



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Alternative phone numbers for emergencies: Trowbridge 01225 752152 or Chippenham 01249 652404

Masses

Sunday Mass at 9.00 am.
Wednesday Mass at 10.00 am.
NO Mass Saturday 5th March.

Government advice is that face coverings/masks
are worn in crowded, enclosed places.

Sunday 27th February – Eighth Sunday

Sunday Year C; Psalter 4

Reading 1 – Eccus 27: 4-7

Psalm refrain: It is good to give you thanks, O
Lord.

Reading 2 – 1Cor 15: 54-58

Gospel – Lk 6: 39-45

Monday 28th February: Word: 1Pt 1: 3-9;

Ps 110; Mk 10: 17-27 Hours: Psalter 4

Tuesday 1st March: Feast St David, Bishop,
Patron of Wales

Word: Phil 3:8-14;

Ps 1; Mt 5: 13-16 Hours: Psalter 4

Wednesday 2nd March: Ash Wednesday

Reading 1 - Jl 2:12-18;

Psalm refrain – Have mercy on us, O Lord, for
we have sinned.

Reading 2 – 2Cor 5: 20- 6:2

Gospel – Mt 6: 1-6, 16-18

Hours: Psalter 4, Proper of Season

Thursday 3rd March: Word: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1;

Lk 9: 22-25 Hours: Psalter 4, Proper of Season

Friday 4th March: Word: Is 58: 1-9; Ps 50;

Mt 9: 14-15; Hours: Psalter 4, Proper of Season

Saturday 5th March: Word: Is 58: 9-14; Ps 85;

Lk 5: 27-32 Hours: Psalter 4, Proper of Season

Reconciliation after Mass on Saturdays, or by
arrangement with Fr Vincent

PARISH NEWS

Lent Course 2022 - Belong & Believe: How our
Celtic past can help us today. Refreshing our
communities and renewing our mission. This is a
Catholic Faith Exploration course produced by CaFE
and taking place over **five weekly sessions**.

Starting **Tuesday 8th March at 10.00 am in the hall
and 7.00 pm at 16, Sherwood Avenue, SN12 6BN**
All are welcome. If you would like to attend, please
sign the sheet in the porch.

**Lenten Lunches start Friday 11th March after
Stations of the Cross:** We need **soup making
volunteers** to help with these lunches. Donations
going to CAFOD. If you are able to help, please
contact Mary Rooney on 07789910591 or email
maryaroney@icloud.com

WHAT'S ON

Sunday 27th February: Refreshments in the hall after
Mass.

Monday 28th February: Mothers' Prayers 10.30 am
in the hall.
First Holy Communion Classes at 5.30 pm in the hall.

Wednesday 2nd March: Breaking Open and Sharing
the Word in the hall 10.00 am.

Thursday 3rd March: Eucharistic Adoration from
10.00 am to 2.00 pm.

Friday 4th March: Divine Mercy Chaplet, 3.00 pm in
the church.

OTHER NEWS

**Friday 4th March - Women's World Day of
Prayer:** This year's theme is "I know the plans I
have for you", and has been created by the
women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland.
Services will take place across the world,
beginning in Samoa and moving on through
New Zealand and Australia, across Asia, Africa
and Europe and finally the United States and
South America before finishing in American
Samoa. **Join us at the United Church,
Melksham, at 10.30 am** to celebrate.

Join Missio and Mill Hill Missionaries praying a special Novena to St Joseph 10th -18th

March: Every year, the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society's missionary outreach, and for the intentions of all those who support their work. If you would like to join in on Zoom from home, Masses from St. Joseph's Church will be available via the Mill Hill website www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena. You are welcome to send in your petitions and/or to request a Novena prayer booklet. Please write to the Novena Director at 6 Colby Gardens, Maidenhead, SL6 7GZ, telephone **01628-676909**, or email novenamhm@gmail.com.

Thy Kingdom Come 2022 Launch Webinar: Plans for this year's Thy Kingdom Come will be unveiled at a special launch event on 28th February at 12.00 pm. In this online seminar you can learn about the range of free resources for churches, families, and individuals – all designed to spiritually nourish, deepen and refresh one's faith. To register, visit [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

Rediscover Your Marriage – Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage - and you don't need to leave home, it comes to you! There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the programme, starting with a 'Virtual' weekend on **3rd -6th March** 2022, visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk, or call 07887 296983, or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com

Bereavement Journey Course: A second Bereavement Journey course will begin on March 11th at 10:00am-12:15pm at the Meeting Space, in Melksham. There are 3 or 4 places available; if there is anyone you know who could find this course helpful, we would be glad to have them along for the Journey. They can register by calling **John Firth** on **01225 707387**. Info on the course can be found at www.thebereavementjourney.org

CHARITIES

Our Parish Charities: If you would like to donate to **Wiltshire Air Ambulance**, please use the link: <https://www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk/donate/>
Mary's Meals: Every donation to Mary's Meals will be doubled until 31st January 2022 through their **Double the Love** campaign – they also have 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 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 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: 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, Judith Curtis, Janice Kuranlu, Alistair Strudwick, David Elliot, Callum Ford, Anne Doyle, Sheila Likey-Ayling, Anne O'Mahony, Lorraine Pavey, Francis Ballinger, Grace Disney, Shireen Doyle, Chris Harvey. 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

Wednesday 9th March – PPC/Liturgy meeting after Mass in the Hall
Friday 11th March – CAFOD fast Day; Stations of the Cross followed by a soup lunch, 11.00 am each Friday during Lent.
Wednesday 16th March – Finance Committee Meeting, after Mass in the Hall.
Thursday 17th March - Diocesan Reconciliation Liturgy, 7.00 pm, St John's, Bath.
Wednesday 23rd March - **Sharing the Journey;** Entering the Mystery, Praying the Triduum – Fr James Hanvey SJ, online conversation
Thursday 31st March - Diocesan Reconciliation Liturgy, 7.00 pm, St John's, Trowbridge.

AND FINALLY –

Did you know?

The Amazon represents more than half of the Earth's rainforests.

Words of Wisdom

The art of living is to remember what to forget. Anon

Wordsearch – Eighth Sunday



ADMIT	LOVE	SPLINTER
DEFEAT	MORNING	STING
EYE	NAME	SUPERIOR
FULL	OPEN	TEST
GATHER	PARABLE	THORNS
GOOD	PLANK	TREE
GREEN	POWER	TRUE
HYPOCRITE	SCRIPTURE	TRUTH
IMMORTALITY	SHAKEN	VICTORY
LAW	SIEVE	
LEBANON	SING	

Eliminate only the listed words. No word should be entirely inside another. The remaining letters complete the phrase of the day:

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The completed phrase from last week was: "LOVE YOUR enemy"
Hilary Clifton

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.

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