



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Sunday 25th September: Twenty-Sixth Sunday: Mass 9.00 am

Wednesday 28th September: Morning Prayer 9.45 am; Mass at 10.00 am

Saturday 1st October: Mass at 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

A big "Thank you" to Gervase and Paul who took part in Wiltshire Historic Churches Ride and Stride for St Anthony of Padua last Sunday!

Prayer for Melksham is starting again and will next be held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 27th September at "That Meeting Place". All are welcome to come and pray for our town.

PARISH NEWS

Children's Liturgy of the Word starts again today

Harvest Sunday: Today we celebrate the Day of Thanksgiving for the Harvest. You are invited to bring non-perishable goods to church for Melksham Foodbank. With the cost-of-living crisis, the Foodbank has seen a reduction in donations and an increase in need, and any help is welcome.



Finance Meeting - Wednesday 28th September after Mass in the Hall

PPC Meeting - Thursday 29th September in the Hall at 7.00pm. Please note the change of time. Please give any topics for discussion to a PPC member.

Season of Creation: Novenas for the Season of Creation are available in church for you to take away and pray at home.

Friday October 7th - St Anthony's Fast Day Lunch: To support CAFOD's Family fast Day – *see below* – we are holding a Fast day Lunch in the Hall at 12.30pm. All welcome.

CAFOD – Family Fast Day: CAFOD's [Family Fast Day](#) is coming up on Friday 7th October. This Harvest, we are responding to the [World Food Crisis](#). Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. As each day goes by, the situation worsens. As people of faith we must act.

Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table. Please give today or start a monthly gift to CAFOD. Use the envelope in the church for our parish collection on the weekend of 8th/9th October, or go to cafod.org.uk/fastday.

St Anthony's Quiz night Friday 14th October and fish and chip supper, 7.00 pm. Sign up sheet in the porch – price to be confirmed

St Edmund's Chamber Concert for The Harbour Project: 6.45pm for 7pm, **Saturday, 15th October** at Cadenham Manor, Foxham SN15 4NH. Full details of this concert are on St Edmund's parish website and a poster on the notice board in the hall. Tickets can be booked via the website or from Albert Pace on albert.pace@btinternet.co.uk

Mother's Prayers: Mondays at 10.30 am.

Wednesdays: Breaking Open and Sharing the Word after Mass

Thursdays: Adoration from 10.00 am to 3.00pm.

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

DEANERY

Starts tomorrow, Monday 26th September to Monday 3rd October: The Turin Shroud Exhibition will be visiting the Parish of St. John The Baptist Parish Centre, Trowbridge. Please contact Becky at St. John's Parish Centre by emailing enquiries@sjpc.org.uk or tel: **01225 767215** The exhibition will be available to view from 9.00am-9.00pm each day.

CLIFTON DIOCESE

Tuesday 27th September – Virtual Synodal conversation, 6-8pm. Please register your interest at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/growing-synodality-a-conversation-tickets-389227328417>

Saturday 15th October, SYNOD – Continuing the Journey: Continuing our Synodal conversations at St John the Baptist, Trowbridge. Book your place now on the Eventbrite link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/synod-session-trowbridge-tickets-368188330207>

Diocesan Parish Finance Support Officer

The Diocese is currently introducing a new online accounting system (OPAS), and additional support is needed in the Finance team to help support all parishes move to this system. The role is full-time, although more flexible patterns will be considered, based within the Finance team which is part of the Curia (administrative office) of the Diocese, and based at Alexander House, Bristol. There will be an occasional need to travel to parishes throughout the Diocese. **The closing date for applications is Friday 7th October 2022.** For further details and an application form, please visit the Working for Us page within the Clifton Diocese website:

[Working for us | Clifton Diocese](#)

Do You Believe in Catholic Education? Bishop Declan wishes to appoint new school governors to support the education of today's generation of pupils. Could you support Catholic education by becoming a school governor? Governors come from all walks of life and backgrounds – so why not you? If you have enthusiasm and commitment, you can help to positively influence the children's lives. Visit <https://schools.cliftondiocese.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Could-you-be-a-School-Governor.pdf> or contact Bill McEntee, Governance Officer, Clifton Diocese, on **07710 094976** or bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com for more information and for details of how to apply.

OTHER NEWS

Stella Maris – Invitation to Webinar: Thank you for your recent generous support for seafarers and fishers on Sea Sunday. As a follow up, Catholic charity Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) invites you to join a webinar on **Tuesday 27th September from 7.30pm to 9pm GMT** to learn more about the issue of seafarer abandonment, and how donations like yours on Sea Sunday are supporting those in crisis. If you would like to attend, **please register in advance at www.stellamaris.org.uk/abandonment**

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 the Diary :

St Anthony's Quiz night Friday 14th October and fish and chip supper, 7.00 pm. Sign-up sheet in the porch – price to be confirmed

Friday 7th October – CAFOD Fast Day Lunch in the hall, 12.30 pm

Saturday 15th October – St Edmund's Parish Concert in the evening in aid of the Harbour Project.

AND FINALLY –

Wordsearch: Twenty-Sixth Sunday

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| DANIEL | LAZURUS | SPRAWLING |
| ETERNAL | LISTEN | TONGUE |
| EXILED | MOSES | TRUTH |
| FAITH | OIL | WATER |
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Eliminate only the listed words. No word should be entirely inside another. The remaining letters complete the phrase of the day, which was a famous declaration by Pilate:

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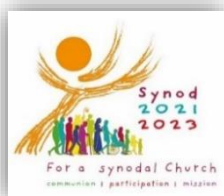
The completed phrase of 11th September (24th Sunday) was:

Christ who welcomes SINNERS

The completed phrase of 18th September (25th Sunday) was:

Lord of THE OPPRESSED

Hilary Clifton



Twenty-Sixth Sunday

Sunday Year C; Psalter 2

Sunday 25th September

Reading 1 – Am 6: 1, 4-7

Psalm refrain: My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Reading 2 – 1Tim 6: 11-16

Gospel – Lk 16: 19-31

Monday 26th September: Word: Jb 1: 6-22; Ps 16; Lk 9: 46-50 **Hours:** Psalter 2

Tuesday 27th September: Memorial of St Vincent de Paul, Priest

Word: Jb 3: 1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 87; Lk 9: 51-56

Hours: Psalter 2, Proper of Memorial

Wednesday 28th September: Word: Jb 9: 1-13, 14-16; Ps 87; Lk 9: 57-62 **Hours:** Psalter 2

Thursday 29th September: Feast of SS Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Word: Dn 7: 9-10, 13-14; Ps 137; Jn 1: 47-51 **Hours:** Proper of Feast

Friday 30th September: Memorial of St Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church

Word: Jb 38: 1, 12-21, 40: 3-5; Ps 138; Lk 10: 13-16

Hours: Psalter 2, Proper of Memorial

Saturday 1st October: Memorial of St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church

Word: Jb 42: 1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 118; Lk 10: 17-24

Hours: Psalter 2, Proper of Memorial

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

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