calling you to do. And may God bless you in all your endeavours.

In the love of Christ,

*Richard Northey*

**LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION:** £164.04

**NEXT WEEKEND:** Retiring collection for Bishop's Charitable Fund.

**SUNDAY'S MASS** will have more involvement of our older children and young people.

**MOTHERS' PRAYERS:** Monday, 10.30 am in the hall. None during August. Last date until September: 30 July.

**BREAKING OPEN & SHARING THE WORD:** Sharing on next Sunday's Gospel, Wednesday, after Mass & refreshments.

**ADORATION:** Thursday, 10 am – 7 pm.

**PRAYER GROUP:** None until September.

**PARISH PICNIC:** A big thank you to everyone who came to the Parish Picnic and we hope you had a very good afternoon. We made £290.23 which will be shared between Mary's Meals and Julia's House.

**OPEN PARISH MEETING:** For all the parishioners who were unable to attend the parish meeting last Wednesday 11th July, minutes of the meeting will be handed out after Masses this weekend and next. The minutes will also be displayed on the notice board at the back of the church and in the hall porch.

**CHARITY NEARLY NEW SALE:** Sat 18 August, 10 am, church hall. Any unwanted items/gift for the sale please, and also cakes & biscuits much appreciated. Please leave them in the church hall by Friday 17 August.

**LET IT BE:** Thank you to all who helped to present this course.

**A GIFT TO CAFOD** in your will is a wonderful way to share your faith, hope and love with future generations. Find out about CAFOD's free will-writing service for supporters by picking up a leaflet in the church porch, [email\\_legacy@cafod.org.uk](mailto:email_legacy@cafod.org.uk) or call Hannah on 020 7095 5367 to find out more.

**MASS FOR ANOINTING OF SICK & HOUSEBOUND:** Sunday 2 September, 2.30 pm.

**SICK OR HOUSEBOUND:** Please let Fr. Richard or Mary Harris know of anyone who is sick, elderly or housebound who would like to be visited and receive Holy Communion.

**RUH BATH RC CHAPLAINCY:** Mandy Baker – 07775895814, email: [mandybaker@live.co.uk](mailto:mandybaker@live.co.uk) please contact Mandy if you have a relative or friend in hospital.

**PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH** every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 9:30 am in church before Adoration begins. Prayer intentions: for God's guidance, a smooth transition and for a new parish priest and thanksgiving to God for our parish priest. All are warmly welcome to join in at church or home if you can.

**PARISH CENSUS:** In view of the requirements of the GDPR, and because Fr. Vincent has asked for a full parish list to be prepared for when he takes over, new census forms are now available for you to fill in and return. We do need every household to fill in one of these new forms irrespective of how many times they may have filled one in before! So please, *every household* take one and fill in and bring it back; otherwise you will no longer be officially recorded as a member of this parish. As there is only space for 4 names per form, if there are more than 4 people in your household, please take an extra sheet, and if possible staple or paper-clip them together. Completed forms may be handed in or placed in the post-box inside the porch door.

**HEALING MASS** with reconciliation, Adoration & healing, St. John the Evangelist, Bath, Fri. 27 July at 7.30 pm.

**PARKING:** a) Could those parking on the corner of the car park please pull in tightly? It can be difficult for other cars to get past. b) As Christians, consideration of our neighbours is of primary importance. If you park in the street, please take care not to block our neighbours' parking areas, or park on yellow lines. If our church car park is full, there is a nearby public car park; please try to avoid upsetting our neighbours.

**MELKSHAM FOODBANK:** ([www.melkshamfoodbank.org.uk](http://www.melkshamfoodbank.org.uk)). They are most in need of potatoes (instant), peas (canned), carrots (canned), sugar, pasta. They no longer use boxes – thank you to those who have donated boxes, but please do not leave them in the church porch any more. Does anyone know anyone who is going through a difficult time and might be in need of the help of the Foodbank? ***Recently demands on the foodbank have become heavier, but the donations from this parish have not been so generous. Please do try to support this venture on behalf of all the Churches in the Melksham area.***

**PARENTS PLEASE** reasons, are not allowed in Mass.

**DRIVERS:** Please when entering or that the lives of may not be put at

**NEWSLETTER:** Any etc, please send to address supplied on newsletter.



**NOTE:** for safety unaccompanied children the church hall during

drive with great care leaving the car park, so children – and adults – risk.

information, articles, the presbytery at the the front of the