



## Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July – Sixteenth Sunday: Mass 9.00 am**

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July: NO MASS; Church open for private prayer 9.30 am – 11.30 am**

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July: NO MASS**

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*

Help our parish: Could you help with our bring and buy event on 30<sup>th</sup> July (details below)? Please contact Carolina if you would like to lend a hand

### PARISH NEWS

***This week - retiring collection: Bishops Charitable fund***

**World Grandparents' Day:** This year the Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly falls today - Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July. Pope Francis instituted a Church-wide celebration of a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, to be held on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. A prayer for Grandparents and the elderly is towards the end of this newsletter. For information on the Catholic Grandparents Association of England & Wales, please visit their website [Catholic Grandparents Association England – Catholic Grandparents Association](http://www.catholicgrandparents.org.uk)

**Diocesan Diaries and Directories:** If you would like to order a diary or a directory from the Diocese, please sign up on the sheet in the porch before Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August.

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July:** Mothers' Prayers, 10.30 am in the hall – **this will be the last Mothers' Prayers until 5<sup>th</sup> September.**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July:** Adoration 10.00 am to 2.00pm – please note the changed end time this week.

**Parish Charity and Project Bring and Buy Event, This Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July,** 10.00 am. All proceeds for our Parish Project and Wiltshire Air Ambulance. We need donations of scarves, unwanted gifts, and any

**Join our community: Melksham Community Larder.** This is a new initiative complementing Foodbank, distributing only fresh/perishable food. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Adrienne Westbrook/Melksham Community Larder on Facebook or email [thatmeetingspace@gmail.com](mailto:thatmeetingspace@gmail.com) The plan is to form a team of volunteers so that each volunteer would only be called on once or twice a month.

new/nearly new goodies to be sold for our Tombola. Please leave donations in the Hall or give them to Ester, Lydia or Carolina one week before the event. We also need cakes and cookies for our Coffee and Cake sale (bring them on the day; we will be in the Hall by 8.00am for preparation). Please do support this important – and fun – event; we need everyone to make this possible for our church and charity!

**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, John Porter, Mrs Peggy Seward. 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](mailto:ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net)**

### **DEANERY NEWS**

**The Turin Shroud Exhibition** will be visiting the Parish of St. John The Baptist Parish Centre, Trowbridge BA14 9EA from Monday September 26<sup>th</sup> - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. With life-size replicas of the shroud, and many other items, the display will draw visitors into reflection and prayer. Parish groups or individuals are very welcome to visit the exhibition. Video presentations will be shared during the exhibition. There is no need to book a visit to this event, but it would be useful to know who and how many will be visiting. Please contact Becky at St. John's Parish Centre by emailing

[enquiries@sjpc.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@sjpc.org.uk) or tel: **01225 767215**

The exhibition will be available to view from 9.00am-9.00pm each day.

### **CLIFTON DIOCESE**

**September 10<sup>th</sup> /11<sup>th</sup> – The relics of St Bernadette visit Clifton Cathedral:** Pilgrims will be able to join us for Mass with anointing of the sick, Torchlight procession, Rosary, and the opportunity to venerate these relics of "The Saint of Lourdes". A timetable of the visit is in the church porch and the hall, these and more details are also available on the Clifton Diocese website: [Bernadette | Clifton Diocese](#) If you wish to attend, please email [mary.manners@cltondiocese.com](mailto:mary.manners@cltondiocese.com) by close of play on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August**. Please also advise if any of your party wish to be anointed, and if they have any mobility issues.

**Synodal Response:** The Diocesan report is available on the Diocesan website [Synodal-response-booklet.pdf \(cliftondiocese.com\)](#) We will make copies of the report available locally soon. We have our own parish prayers for the synod, said after Mass. These can be found at the end of the newsletter, and copies are also in the church.

### **OTHER NEWS**

**Roe v Wade – Message From SPUC:** In wonderful news from the US, Roe v Wade has been overturned, ending 50 years of a constitutional "right" to abortion. This is a monumental step forward, which shows the

world that a civilised alternative to abortion is possible, and will doubtless save millions of lives. We all have a vital role to play in building a true culture of life, in which every life is respected and where no woman feels that abortion is her only choice. If change is possible in the US, it is possible here in the UK too. If you want to be part of this campaign for change, please go to [www.spuc.org.uk/welcome](http://www.spuc.org.uk/welcome) to find out how you can get involved.

**Message from CAFOD:** CAFOD helps some of the poorest and most marginalised people across the world. We can reach so many people because we are a member of **Caritas Internationalis**, the Catholic Church network with a presence in 165 countries. Our local experts work with people over the long-term, helping them to have the right skills, tools and opportunities to live with dignity and support their families. For example, in South Sudan we are helping families learn how to farm better as the climate gets hotter, so that they can cope better in the future when things get even more difficult. Thank you for your support.

### **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July, Monthly Zoom "Adore"**

**Meeting:** Each month, Mini-Retreats are available via Zoom. Mass is always celebrated followed by a "Witness" and prayer and praising. It starts at 10.00am and finishes at 1.00pm. The three hours pass very quickly, and it is normally attended by people all over the UK. July's theme will be "Forgive Us As We Forgive." The speaker will be Peter Hobbs. Further information and details on how to register is available at [adore@altonrenewal.com](mailto:adore@altonrenewal.com)

### **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:

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September – Wiltshire Historic Churches "Ride and Stride" fundraising event.** Half of funds raised by participants go to their own parish. Join in for St Anthony's! Details at <https://wiltshirehistoricchurchestrust.org.uk/ride-stride/parish-organiser-information>

#### AND FINALLY –

#### Wordsearch: Seventeenth Sunday

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| ASHES        | FIFTY   | PERSISTENCE |
| ASK          | FIVE    | PRAY        |
| BOLTED       | GENESIS | SAKE        |
| DEBT         | HAND    | SAVE        |
| DESTROY      | JUST    | SINNER      |
| DETERMINED   | LAW     | TOWN        |
| DOOR         | LIFE    | TREATING    |
| EGG          | MEN     | TWENTY      |
| EVERY        | MIGHT   | UNITES      |
| FAITHFULNESS | OPENED  |             |

Eliminate only the listed words. No word should be entirely inside another. The remaining letters give a place renowned for being wicked:

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The word from last week, the 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday, was "FRIEND"

Hilary Clifton

#### Prayer - World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

*"In old age they will still bear fruit" (Psalm 92:15)*

Dear Lord, we thank you for grandparents and elderly relatives throughout the world, their lives and their vocation.

We are grateful for their love, care and the advice that they give to each of us.

Protect them dear Lord, in all that they do, as we continue to be blessed by their wisdom in our communities.

Guide them in their earthly pilgrimage and always keep them close to your heart, so that they continue to generously respond to your call.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.  
Amen.

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 of any parishioners who do not have access to email, please print this newsletter for them.**

**Newsletter/contact**

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## Readings Ordinary Time week 17

Sunday Year C; Psalter 1

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July – Seventeenth Sunday

Reading 1 – Gen 18: 20-32

Psalms refrain: **On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.**

Reading 2 – Col 2: 12-14

Gospel – Lk 11: 1-3

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July: Feast of St James, Apostle

Word: 2Cor 4: 7-15; Ps 125;

Mt 20: 20-28 Hours: Proper of Feast

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July: Memorial of St Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Word: Jer 14: 17-22; Ps 78;

Mt 13: 36-43 Hours: Psalter 1

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July: Word: Jer 15: 10, 16-21; Ps 58; Mt 13: 44-46 Hours: Psalter 1

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July: Word: Jer 18: 1-6; Ps 145; Mt 13: 47-53 Hours: Psalter 1

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July: Memorial of St Martha, Mary and Lazarus

Word: Jer 26: 1-9; Ps 68;

Jn 11: 19-27 Hours: Psalter 1

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July: Word: Jer 26: 11-16; Ps 68; Mt 14: 1-12 Hours: Hours: Hours: Psalter 1

## St Anthony of Padua Prayers for the Synod

Come Holy Spirit.

Come to this parish family of St Anthony, be with us as we travel on this synodal journey with our brothers and sisters across the world.

Come Holy Spirit,  
help us to listen to you and each other  
so that every voice is heard.  
Give us wisdom to discern your will.  
Give us patience as together  
we explore the way forward

Come Holy Spirit  
May we be always open to your work within us,  
a true family caring for each other,  
open and welcoming to the stranger  
and caring for those in need.

Come Holy Spirit, all this we ask of you  
who are at work in every place and time,  
in the communion of the Father and the Son  
forever and ever.  
Amen.

Holy Spirit of God,  
be with us on this synodal journey.  
Give us your gifts of wisdom, patience and  
discernment  
as we share our thoughts and words  
with those who travel with us.

Help us to discern your will.  
Guide us in our thinking, listening and sharing,  
so that we may become a vibrant community,  
open and welcoming to all.

Open us to your guidance and give us courage  
so that we may not shy away from new ideas.

All this we ask of you  
who are at work in every place and time,  
in the communion of the Father and the Son  
forever and ever.  
Amen.

