



## Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August: Twenty-Second Sunday: Mass 9.00 am**

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August: Morning Prayer 9.45 am, Mass at 10.00 am**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September: 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*

Help our parish: Please sponsor Gervase and Paul as they ride for Wiltshire Historic Churches and St Anthony's on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September. Sponsorship forms in the porch.

### PARISH NEWS

#### Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September – World Day of Prayer for

**the Care of Creation:** The Season of Creation runs from 1<sup>st</sup> September to the Feast of St Francis, 4<sup>th</sup> October, and starts with a World Day of Prayer. During this season we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with our God, our neighbour and the earth we share. A prayer for the care of creation can be found at the end of the newsletter.

#### Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September - Coach Transport to see the Relics of St Bernadette at Clifton Cathedral:

Parishioners at St Edmund's have provisionally booked a coach to Clifton cathedral for Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September. It will depart from St Edmund's at 12.00 noon, and leave the cathedral at 7.35 pm. To be able to confirm, we need 46 people between our 2 churches to sign up, at £12 per head. Those travelling will need to bring a packed lunch and drink. If anyone would like to be included, please **sign up on the sheet in the porch on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August after Mass**. Please note the coach can only be hired if there is enough interest.

**Thursdays:** Adoration from 10.00 am to 3.00pm.

**Wednesdays:** Breaking Open and Sharing the Word after Mass

**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, John Porter. 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](mailto:ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net)

### DEANERY

**Pro Family Pro Woman Pro Life** A new prolife group is being set up in the area and the organisers would love your involvement, big or small. Please consider whether you would like to be on a prayer rota praying for the unborn and all baby loss; on an email list to sign important petitions; whether you could help plan some prolife activities to be delivered in school or whether you could make any financial contributions to support prolife activities with our young people. Please come to share your ideas and/or use your admin, communication, prayer or creative skills for the glory of God! You

are invited to a meeting on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm, in St. John's Parish Centre, Trowbridge**. Please spread the word and contact Sinéad with any queries or to request the minutes if you are unable to attend: [haywoodsmv@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:haywoodsmv@yahoo.co.uk) 07903 120266 / 01225 971020. Thanks very much!

### CLIFTON DIOCESE

**A Faith Full Journey:** Clifton Diocese has a new series of online conversations planned. People are encouraged to simply turn up (virtually), to deepen their faith and invigorate their formation. The real time sessions will be recorded so that others can watch in their own time individually or as a group. The first session is on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**. The theme is "Young People and the Church - Exploring the faith identity of Catholic Teenagers," and we welcome Avril Baigent, Pastoral Ministry Advisor for the Diocese of Northampton. The conversation will take place on *Microsoft Teams*, 7.30pm – 8.45pm. All are welcome to join! For people to register their interest please contact [adult.education@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com).

A *Microsoft Teams* invite will be sent out a few days before each talk.

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> 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>

### UNIVERSITIES CHRISTIAN UNION'S

**FRESHER GETAWAYS:** Wonderfully, university is a time when many Christian students really thrive in the faith and when lots of non-Christians come to know Jesus. As university CUs, we want to help as many incoming Christian students as possible make a fantastic start to Christian life at uni. Through our freshers' getaways, we want to encourage them to get stuck into a local church, and show them that living and speaking for Jesus is the best way to do life. Our getaways involve a couple of days' retreat before the start of the academic year, where Christian freshers can meet each other, find out about churches in the cities they're going to, and be equipped for Christian life and witness at university. Many find that attending these getaways help them settle into university more quickly and set them up for the rest of their student life. The universities which run freshers' getaways are Cambridge, Durham, Leeds, Loughborough, Nottingham, Oxford,

Warwick. Students can link up with any university CU in the country using the following link [Starting Uni - UCCF: The Christian Unions](#).

### 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 YOUR DIARY:

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September – Wiltshire Historic Churches "Ride and Stride" fundraising event.** Half of funds raised by participants go to their own parish. Join in for St Anthony's! Details at <https://wiltshirehistoricchurchestrust.org.uk/ride-and-stride/parish-organiser-information>

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September – St Edmund's Parish Barbeque** 12.30pm in the garden (or parish hall if wet). All welcome.

**September 10<sup>th</sup> /11<sup>th</sup> – The relics of St Bernadette visit Clifton Cathedral:** A timetable of the visit available is on the Clifton Diocese website: [Bernadette | Clifton Diocese](#) . If you wish to attend, please email [mary.manners@cltondiocese.com](mailto:mary.manners@cltondiocese.com)

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September – Day of Prayer for Ukraine:** A chance to stand shoulder-to-shoulder in faith, asking Our Lord Jesus Christ to protect his people. It is our chance to tell our brothers and sisters in Ukraine that we have not forgotten, that they still matter, and that they are loved.

Monday 26th September – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:enquiries@sjpc.org.uk) or tel: 01225 767215

The exhibition will be available to view from 9.00am-9.00pm each day.

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September – Virtual Synodal conversation, 6-8pm. Please register your interest at

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/growing-synodality-a-conversation-tickets-389227328417>

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October – St Anthony's Quiz night and fish and chip supper, 7.00 pm

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

### AND FINALLY –

#### Words of Wisdom

"To pray together, to help on another, to share life stories, common joys and struggles: this is what opens the door to the reconciling work of God."

Pope Francis

#### Prayer for the Care of Creation

Father, Lord of all creation,  
we praise you with all your creatures  
and the whole universe that comes forth from the  
work of Your hands.

We acknowledge the privilege and responsibility  
that You give us as stewards of Your creation.  
In our ignorance we have done damage to our  
common home, and our brothers and sisters are  
suffering.

Through faithfully following your Son,  
guide and direct us to prepare for a better future.  
Teach us to contemplate You in the beauty of the  
universe, for all things speak of You.

Give us the grace to recognise, respect and protect all  
You have created, using wisely all that you have  
entrusted to us.

Holy Spirit, who first hovered over the dawn of  
creation and drew order out of the chaos,  
help us to build your kingdom of justice, love, peace  
and beauty where the poor of the earth are crying out.  
You, who live and reign, world without end,  
Amen.

### Wordsearch: Mariupol Remembered

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ARK	KIROV	POST
AZOV	KNAYPA	RITRIT
BANK	KUM	SAVONA
BOBSYOURUNCLE	LAKY	SHKOLA
BVC	LAVRA	SOYUZ
CHAIKA	MAYAK	TANK
CITYWOMAN	MEDUZA	TASTE
CRAFTKAVA	MIY	TEREMOK
DAMYATI	MORYAK	TESLA
DYU	NARODNOHOPOBUTU	TSUM
FONTAN	NATALI	UKRPOSHTA
FURNITURE	NIKE	VESELKA
GUSIPRODZHEKT	OKULYST	YANA
HARANT	OLD	YULA
KHLIB	OPTIKA	ZABAVA

Mariupol is a port city which used to be like many others. These words, with some translations, are the names of some of the shops, cafes, businesses and attractions that the people went to, like billions the world over. I apologise for any mistakes. The remaining letters make another Ukrainian word:

— — — — — which means 'child'.....

Hilary Clifton

## Twenty-Second Sunday

Sunday Year C; Psalter 2

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August

**Reading 1** – Eccles 3: 17-20, 28-29

**Psalm refrain: In your goodness, O God, you prepared a home for the poor.**

**Reading 2** – Heb 12: 18-19, 22-24

**Gospel** – Lk 14: 1, 7-14

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August: Memorial of the Passion of St John the Baptist**

**Word:** 1Cor 2: 1-5; Ps 118;

**Mk 6: 17-29 Hours:** Psalter 2, Proper of Memorial

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August: Word:** : 1Cor 2: 10-16; Ps 114; Lk 4: 31-37 **Hours:** Psalter 2

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August: Word:** 1Cor 3: 1-9; Ps 32; Lk 4: 38-44 **Hours:** Psalter 2

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September: Word:** 1Cor 3: 18-23; Ps 23; Lk 5: 1-11 **Hours:** Psalter 2

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September: Word:** 1Cor 4: 1-5; Ps 36; Lk 5: 33-39 **Hours:** Psalter 2

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September: Feast of St Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church**

**Word:** 1Thes 2: 2-8; Ps 95; Mt 16: 13-19

**Hours:** Psalter 2 and National Proper

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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