



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Mass will be celebrated Wednesday 27th January at 10.00 am, and Sunday 31st January at 9.00 am.

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

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday is currently suspended.

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 that Covid regulations require young children to be supervised by an adult, remaining with them at all times in and around the Church. Thank you.

To pre-book your attendance at Mass, contact Anne Doyle telephone 01225 707486 or email anne.doyle16@blueyonder.co.uk on the following days:

Monday, Tuesday or Thursday of each week

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 24th January: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Year B; Psalter week 3

Reading 1 – Jon 3: 1-5, 10

Psalm refrain: Lord, make me know your ways.

Reading 2 – Cor 7: 29-31

Gospel – Mark 1: 14-20

Prayers of the Faithful, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Let us turn to Jesus Christ, the God of Love, who has called each of us to follow Him...

We pray for Pope Francis, our clergy, Fr. Vincent and ourselves that we may serve You in each other.

We pray for Christian unity. Help us to acknowledge all that we hold in common, accept our differences, and work together for a world where justice and peace flourish for the glory of Your name.

We pray for President Joe Biden, that he may govern with integrity and wisdom, that he may unite his country and make the United States of America a force for good in the world.

We thank God for the vaccine and for all who are working tirelessly to administer it to as many people as possible, in a short time.

We pray for those who are sick, in mind or body, for the disabled and for all who love and care for them.

We remember and pray, for all we have known and loved who have died, and for their families and friends.

We pray for our Church and St. Edmunds, for St. Joseph's Church, Bridgewater, the Church of Our Lady, Burnham on Sea, and the Baptist Church, Melksham.

We thank God for the precious gift of life, and we ask for His help us to treasure each day.

In these dark times we see the Light of His Love.

We bring these prayers to You in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Gay Harris

Monday 25th January: Feast of the Conversion of St Paul, Apostle

Word: Acts 22: 3-16; Ps 116; Mk 16: 15-18

Hours: Psalter 3 and Proper of Feast

Tuesday 26th January: Memorial of Ss Timothy and Titus, Bishops

Word: 2Tim 1: 1-8 or Ti 1: 1-5; Ps 95; Mk 3: 31-35

Hours: Psalter 3

Wednesday 27th January: Word: Heb 10: 11-18; Ps 109; Mk 4: 1-20

Hours: Psalter 3

Thursday 28th January: Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church

Word: Heb 10: 19-25; Ps 23; Mk 4: 21-25

Hours: Psalter 3

Friday 29th January: Word: Heb 10: 32-39; Ps 36; Mk 4: 26-34

Hours: Psalter 3

Saturday 30th January: Word: Heb 11: 1-2, 8-19; Lk 1; Mk 4: 35-41

Hours: Psalter 3

Mass at St Anthony's: From Monday 25th January, Saturday Mass will be suspended. The PPC met on 20th January in response to a request from Bishop Declan, in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, to consider whether it remains safe to keep our church open. The decision was to continue to open for Mass, but with reduced services and increased measures (removal of votive candles, etc.). This will be reviewed on 24th February. Please remember when you come to Mass that it is essential to observe social distancing at all times and only move as directed by the stewards.

Sunday 24th January – First Holy Communion: We welcome Michael, Amelia, Celeste, Megan and Ezekiel as they celebrate their First Holy Communion at St. Anthony's this Sunday. Please pray for them and their families as they continue their journey with God.

St Edmund's Presbytery – Cleaner(s): Fr Vincent is searching for a cleaner for the Presbytery in Calne – can anyone help? For more information, please speak with Fr Vincent. Thank you.

Parish Charities: We have received a letter from Wiltshire Air Ambulance thanking us for our donation of £200. They have now been saving lives for 30 years, and do not receive funding from the Government, nor National Lottery. 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>

Clifton Diocesan Holy Land Pilgrimage 2021 led by Bishop Declan Lang – Expressions of interest needed: Bishop Declan plans to lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2021 (11th - 19th October) staying three nights in Galilee, two nights in Bethlehem, and three nights in Jerusalem. Initial estimated costings indicate a figure of £1,959 per person (based on two people sharing). The cost of the Pilgrimage is currently an estimate. It is possible that the cost of flights will rise and consequently increase the cost of the total package. As soon the final price is known the organisers will let you know. Since this is a popular pilgrimage expressions of interest are now invited for an idea of numbers. If you are interested in next year's pilgrimage, then please contact Sarah Adams in the Adult Education & Evangelisation department, at adult.education@cliftondiocese.com.

Global Healing – Lent: This Lent, the Global Catholic Climate Movement invites you to 'Global Healing' in response to Pope Francis' call to care more deeply for Our Common Home. Running for six Thursdays from 18th February – 25th March 2021, 7.30pm – 8.30pm, Global Healing film sessions with reflection, guest speakers & discussion. To register, please email jane@catholicclimatemovement.global Hosted by GCCM Laudato Si' Animators in the UK.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter online program: For the past 50 years, Worldwide Marriage Encounter has been offering marriage enrichment programs all around the world. Focused on couples who want to enrich their relationship and gain a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Marriage, it offers a unique experience to explore your relationship at a deeper, more intimate level, regardless of how long you have been together. The next Marriage Encounter Online Experience is scheduled on 30th and 31st January 2021 and there are many other dates over the year – you can find out more and book your place at www.wwme.org.uk or telephone **0845 260 2016**.

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.

Wiltshire Wellbeing Hub: The Wiltshire Wellbeing Hub is available to anyone who is struggling during this difficult time. The hub can provide support to those who don't have support around them and also signpost to where additional help is available. You can call the hub on 0300 003 4576 or email wellbeinghub@wiltshire.gov.uk . Open Monday to Friday from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm and Saturday from 10am to 4.00pm.

Community Groups Directory: Wiltshire Council are working with hundreds of community volunteer groups, to support residents during the lockdown. More than 300 groups are continuing to provide support at this challenging time. They have created a community directory at [Community Groups Directory](#).

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. Deacon David Wakefield, Rebecca Matthews, Paul Hogg, Keith Healy, Alan Glass, Tricia Rigg, Henie Dixon, Brian Hillhouse, June Carey, Janet Ruddick, Judith Curtis, 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

Words of Wisdom:

Lord, what we have not, give us.
 Lord, what we know not, teach us.
 Lord, what we are not, make us.
 Forgive what we have been.
 Sanctify what we are,
 And order what we shall be. Amen

Traditional

Wordsearch – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| FAST | NINEVEH | THINGS |
| FISHERS | OLD | WIVES |
| JAMES | PRESENCE | WORD |
| JONAH | RENOUNCE | |

Eliminate only the words listed. No word should be entirely inside another. Any other words should be ignored. The remaining letters tell us what we should follow:

_ _ _ _ _ / _ _ _ _ The Words from the grid last week were “HERE I AM”. Hilary Clifton

Just some thoughts:

A Minister in Florida complained it was difficult to get his message across to the congregation. “In the winter it is so beautiful that heaven doesn’t interest them and in the summer it is so hot that hell doesn’t scare them”.

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.*

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