



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Masses

Please record your attendance on entry. We ask that face coverings/masks continue to be worn in places of worship, hands are sanitised on entry, and social distancing respected.

Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, 27th October at 10.00 am - NO MASS on Saturday 30th October - and Sunday 31st October at 9.00 am.

Sunday 24th October – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Year B; Psalter week 2

Reading 1 – Jer 31: 7-9

Psalm refrain: What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

Reading 2 – Heb 5: 1-6

Gospel – Mk 10: 46-52

Monday 25th October: Word: Rom 8: 12-17; Ps 67; Lk 13: 10-17 Hours: Psalter 2

Tuesday 26th October: Word: Rom 8: 18-25; Ps 125; Lk 13: 18-21 Hours: Psalter 2

Wednesday 27th October: Word: Rom 8: 26-30; Ps 12; Lk 13: 22-30 Hours: Psalter 2

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

Word: Eph 2: 19-22; Ps 18;

Lk 6: 12-19 Hours: Psalter 2

Friday 29th October: Word: Rom 9: 1-5; Ps 147; Lk 14: 16 Hours: Psalter 2

Saturday 30th October: Word: Rom 11: 1-2, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 93; Lk 14: 1, 7-11 Hours: Psalter 2

Reconciliation after Mass on Saturday or by arrangement with Fr Vincent

This Week: Retiring Collection for World Mission (Missio) -Today is World Mission Sunday. World Mission Sunday is being celebrated in every Catholic parish around the world today! It supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background

or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, you help missionaries like Sister Veronica build peace in Nigeria and share the love of Christ with those most in need. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can to this very important collection which will sustain the future of our Church. Please call **020 7821 9755** (office hours) or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation, if possible: [Donate - Missio](#)

PARISH NEWS

Tell Us the Story of St Anthony of Padua "Coffee and Chat": Bishop Declan has asked all parishes to re-discover and record their history for presentation at Deanery meetings in 2022. We are holding "Coffee and Chat" sessions after Sunday Mass so that people can come together and share their memories and thoughts about St Anthony's. **This Sunday 24th October**: Our past – tell us your stories. The following Sundays will focus on the present and the future. You can let us have your thoughts on all of these in writing/by email, too.

Wednesday 27th October – Golden Wedding Anniversary Invitation: Fr. Vincent will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on Wednesday 27th October at 10.00 am, to give thanks for Ron and Gay Harris's Golden Wedding Day. There will be tea/coffee and cake in the Hall afterwards. All are very welcome!

"Breaking open and Sharing the Word" will be held in the House that day.

Please help - Call for More Cleaners! We want to clean the church every week and we need more cleaners to help us. We aim to have 3 groups for the rota so that the commitment will be once every 3 weeks. Please contact Mary Rooney on **07789 910591** or email maryar Rooney@blueyonder.co.uk. Thank you.

Eucharistic Adoration: Eucharistic Adoration continues Thursdays. Thank you to the parishioners who have already signed up, but we need more!

Please contact Mary Rooney on **07789 910591** or email maryaroonney@blueyonder.co.uk

Children's Liturgy of the Word: We are pleased to re-start our Children's Liturgy on Sunday 7th November. All children who have not yet received First Holy Communion are welcome.

St Anthony's Parish Christmas Lunch: Our parish Christmas lunch will be held on Wednesday 8th December at the Watermeadow, Melksham. Please arrive 12.30 pm for lunch at 1.00 pm. If you are interested, please sign up on the form in the porch, or see Rebecca or Henie for more details.

Christmas Cards: Christmas cards will be available to purchase in the hall from this Sunday

WHAT'S ON

Sunday: Refreshments after Mass - Come and join us for tea, coffee and biscuits, and Coffee and Chat.

Monday: Mothers' Prayers continue each Monday at 10.30am in the hall.

Tuesday: The church will be open for Rosary followed by private prayer Tuesday from 9.30 am to 11.30 am.

Wednesday: Breaking Open and Sharing the Word continues Wednesday at 10.45 am.

Thursday: Eucharistic Adoration from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm.

SCHOOLS INFORMATION:

Time to Start School? If you have a child born between **1st September 2017** and **31st August 2018**, then **now** is the time to apply for a place at a Catholic primary school in the Diocese. You must complete an application form available from the school admissions team of Wiltshire Council, for admission during the **2022-23** school year. If your child has been baptised, you **must** provide a copy of the baptism certificate to your preferred school. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of **15th January 2022**. Our parish school is St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Corsham – please contact them also on 01249 713125, or email admin@st-patricks.wilts.sch.uk

Secondary Schools' deadline for applications for 2022-2023 is **31st October 2021**. Information on St Augustine's Catholic College, Trowbridge, can be found at [St Augustine's Catholic College \(st-augustines.wilts.sch.uk\)](http://St-Augustine's-Catholic-College-(st-augustines.wilts.sch.uk))

CLIFTON DIOCESE NEWS

Synod Information Sessions: So that we can all fully understand what Pope Francis is asking for in our participation in the Synod, the Diocese is offering information sessions to give everyone an opportunity to find out more and so fully engage with the process. The information session in our Deanery is **6th November, 10am-12noon:** St John's Centre, Trowbridge: [https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/trowbridge-synod-information-sessions-tickets-](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/trowbridge-synod-information-sessions-tickets-190920838367)

[190920838367](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/trowbridge-synod-information-sessions-tickets-190920838367) If you plan to attend, please let the Diocese know through the Eventbrite link above. Also, there are two **online Teams sessions on 8th and 9th November at 7.00pm**. If you wish to join an online session, please email synod@cliftondiocese.com so that a Teams invitation can be sent out a few days before the event. Prayer cards for the success of the Synod are available at the back of the church.

Holy Land Pilgrimage 2022: Bishop Declan will lead the Holy Land pilgrimage 26th September to 4th October 2022, staying two nights in Bethlehem, three nights in Jerusalem and three nights in Galilee.

If you are interested in joining the pilgrimage, contact adult.education@cliftondiocese.com. Some booking forms available from the parish office for those without access to email/internet.

OTHER NEWS

World Day of the Poor – Sunday 14th November:

Caritas Social Action Network has prepared a Novena, nine prayers to be said over nine days from Friday 5th November to Saturday 13th November. The Novena will assist us as we seek to open ourselves to God's grace and to hear the cry of the poor, and can be downloaded from: [CSAN-World-Day-of-the-Poor-Resource-2021.pdf](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/poveri/documents/20210613-messaggio-v-giornatamondiale-poveri-2021.html). Each of the first eight days focuses on the cry of a particular group, with the final day praying for the building up of God's kingdom of justice, love, and peace. The daily prayers include an opening antiphon, a reading from Scripture, a period of silent reflection, a prayer for the day's focus, and a closing prayer. Please see link below for the message of his Holiness Pope Francis for the fifth World Day of the Poor:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/poveri/documents/20210613-messaggio-v-giornatamondiale-poveri-2021.html>

A message from CAFOD – COP26: Thank you for supporting our Climate Crisis Appeal for our recent Family Fast Day cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis. Every donation helps us in our work and is gratefully received. **Please pray for the success of the upcoming UN climate talks in Glasgow, COP26, from 31st October to 12th November.** There are prayer cards at the back of church; please do take one and pray that that world leaders will put the needs of those most affected by climate change, right at the heart of these climate talks. For more information see cafod.org.uk/COP26. *May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 and instill in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the most vulnerable.*

A MESSAGE FROM the GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK: Wednesday 27th October is the 54th anniversary of the Abortion Act being passed in England and Wales. Since 1967 over nine million babies have lost their lives to abortion. Millions of women and men have also had to deal with the suffering which so often follows an abortion. Please join us in praying and fasting for the end of abortion in this country on Wednesday 27th October. For Post Abortion help and to support Pro-Life counselling, see www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

CHARITIES

Our Parish Charities: If you would like to make a 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>

Gift Aid: Your Parish Gift Aid contact is Tricia Hoy, phone number **01225 704805**.

Melksham Food Bank: There has been a huge rise in the number needing the Food Bank. 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: Melksham Family of Churches also supports those who need emergency relief (non-food items such as energy meter payments, uniform costs for school children etc.). If anyone would like to contribute to this, please contact Melksham Foodbank or Sharon (Parish office) for further information.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please pray for the following: Don d’Cruz, Geoff Blwyddin, Mrs Jeanette Allsop, Zofia Clarke, Chris Bate, Andrew Bate, Katja Lubina, Patrick Egan, Rebecca Matthews, Paul Hogg, Keith Healy, Alan Glass, Tricia Rigg, Henie Dixon, Brian Hillhouse, Janet Ruddick, Judith Curtis, Janice Kuranlu, Alan McFall, Alistair Strudwick, David Elliot, Callum Ford, Maria Podraza, Anne Doyle, Sheila Likey-Ayling, Anne O’Mahony, Lorraine Pavey, Francis Ballinger. 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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 31st October - Coffee and Chat: The present – your thoughts and observations;
Saturday 6th November: Synod Information Session, 10.00 am, St John’s Trowbridge
Sunday November 7th – Coffee and Chat: The future - what you would like to see our church doing in the years to come.
Wednesday 8th December: Parish Christmas Lunch, 12.30 pm.
September 26th – 4th October 2022: Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

AND FINALLY –

Wordsearch

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| GLAD | OFFER | SPOKE |
| HEARD | PITY | TEARS |
| HEBREWS | REAP | TODAY |
| IMMEDIATELY | REJOICE | TURN |
| INDEED | ROAD | ZION |

Eliminate only the words given, ignoring any others. No word should be entirely inside another. The remaining letters complete the phrase:

The Lord who works _ _ _ _ _

The completed phrase from last week was - Christ, the suffering "SERVANT" of God.

Hilary Clifton

Did you know....?

Mount Everest is named after Welsh surveyor Sir George Everest, from Gwernvale, Breconshire.

Words of Wisdom....

Truth must disturb us – ... We know that there are Christians who are never restless: their lives are always the same, there is no movement in their hearts, they lack restlessness. Why? Because restlessness is a sign that the Holy Spirit is working inside us... Freedom must disturb us, it must constantly question us, so that we might always plunge deeper into what we really are. In this way we will discover that the journey of truth and freedom is an arduous one that lasts a lifetime. Remaining free is arduous, it is a struggle; but it is not impossible.”

Pope Francis, Angelus Oct 3rd, 2021

Prayers from Missio:

My Mission Prayer

Here I am Lord,
send me
to share your love
with all people.
May I be empowered
and carried by you
to be courageous
and enthusiastic
in bearing faithful witness
to the merciful Father,
to the love of his Son,
Jesus Christ,
And to the divine life
In the Holy Spirit,
One God forever and ever.
Amen.

Prayer for Peace Between People of All Faiths

Father of all goodness, mercy and love, You call people of all Faiths to live and work together for the coming of your Kingdom on earth. Make us instruments of your peace, and cultivate in us the fertile seed of your healing love. Create in us the spirit of understanding, acceptance, and respect for one another, irrespective of our differences. Stir within our hearts a renewed sense of reverence for all life. Give us the vision to recognise your spirit in every human being, and help us to break the cycle of violence by realising that peace begins with me
Amen.

The full version of this prayer, written by the Women's Interfaith Council in Nigeria can be found at [WMS2021-Original-Prayer-by-the-Womens-Interfaith-Council-in-Nigeria.pdf \(missio.org.uk\)](https://www.missio.org.uk/WMS2021-Original-Prayer-by-the-Womens-Interfaith-Council-in-Nigeria.pdf)

Is there anything you would particularly like to see included in the weekly newsletter? Help us make our newsletter a good read!

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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