



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Sunday 23rd October: Thirtieth Sunday: Mass 9.00 am

Tuesday 25th October: Rosary at 10.00 am

Wednesday 26th October: Morning Prayer 9.40 am; Mass 10.00 am

Thursday 27th October: Adoration in the hall 10.00 to 3.00 pm

Saturday 29th October: 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

As winter approaches, 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.

Prayer for Melksham will be held at That Meeting Space on Tuesday October 25th at 7:30pm. We look forward to this time of praying together. Regardless of background and stream, we join in praying for our town and for a fresh outpouring of the Lord's grace and mercy.

PARISH NEWS

This Weekend - retiring collection World Mission

NO Children's Liturgy of the Word this week – starts again Sunday 6th November

APF – Mill Hill Mission Thank You and Appeal:

This weekend we welcome Fr Vincent Oates MHM to our parish. Fr Vincent will be making the 5 yearly APF Mill Hill Thank You and appeal for new members. He will explain how we can all be involved in the Mission of the Church in our homes and families. Jesus asks his followers to “go and bring the Good News to all people.” By responding to Fr Vincent's appeal this weekend, we can truly be a parish involved in the Mission of the Universal Church. It would be fantastic if every home was involved in this work of the Church by supporting Missionaries throughout the world.

Quiz Night - A Big Thank You to Fr Vincent for being quizmaster and everyone else who supported our Quiz night and Fish and Chip Supper last Friday (14th October). Great fun was had by all, and £100 was raised for our charity and parish project.

Thursday Adoration: Please note that from this Thursday (27th October), Adoration will be held in the hall.

Friday 28th November – St Anthony's car park:

Please note that there will be **no access to St Anthony's car park** on the morning of 28th October, while Wessex Water carry out essential work.

Mass for Deceased Family Members and Parishioners:

A Mass will be held for deceased family members and parishioners on **Saturday 19th November**, at **10.00 am** at St Anthony of Padua. Please note that refreshments will be served in the hall after this Saturday Mass. From next weekend, a sheet will be available in the porch for the names of deceased family and friends who have died **after 1st November 2021**. Those who have died before then can be named on leaves on our Remembrance Tree which will be in church during November.

St Anthony's Parish Christmas Lunch 2022 - Wednesday 7th December, 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm, at The Water Meadow, Melksham SN12 7GS: If you are interested in coming to the Parish Christmas lunch, please collect a numbered menu from Rebecca/John tel. **07872 058510**. Make your choices and return your menu to Rebecca with payment in full by **Sunday 13th November**

Mother's Prayers: Mondays at 10.30 am.

Wednesdays: Breaking Open and Sharing the Word after Mass

Fridays: Divine Mercy Chaplet 3.00 pm

OUR PARISH FAMILY

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please pray for: Geoff Blwyddin, Mrs Jeanette Allsop, Zofia Clarke, Chris Bate, Andrew 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, Martin Hughes. All who are suffering from coronavirus, 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

CLIFTON DIOCESE

Liturgical Ministers – Renewing our Liturgical Ministries: Fr Paul Turner will be talking to our liturgical ministers, particularly ministers of hospitality, reading and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, in the Apostle Room of our cathedral on **Saturday 12th November** beginning at **10.30am and ending at 3.30pm.** Fr Paul is an internationally renowned liturgist who was recently appointed by Pope Francis as a Consultor to the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments. Refreshments will be available from 10am, and participants will need to bring a packed lunch. To book email liturgy@cliftondiocese.com with 'Fr Paul Turner' in the subject line.

Clifton Diocese, in partnership with Caritas Plymouth is hosting **A Fresh Start: People Affected by Imprisonment** on Zoom **Tuesday 29th November 2022 from 19:00-20:00.** This is an opportunity to explore prison ministry, praying together and learning about the context of prison ministry. A poster for the event is in the porch, with details on how to register. If anyone is interested in learning more about Prison Ministry, please email jason.charewicz@cliftondiocese.com.

OTHER NEWS

Message from the Universe Catholic Weekly: Our publication is true to its mission of being “a light to guide the world, and a mirror to reflect it,” keeping Catholics informed about their faith and bringing them ever closer to God. In order to keep our high standard going and maintain a

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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/>

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: This is for those who need emergency relief (items such as energy meter payments, uniform costs for school etc). If anyone would like to contribute to this, please contact Melksham Foodbank or Sharon (Parish office) for further information.

Dates for Your Diary

29th October 2022 The Bible Hub Alive (BHA) at Holy Family Catholic Church in Swindon from 11am-3pm. register by 26th October 2022 on this link:

www.hrymchosenyouth.co.uk/bha-2022

Saturday 12th November – Renewing Our Liturgical Ministries: Talk by Fr Paul Turner to Liturgical Ministers, 10.30am -3.30pm **Clifton Cathedral.** To book, please email liturgy@cliftondiocese.com with 'Fr Paul Turner' in the subject line.

Saturday 19th November, St Anthony of Padua: Mass for deceased family members and parishioners, 10.00 am

Sunday 20th November – In Memory of Mary Harris: A statue in Christchurch, Shaw, which has been purchased with donations in memory of Mary Harris will be dedicated at Christchurch

(SN12 8EQ) today at 10.00 am. All are welcome to attend. *Please note; there will be no refreshments after Mass this Sunday.*

AND FINALLY –

Wordsearch: Thirtieth Sunday

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Eliminate only the listed words. No word should be entirely inside another. The remaining letters give an attribute of God, asked for by the tax collector:

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The word from last week (29th Sunday) was AARON
Hilary Clifton

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

If you know any parishioners who do not have access to email, please print this newsletter for them.

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Thirtieth Sunday

Sunday Year C; Psalter 2

Sunday 23rd October

Reading 1 – Ecclus 35: 12-14, 16-19

Psalm refrain: This poor man called; the Lord has heard him.

Reading 2 – 2Tim 4: 6-8, 16-18

Gospel – Lk 18: 9-14

Monday 24th October: Word: Eph 4: 32- 5: 8; Ps 1; Lk 13: 10-17 **Hours:** Psalter 2

Tuesday 25th Word: Eph 5: 21-33; Ps 127; Lk 13: 18-21 **Hours:** Psalter 2

Wednesday 26th October: Word: Eph 6: 1-9; Ps 144; Lk 13: 22-30 **Hours:** Psalter 2

Thursday 27th October: Word: Eph 6: 10-20; Ps 143; Lk 13: 31-35 **Hours:** Psalter 2

Friday 28th October: Feast of Ss Simon and Jude, Apostles

Word: Eph 2: 19-22; Ps 18; Lk 6: 12-19

Hours: Common of Apostles and Proper of Feast

Saturday 29th October: Word: Phil 1: 18-26; Ps 41; Lk 14: 1, 7-11 **Hours:** Psalter 2

