



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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There will be NO Mass this Wednesday. Mass will be celebrated Sunday 1st August at 9.00 am.

Masses

It is no longer necessary to book to attend Mass, but you must record your attendance on entry. It is strongly recommended that face coverings/masks continue to be worn in places of worship.

Sunday 25th July – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Year B; Psalter week 1

Reading 1 – 2Kgs 4: 42-44;

Psalm refrain: You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.

Reading 2 – Eph 4: 1-6

Gospel – Jn 6: 1-15

Monday 26th July: Memorial of St Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Word: Ex 32: 15-24, 30-34; Ps 105; Mt 13: 31-35

Hours: Psalter 1

Tuesday 27th July: Word: Ex 33: 7-11, 34: 5-9, 28;

Ps 102; Mt 13: 36-43 **Hours:** Psalter 1

Wednesday 28th July: Word: Ex 34: 29-35; Ps 98;

Mt 13: 44-46 **Hours:** Psalter 1

Thursday 29th July: Memorial of St Martha

Word: Ex 40: 16-21, 34-38; Ps 83; Jn 11: 19-27

Hours: Psalter 1

Friday 30th July: Word: Lv 23: 1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34-

37; Ps 80; Mt 13: 54-58; **Hours:** Psalter 1

Saturday 31st July: Memorial of St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Word: Lv 25: 1, 8-17; Ps 66; Mt 14: 1-12

Hours: Psalter 1

Please ensure young children are supervised by an adult, remaining with them at all times in and around the Church. Thank you.

Retiring Collection Sunday 25th July: Clergy Training Fund

PARISH NEWS

Attending Mass from 19th July: The PPC have decided that from 19th July the following changes will be made:

There is no longer a requirement to pre-book Mass attendance, but **you must** ensure your name and contact number/details are recorded on the list on entering the church;

Face masks **should** continue to be worn inside the church, and hand sanitising will continue as now; The offertory procession will commence from Sunday 1st August; "Please leave a space" cards will be available for those who wish to retain the 1 metre spacing rule;

The 10.00 am Saturday Mass will recommence on Saturday 7th August.

The one-way system for going to Communion will cease and we revert to Communion starting from the front right hand bench and ending with the front left hand bench- please continue to respect social distancing;

We intend to reintroduce singing in church, altar servers and the Children's Liturgy following the summer holidays.

We urgently need volunteers to help us resume our pre-Covid activities such as Adoration, Altar Serving, welcoming, cleaning, etc. Please put your name on one of the signup sheets in the porch. Thank you.

Cleaner for St Edmund's Presbytery: Fr Vincent urgently needs a cleaner for the Presbytery in Calne. If you can help, and for further details please contact Fr Vincent.

Saturday 7th August – Wedding: Judy Clifton is marrying Pete at St John the Baptist Church, Trowbridge at 2.00 pm. They will be pleased if anyone from St Anthony's would like to attend the service – please arrive by 1.30 pm. We wish them both many congratulations and every blessing as they start their new life together.

First Holy Communion: If you have a child in Year 3 or above who would like to join our First Holy Communion preparation please leave your details on the sheet in the porch or email the parish office. Classes will begin in late September/early October.

Mothers' Prayers: Mothers Prayers continue each Monday in the Hall. Covid-19 restrictions apply, so please book attendance with Mary Rooney on **07789 910591**, or email maryar Rooney@blueyonder.co.uk each week, please.

CLIFTON DIOCESE NEWS

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly:

This Sunday is World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, instituted by Pope Francis. Clifton Diocese's website will host some children's reflections about their grandparents as well as a couple of video interviews with grandparents from the Diocese. To see what Cardinal Nicholas has written, please go to this link:

<https://rcdow.org.uk/marriage-and-family-life/world-day-for-grandparents-and-the-elderly/>

Catechists' Day, 25th September: On Saturday 25th September the Diocese will hold a day for catechists and those involved in parish formation and evangelisation. The focus will be on family catechesis, and will be led by David Wells and Ingrid La Trobe. The event will take place at **St. John the Baptist parish centre, Trowbridge**, and will start at 11.00am and finish around 4.00pm. Refreshments will be provided from 10.30am, we ask catechists to bring a packed lunch. Please register early via:

adult.education@cliftondiocese.com

Celebrating Marriage – Saturday 2nd October:

Bishop Declan is celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on **Saturday 2nd October** at 12 noon and is inviting all married couples to join him. If you are celebrating a significant anniversary, newly married, or looking forward to marriage in 2021, please contact 0117 902 5595 or email

adult.education@cliftondiocese.com

OTHER NEWS

CAFOD – Reclaim Our Common Home: We all have a role to play to stop the climate crisis. In November the UN "COP26" climate talks take place in Glasgow, and CAFOD are petitioning the Prime Minister urging him to make sure world leaders take action. Pick up a petition leaflet in church to sign and send, or sign electronically and see more details at <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Reclaim-our-common-home>.

MELKSHAM FAMILY of CHURCHES – Can you help?

Volunteers for the following will be very welcome:

Melksham Foodbank - Trustees to support registration with the Charity Commission; **Melksham Community Money Advice** - office support and trained advisors in the next 6-12 months supporting those struggling with debt. **Messy Church** - help with

sessions will be welcome. **Melksham Job Club** - people with skills to help others search and apply for jobs will be needed. Groups from Melksham churches have been taking **Open the Book** to 3 of our town's primary schools - more team members are needed. If you can give help any of these Christian projects in Melksham, please contact Sharon in the parish office for further details.

CHARITIES

Our Parish Charities: 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>

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. 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.

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 Sharon (parish office) for further information.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please pray for the

following: Don d'Cruz, John Doyle, 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, June Carey, Janet Ruddick, Judith Curtis, Janice Kuranlu, Alan McFall, Alistair Strudwick, David Elliot, Callum Ford, Maria Podraza. 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

AND FINALLY....

Just a thought....

Why was Goliath surprised when David hit him with a sling shot?

It never entered his head.

We learn something new every day and lots of times it is that what we learned the day before was wrong.

Words of Wisdom....

Lord, with you there is no need to feel inferior to anyone. Strength wanes, weakness varies but you alone remain strong and true. Anon

Wordsearch – Seventeenth Sunday

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I	A	E	W	H	R	V	R	I	A	S	R
A	S	T	R	A	E	H	F	C	O	P	I
S	T	R	E	N	G	T	H	S	E	R	F

BARLEY	HEARTS	PIECES
CREATURES	HILLS	REPEAT
EACH	LEFT	SELFLESSNESS
EYES	LOAVES	SIGNS
FEAST	MEAL	STRENGTH
FIRSTFRUITS	MESSAGE	TEST
FISH	MIGHT	THANKS
FIVE	PAUL	TIBERIAS
FRESH	PEACE	TWELVE
GENTLENESS	PETER	

Eliminate only the words given in the list. Ignore any others that may appear coincidentally. No word should be entirely inside another.

The remaining letters complete the phrase:

_ _ _ _ _ / _ _ _ / feeds us

Last weeks' phrase is "THE good SHEPHERD"

Hilary Clifton

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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