



# Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Mass will be held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August at 10.00 am and Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August at 9.00 am.

**Please do not arrive at church hoping to attend Mass if you have not booked in advance.**

***It is now 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.)***

To pre-book your attendance at Mass, contact Anne Doyle telephone 01225 707486 or email [anne.doyle16@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:anne.doyle16@blueyonder.co.uk) during the following times:

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August, between 09.00 am - 11.00 am, or 6.00pm – 8.00pm;**

We appreciate that some people would like to remain after Mass for private prayer. We must ensure the church is cleaned after each Mass, so **the church will be open 15 minutes before the beginning of Mass at 9.45 am on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August and 8.45 am on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August for private prayer. Please note: Toilet facilities will remain closed.** Heartfelt thanks to all our volunteers.

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> August: Twenty-First Sunday of the Year**

**Sunday Year A; Psalter week 1**

**Reading 1 – Is 22: 19-23**

**Psalm refrain: Your love, O Lord, is eternal: discard not the work of your hands.**

**Reading 2 – Rom 11: 33-36**

**Gospel – Matthew 16: 13-20**

**Prayers of the Faithful, Twenty-First Sunday**

As we bring our prayers before you Lord: we know that all things with God are possible, Bring comfort to all in distress, the Housebound, The elderly, the lonely and the dying. Bestow a sense of calmness within us.

We pray for our young people whose future from the disputed A level examination results is at risk.

We keep in mind the people of Beirut, as they start clearing the rubble, trying to return to normal. We pray for the people of Belarus that they may have a fair election and appoint the government of their choice.

We pray for our parishioners that we may be a living and true reflection of the light of Christ.

We pray for the Church of the Holy Family, Swindon and the Baptist Church, Melksham.

Father, trusting in your love we bring these prayers before you.

Mary Harris

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August: Feast of St Bartholomew, Apostle**

**Word: Apoc 21: 9-14; Ps 144; Jn 1: 45-51**

**Hours: Psalter 1**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August: Word: 2Thes 2: 1-3, 14-17; Ps 95; Mt 23: 23-26**

**Hours: Psalter 1**

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August: Word: 2Thes 3: 6-18; Ps 127; Mt 23: 27-32**

**Hours: Psalter 1**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August: Memorial of St Monica**

**Word: 1Cor 1: 1-9; Ps 144; Mt 24: 42-51**

**Hours: Psalter 1**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August: Memorial of St Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church**

**Word:** 1Cor 1: 17-25; Psalm 32; Mt 25: 1-13

**Hours:** Psalter 1

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August: Memorial of the Passion of St John the Baptist**

**Word:** 1Cor 1: 26-31; Ps 32; Mk 6: 17-29

**Hours:** Psalter 1 Proper of Memorial

**Volunteer Cleaners Needed:** We rely heavily on our volunteers during this time to continue to be able to open our church within the Diocesan guidelines. We urgently need more volunteer cleaners to join our team. All equipment including protective equipment provided. If you are able to help, please contact Mary Rooney on 07789 910591. Thank you.



**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:** Mrs. Rosa Menghini, Don d’Cruz, Mrs Kathleen Murphy, John Doyle, Mrs Marian Frawley, Geoff Blwyddin, Mrs Jean Irwin, Mrs Jeanette Allsop, Mrs Bridie Liddle, Zofia Clarke, Chris 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. All those 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.**

**This week’s quiz – Birds, Animals and Insects**

1. There were four and twenty .....
2. Type of Lily.....
3. Royal Angler.....
4. It wiggled and jiggled and tickled inside her.....
5. Sounds like one of the fab four.....
6. Computer Aid.....
7. A Chess Piece.....
8. A Christmas Country.....
9. Dwelling Boy.....
10. Every batsman’s nightmare.....

**Last week’s Answers - More Biscuits:**

1. Robin Hood’s apparel was this this green: *Lincoln*.
  2. Starch used for thickening: *Arrowroot*.
  3. Ladies underwear with a twist in the end: *Petticoat tails*.
  4. Birds of Antarctica: *Penguin*.
  5. Join the: *Club*.
  6. Not artful..but lucky: *Jammy Dodger*.
  7. Call one to get you home: *Taxi*.
  8. Brown digits: *Chocolate fingers*.
  9. Will these quench your thirst?: *Water Biscuits*.
  10. Kentucky liquor: *Bourbon*.
- Anne Doyle

**Just some thoughts:**

- I’ve taken up speed reading. I can read War and peace in 20 seconds. It’s only 3 words but it’s a start.
  - Someone actually complimented me on my driving today. They left a note on my windscreen. It said “Parking Fine”. That was nice.
- Tim Vine

**Words of Wisdom:**

Neither in clouds above our sight,  
Nor in far time above our ken  
Nor in the darkness of the night,  
Nor in rare moments now and then  
But in this instant, on this spot  
By hearth and heath in old in new  
The common kind of thing is what  
I see God’s glory streaming through.

John Clare

**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.*

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