



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Mass will be held on Wednesday 30th September at 10.00am, Saturday 3rd October at 10.00 am, and Sunday 4th October at 9.00 am.

Please do not arrive at church hoping to attend Mass if you have not booked in advance.

It is now mandatory for face coverings/masks to be worn in places of worship unless you have an exemption from wearing one (Children under 11, illness, disability, etc.)

To pre-book your attendance at Mass, contact Anne Doyle telephone 01225 707486 or email anne.doyle16@blueyonder.co.uk during the following times:

Monday 28th, Tuesday 29th September or Thursday 1st October

Please note: Toilet facilities will remain closed; please remember this when planning your visit. Heartfelt thanks to all our volunteer stewards and cleaners who make reopening possible.

Prayer for Melksham - you are invited to spend some time on Wednesday in prayer for all who live and work in Melksham, our Council, industry and shops, hospital, care homes and surgeries.

Sunday 27th September: Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year

Sunday Year A; Psalter week 2

Reading 1 – Ez 18:25-28

Psalm refrain: Remember your mercy, Lord.

Reading 2 – Phil 2: 1-11

Gospel – Matthew 21: 28-32

Prayers of the Faithful, Twenty-Sixth Sunday

Lord, we place our trust in your mercy, let us follow your example in generosity of spirit and love for our fellow men.

Once more our country is asking us all, as individuals, to have care of others, may we be conscientious, be good neighbours and look after others in our society.

We pray for the sick, for those worried about their finances and for all who are finding this trying time difficult.

Let us remember in our prayers children and young people who have just returned to education, they need our prayers, our love and support to enable them to continue in their education.

We pray for the parish communities of Christ the King, Thornbury, Holy Cross, Wootton under Edge and St Michaels Melksham.

Lord your love is overwhelming, we pray that we may be worthy of it.

Terri Welch

Monday 28th September: Word: Jb 1: 6-22; Ps 16; Lk 9: 46-50

Hours: Psalter 2

Tuesday 29th September: Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Word: Dn 7: 9-10, 13-14 or Apoc 12: 7-12; Ps 137; Jn 1: 47-51

Hours: Psalter 2 and Proper of Feast

Wednesday 30th September: Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church

Word: Jb 9: 1-13, 14-16; Ps 87; Lk 9: 57-62

Hours: Psalter 2

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

Word: Jb 19: 21-27; Ps 26; Lk 10: 1-12

Hours: Psalter 2

Friday 2nd October: Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels

Word: Jb 38: 1, 12-21, 40:3-5; Ps 138; Mt 18: 1-5, 10

Hours: Psalter 2

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

Hours: Psalter 2

Reconciliation: Please contact Fr Vincent if you would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Retiring Collection: There will be retiring collections for Peter's Pence, commencing 3rd October.

Mrs Bridie Liddle: The funeral of Mrs Bridie Liddle will take place on Monday 28th September at West Wiltshire Crematorium – family only due to Covid restrictions. Please remember Bridie and her family in your prayers.

Parish Finance Update: Standing orders this month were equivalent to £265 week. Many thanks to the parishioners who pay this way and those who have taken out new standing orders or have increased their contribution. Please contact Michael Rooney or Tricia Hoy (01225 704805) if you would like to set up a regular standing order. We also appreciate the weekly contributions and one-off donations that people have made to the parish and second collections over the months of the pandemic. All your giving is greatly valued. As we continue to have no offertory collection during Mass, the collection baskets will be placed on the tables at the back of the church to enable parishioners who donate weekly to parish and second collections to make contributions as they leave the church. Please refer to the newsletter for information on second collections

Ride and Stride: Many, many thanks from Sheila and Anne to those who sponsored them for Ride & Stride. There are some outstanding donations to come but so far we have £800.00.

Parish Charities 2020 – Wiltshire Air Ambulance and Mary's Meals: Due to Covid restrictions, all charities are suffering reduced income. We have been unable to hold any fundraising events for our parish charities this year. If you would like to make a donation to either charity, please use following links: Wiltshire Air Ambulance <https://www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk/donate/> or Mary's Meals: <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/donate> Thank you.

Sunday 27th September - World day for Migrants and Refugees: Pope Francis reminds us that an encounter with displaced people, as it is with any marginalised people, is an opportunity for an encounter with God. His prayer for this is at the end of the newsletter. Clifton Diocese has a Refugee Sponsorship Scheme – for more information, please see the website: <https://www.cliftonrefugeesponsorship.co.uk>

Gift Aid: Please contact Tricia Hoy 01225 704805 if you are still waiting for your new Gift Aid envelopes and we can arrange delivery. Only use the new envelopes for your giving as the numbers have changed again this year. Many thanks.

Starting School? If you have a child born between **1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017**, then **now** is the time to apply for a place at a primary school for admission from **September 2021** onwards. You must complete an application form that is available from the school admissions team of the **Wiltshire Council**. If your child has been baptised and you are applying for a Catholic school, you **must** also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to the school concerned – contact the school for full details. Our parish school is St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Corsham <http://www.stpatricks-wilts.co.uk/> telephone number 01249 713125; email admin@st-patricks.wilts.sch.uk . Please ensure you apply by the closing date of **15th January 2021**.

The Season of Creation 2020 – an Invitation to Participate: The Season of Creation runs from 1st September (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) to 4th October (the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi) each year. This ecumenical season is dedicated to prayer and action for the protection of creation. It is a time to renew our relationships with God our Creator, and with all creation, as we join together in prayer. We give thanks for all that God has made, repent for the damage that we have caused and commit ourselves to take action to protect the earth our common home. This year we have been made acutely aware of how interconnected we all are, and so we come together in hope that we can rebuild and heal our

world. Information is on our Diocesan website: <https://cliftondiocese.com/season-of-creation-2020/> and this week's prayer is at the end of this newsletter.

Could you be a School Foundation Governor? The Diocese is recruiting people to serve on school governing bodies. If you believe in Catholic education, have enthusiasm and commitment, you can make a valuable contribution to a Catholic school. It also provides the opportunity to use your life/work skills and experience for the benefit of the children in our schools. Please contact bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com 07710 094976 for more information – he would be delighted to hear from you.

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.

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

Please pray for the following: Mrs. Rosa Menghini, Don d'Cruz, Mrs Kathleen Murphy, John Doyle, Mrs Marian Frawley, Geoff Blwyddin, Mrs Jean Irwin, Mrs Jeanette Allsop, Zofia Clarke, Chris Bate, David Coughlin, Katja Lubina, Patrick Egan, Mrs Jonasz. Deacon David Wakefield, Rebecca Matthews, Paul Hogg, Keith Healy, Alan Glass, Tricia Rigg, Henie Dixon, Brian Hillhouse, June Carey, Jon, Naomi & Isaac Harrison, John Learoyd. Alan McFall, Chair of Melksham Family of Churches. All who are suffering from coronavirus, and those finding isolation 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.**

Wordsearch – Twenty-Sixth Sunday

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ACCEPTING	EVEN	RENOUNCES
CHIEFPRIESTS	GLORY	SAVIOUR
CLING	GOODNESS	SELFEFFACING
COLLECTORS	HIMSELF	SHOWN
COMMIT	KNEE	TENDERNESS
CROSS	MAKE	TRUE
DIES	NOBODY	VINEYARD
ELDERS	PATTERN	WORK

Eliminate only the words given in the list. Any other words are coincidental and should be ignored. The remaining letters describe Our Lord: _ _ _ _ _

The remaining letters from last week should have read - DENNIS AND CAROLINA!! Hilary Clifton

Just some thoughts:

Who was the greatest financier in the Bible? Noah. He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.

Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible? Pharaoh's daughter. She went to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.

Words of Wisdom:

I have made you a little like myself
I have given you a mind to know what is good.
I have given you a heart to know what is good.
I have given you a will to do things that make other people happy

Sirach 17:1f

Prayers for the Season of Creation: Sunday 27th September

In thanksgiving (Walter Rauschenbusch)

O God, we thank you for this earth, our home;
for the wide sky and the blessed sun,
for the salt sea and the running water,
for the everlasting hills
and the never-resting winds,
for trees and the common grass underfoot.
We thank you for our senses
by which we hear the songs of birds,
and see the splendour of the summer fields,
and taste of the autumn fruits,
and rejoice in the feel of the snow,
and smell the breath of the spring.
Grant us a heart wide open to all this beauty;
and save our souls from being so blind
that we pass unseeing
when even the common thorn bush
is aflame with your glory,
O God our creator,
who lives and reigns forever and ever.

Amen.

The Pope Francis's Prayer for World Day for Migrants and Refugees

Father, you entrusted to Saint Joseph what you held most precious: the child Jesus and his Mother, in order to protect them from the dangers and threats of the wicked.

Grant that we may experience his protection and help. May he, who shared in the sufferings of those who flee from the hatred of the powerful, console and protect all our brothers and sisters driven by war, poverty and necessity to leave their homes and their lands to set out as refugees for safer places.

Help them, through the intercession of Saint Joseph, to find the strength to persevere, give them comfort in sorrows and courage amid their trials.

Grant to those who welcome them some of the tender love of this just and wise father, who loved Jesus as a true son and sustained Mary at every step of the way.

May he, who earned his bread by the work of his hands, watch over those who have seen everything in life taken away and obtain for them the dignity of a job and the serenity of a home.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, whom Saint Joseph saved by fleeing to Egypt, and trusting in the intercession of the Virgin Mary, whom he loved as a faithful husband in accordance with your will. Amen.

Any Comments? *Is there anything you would particularly like to see included in the weekly newsletter? 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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