



# Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October: Twenty-Ninth Sunday: Mass 9.00am**

**St Edmund's, Calne: Mass 11.00 am**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October: Rosary – 9.30 am**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October: Morning Prayer 9.45 am; Mass at 10.00 am**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October: Adoration 10.00 am – 3.00 pm**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October: Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3.00 pm followed by Adoration and Prayer for Peace in the Holy Land**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October: Mass at 10.00 am**

**St Edmund's Calne: Mass 6.00 pm**

Please be aware that the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales states: "The Roman Rite does not permit that communicants themselves dip their host into the Precious Blood"

**Reconciliation after Mass on Saturdays, or by arrangement with Fr Vincent**

*Daily readings at end of newsletter*

## PARISH NEWS

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October - Children's Liturgy of the Word**

**This week: Retiring collection for Missio**

**Next week – retiring collection for the Spiritan Fathers Appeal**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November "Don't Forget the Holy Spirit: An evening with Fr Matt Anscombe. The evening will start with Mass at 7.00 pm, followed by tea and coffee in the hall, then a time of teaching, testimony and prayer in the church. The evening is expected to end at 9.00 pm.**

**In response to the horrific violence and deep suffering of the people of The Holy Land, Pope Francis has invited us to participate in a day of prayer, fasting and penance for peace next Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023. The central event in Rome is an hour of prayer at 6.00pm in St Peter's Square. At St Anthony's, there will be an hour of Adoration and Prayer for Peace after Divine Mercy Chaplet, from 3.00pm – 4.00pm. The church will also be open from 9.00am –**

## First Holy Communion

Parents of children in primary school year 3 and above whose children would like to receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion are invited to put their contact details and names of children on the sheet in the porch. Regular church attendance at Mass is required. First Communion classes will begin in January following an initial meeting with parents and children.

11.30am for private prayer

## Israeli-Palestinian Crisis – How you Can Help:

CAFOD has worked for many years in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory (oPt) with partners who are Christian, Jewish, Muslim and secular and we join Pope Francis' urgent call for peace and an end to the violence. You can donate to CAFOD to help with practical support by visiting [Israeli-Palestinian conflict: How you can help \(cafod.org.uk\)](http://www.cafod.org.uk)

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October "The Gift" Course:** Please note we take a break this week, resuming again next week, 31<sup>st</sup> October.

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Fundraising Committee Meeting** in the hall 1.30pm. If you would like to join us

committee, you are very welcome to attend.

**Parish Christmas Lunch: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 12.30pm for 1.00 pm, The Water Meadow, Melksham SN12 7GS.** If you are interested in coming to the parish Christmas lunch, please collect a menu from inside the church porch, or from Rebecca/John. Make your choices and return the menu to Rebecca or John, with payment in full by **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November.** Contact number 07872 058510

**St Augustine's Catholic College – Admissions Policy Consultation:** St Augustine's has now released their Consultation Document on Admission Arrangements for 2025/2026. This can be found at [St Augustine's Catholic College - Apply to Lower School \(st-augustines.wilts.sch.uk\)](https://www.st-augustines.wilts.sch.uk) until 23<sup>rd</sup> November. The Parish of St Patrick's, Corsham has now been included in the Policy.

**Also this week: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October: Mothers' Prayers** in the Hall, 10.30 am

**"Move it or Lose It"** keep fit exercises in the Church Hall at **1:30 pm.** Please feel free to call Jennifer on 07341 986569 if you have any questions.

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October:** Breaking Open and Sharing the Word in the church after Mass.

#### OUR PARISH FAMILY

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please pray for:** Geoff Blwyddin, Zofia Clarke, Chris Bate, Patrick Egan, Rebecca Matthews, Paul Hogg, Keith Healy, Tricia Rigg, Henie Dixon, Brian Hillhouse, Janice Kuranlu, Anne Doyle, Sheila Likely-Ayling, Anne O'Mahony, Lorraine Pavey, Francis Ballinger, Shireen Doyle, Fr John O'Toole, Tess Jones, Kelvin Boorer, Maureen Westlake, Liz McGrane, Isaac Anderson, June Carey, Michael Bramwell, Val Stiles, Dawn Holt, Dave Disney, Gay Harris, Fr Vincent. 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 Holy Communion, please telephone 01225 824039 and leave a message, or Email [ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net](mailto:ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net)

#### DEANERY

**Catechist Formation Day, Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October, St John the Baptist, Trowbridge;** exploring the ministry of catechesis in partnership with the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph. We will celebrate Mass, take time to pray together, and examine the vocation of the catechist, how we integrate catechesis into the wider Church, the formation of the catechist and how to plan a catechetical session. This rich day of formation is for seasoned catechists, and anyone who feels called to this ministry but might not feel equipped. We will begin with prayer at 10.00am, refreshments from 9.15am; the day will end at 4.00pm. Please bring a packed lunch. Sign up for the day via:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/668215439367>

**Synod Experience Day; Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 10.00am - 4.00pm.** St Mary's, Bath welcomes Austen Ivereigh, freshly returned from the Rome Synod, for a day experiencing synodal "Conversation in the Spirit". Visit his website: [www.austeni.org/home](http://www.austeni.org/home) . **COME AND BE PART OF THIS GLOBAL SHIFT IN THE CHURCH** and explore key elements of our parish life. **Places are limited:** Email [stephen-paradox@outlook.com](mailto:stephen-paradox@outlook.com) to reserve your place.

#### CLIFTON DIOCESE

**Missio/Mill Hill Masses** are taking place in our Diocese during October; one on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October at the Immaculate Conception, Stroud; and the other on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October at Corpus Christi, Weston-Super-Mare. Both Masses will be at 7:00pm and will be followed by sharing our enthusiasm and experiences of supporting the mission of the Church. All are welcome to these Masses.

**Time for Secondary School:** If you have a Year 6 child (born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2013), then **now** is the time to apply for their secondary school place for September 2024. To make your application **you must complete the secondary transfer application form provided by your home Local Authority (available on the LA website) by 31<sup>st</sup> October, and if you are applying for a baptised child for any of the Catholic secondary schools listed below\***, you should **also** additionally complete their Supplementary Information Form (available on the **school's** website) and provide the school with a copy of your child's baptism certificate, **also by 31<sup>st</sup> October.**

\*St Augustine's College, Trowbridge

\*St Bede's College, Bristol

\*St Bernadette's Secondary School, Bristol

\*St Gregory's College, Bath

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November:** Mass of Remembrance, 10.00 am

#### CHARITIES and PARISH PROJECT

**Gift Aid:** Your Parish Gift Aid contact is Tricia Hoy, phone number **01225 704805.** Please remember to contact us if your circumstances change and you no longer pay sufficient income Tax to cover your donation.

**Our Parish Charity is Wiltshire Air Ambulance.** You can donate by using this link:

<https://www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk/donate/>

**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:** A basket for donations is in the church porch. 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** is for those who need emergency non-food relief. If you would like to contribute, please contact Melksham Foodbank or Sharon (Parish office) for further information.

**AND FINALLY –**

**Did you know...**

The smallest dinosaur ever discovered is called the Microraptor and is only 16 inches long.

Thefactsite.com

**Wordsearch: Twenty-Ninth Sunday**

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The remaining letters last week (28<sup>th</sup> Sunday) made "WEDDING FEAST" Hilary Clifton

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**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October  
 Twenty Ninth Sunday  
 Sunday Year A; Psalter 1**

**Reading 1:** Is 45: 1, 4-6

**Psalm Refrain: Give the Lord glory and power.**

**Reading 2:** 1Thes 1: 1-5, 19-20

**Gospel:** Mk 22: 15-21

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October: Word:** Rom 4: 20-25; Lk1; Lk 12: 13-21 **Hours:** Psalter 1

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October: Word:** Rom 5: 12,15, 17-21; Ps 39; Lk 12: 35-38 **Hours:** Psalter 1

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October: Word:** Rom 6: 12-18; Ps 123; Lk 12: 39-48 **Hours:** Psalter 1

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October: Word:** Rom 6: 19-23; Ps 1; Lk 12: 49-53 **Hours:** Psalter 1

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October: Word:** Rom 7: 18-25; Ps 118; Lk 12: 54-59 **Hours:** Psalter 1

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October: Feast of Ss Simon and Jude, Apostles**

**Word** Eph 2: 19-22; Ps 118; Lk 6: 12-19

**Hours:** Proper of Feast

**PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST**

God of peace, bearer of hope,  
 we seek your help  
 for the peoples of the Middle East.

Quiet the clamour of war  
 and guide us towards peace.

Where there is hatred and division  
 sow seeds of calm and openness.

Where there is destruction  
 help us to rebuild.

Where children are crying  
 bring an end to tears.

Shelter your peoples and protect them  
 Guide them and keep them from harm.

Show us how to break down the barriers of history  
 and fear and breathe whispers of hope.

Amen.

Linda Jones / CAFOD

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