



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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**The Church will be open for private prayer each Wednesday and Saturday from 10.00 – 11.00 am.
The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed.**

There is no need to book to attend private prayer, but please be aware that if the church is full you may need to wait for someone to leave before you can enter. You must provide your name and contact details on arrival.

It is 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.)

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 22nd November: Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Sunday Year A; Psalter week 2

Reading 1 – Ez 34:11-12, 15-17

Psalm refrain: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Reading 2 – 1Cor 15: 20-26, 28

Gospel – Matthew 25: 31-46

Prayers of the Faithful, Solemnity of Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

God of love, renew our hearts, inspire our love as we make this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. We pray for young people that they may persevere in hope, trusting in God's faithfulness to them as they search for deeper meanings in life especially at this difficult time. We hope the students will abide by the guidelines and be home for Christmas.

We pray for the Housebound, the sick and elderly during this pandemic crisis.

Watch over those who feel isolated and alone and calm their fears.

We pray for the refugees involved in the conflict in Ethiopia.

We pray for those who have a business and have fallen through the net and are not receiving any government supplement.

We hope and pray for the success of the vaccine and an end to these hard times.

We pray for our parish, all Universities, Colleges, School Chaplaincies and St Michael's Church in Melksham.

Almighty, ever living God, it is your will to unite the entire universe under your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, the King of heaven and earth.

Grant freedom to the whole of your creation and let it praise and serve you forever Lord, as we bring these prayers before you.

Mary Harris

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

Hours: Psalter 2

Tuesday 24th November: Memorial of Saints Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest and Companions, Martyrs

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

Hours: Psalter 2

Wednesday 25th November: Word: Apoc 15: 1-4; Ps 97; Lk 21: 12-19
Hours: Psalter 2

Thursday 26th November: Word: Apoc 18: 1-2, 21-23, 19: 1-3, 9; Ps 99; Lk 21: 20-18
Hours: Psalter 2

Friday 27th November: Word: Apoc: 20: 1-4, 11-21:2; Ps 83; Lk 21: 29-33
Hours: Psalter 2

Saturday 28th November: Word: Apoc 22: 1-72; Ps 94; Lk 21: 34-36
Hours: Psalter 2

Mr John Learoyd: It is with sadness that we announce the death of Mr John Learoyd, who passed away on 17th November. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

Wednesday 25th November - Private Remembrance Mass: Fr Vincent will say a private Mass of Remembrance at St Anthony of Padua at 9.30 am for those named on our Tree of Remembrance, before the church opens for private prayer. You may wish to join him in prayer at home.

Tree of Remembrance: Due to Covid regulations regarding sharing books, we are unable to make our Book of the Dead available this year. Instead, during November, we will display a Tree of Remembrance at the back of the church. You are invited to write the names of those you wish to be remembered on coloured paper that will become a leaf in the tree. The paper will be available in church for you to take away and write names, then return the paper to church or Presbytery, where it will be added to the tree. The paper will be shaped to form a leaf before display – please feel free to cut your paper to any leaf shape! If you are unable to attend church, please send names to Sharon (using the email at the foot of the newsletter, or leave a message on the parish answer phone) who will write a leaf for you. **Please do not add paper leaves to the tree yourself;** this will compromise our Covid infection control systems.

Instagram and Facebook: We are excited to announce St Anthony's new Instagram account: [stanthony0fpaduachurch](#), and new Facebook page **St Anthony of Padua Melksham**. Follow us for reflections, prayers, news and events; and spread the word!

Compass in Advent – preparing for Christmas; an online programme for young adults: Our lives are being turned upside down at the moment due to Covid-19. Join us to reflect on some of the characters in the Christmas story whose lives were also radically changed. How is God speaking to us through these stories today? Each Friday we will focus on one set of characters. The meeting will also include sharing a contemporary story of vocation/call. There will be time for sharing, questions and discussion. The programme is aimed at young adults aged 18-35, and will run on Fridays – 27th Nov, 4th, 11th, 18th December at 7pm for one hour. Zoom link: email us on CompassInAdvent@gmail.com for the link and for any other information. Facebook event: <https://bit.ly/CompassInAdvent> *Compass is a project of CVP (Catholic Vocations Project). CVP is supported by a group of religious women and men in the UK who are interested in promoting a culture of vocation in our Church.*

Parish Charities 2020 – Wiltshire Air Ambulance and Mary's Meals: Due to Covid restrictions, all charities are suffering reduced income. 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>

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.

Please pray for the following: Don d'Cruz, Mrs Kathleen Murphy, John Doyle, Mrs Marian Frawley, Geoff Blwyddin, Mrs Jean Irwin, Mrs Jeanette Allsop, Zofia Clarke, Chris Bate, Andrew 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, Judith Curtis, Keith Healy, Janice Kuranlu. 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.**

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

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 available from the school admissions team of **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/> telephone number **01249 713125**; email admin@st-patricks.wilts.sch.uk . Please ensure you apply by the closing date of **15th January 2021**.

Wordsearch – Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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| ALL | FOOD | PASTURES |
| BANDAGE | FOUNDATION | PRISON |
| CUP | GOATS | RAISED |
| CURSE | HOUSE | SAY |
| DIE | KINDNESS | SCATTERED |
| DROOPING | KINGDOM | SHEEP |
| ETERNAL | LEADS | SIGHT |
| FEET | LEAST | STRAY |
| FIRSTFRUITS | NAKED | WELCOME |

Eliminate only the words given in the list. No word should be completely inside another. The remaining describe Christ as _ _ _ / _ _ _ _ with the words in bold being an initial letter. Last week’s word was “HOUSEHOLD”
Hilary Clifton

Words of Wisdom:

No, the opposite of Faith is not doubt. Doubt is an important strand in the rope of faith. No, the opposite of faith is fear, fear which paralyses and corrodes.
Ivor Smith-Cameron

Just some thoughts:

I was on a plane when it encountered very severe turbulence and the passengers became very frightened. Noticing the Rev before my name on the passenger list one of them asked me to do something religious- so I took a collection.
Holy Joke

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.

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.*

Contact: comms.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftondiocese.com

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