



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Masses

It is no longer necessary to book to attend Mass, but you must record your attendance on entry. We ask that face coverings/masks continue to be worn in places of worship, hands are sanitised on entry, and social distancing respected.

Mass will be celebrated on:

Wednesday 1st September – 10.00 am

NO Mass this Saturday 4th September

Sunday 5th September – 9.00am

Sunday 29th August – Twenty-Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Sunday Year B; Psalter week 2

Reading 1 – Dt 4: 1-2, 6-8

Psalm refrain: The just will live in the presence
of the Lord.

Reading 2 – Jas 1: 17-18, 21-22, 27

Gospel – Mk 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Monday 30th August: Word: 1Thes 4: 13-18; Ps 95;
Lk 4: 16-30 Hours: Psalter 2

Tuesday 31st August: Word: 1Thes 5: 1-6, 9-11;
Ps 26; Lk 4: 31-37 Hours: Psalter 2

Wednesday 1st September: Word: Col 1: 1-8;
Ps 51; Lk 4: 38-44 Hours: Psalter 2

Thursday 2nd September: Word: Col 1:9-15;
Ps 97; Lk 5: 1-11 Hours: Psalter 2

Friday 3rd 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

Saturday 4th September: Word: Col 1: 21-23; Ps 53;
Lk 6: 1-5 Hours: Psalter 2

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

PARISH NEWS

John Doyle, RIP: We are sad to announce the death of John Doyle, who passed away on Tuesday 24th August. Please keep him and his family in your prayers. Funeral details will be announced.

Diocesan Diaries and Directories 2022: If anyone would like to purchase a Diocesan Diary or Directory for 2022, please add your name to the order sheet in the porch, indicating which publication you would like. We expect delivery in October/November.

We need you! We need more volunteers to help us resume our pre-Covid activities such as Adoration, Altar Serving, welcoming, cleaning, reading, flowers etc. Thanks to those who have already signed up – we still need more people to help maintain these services to St Anthony's. Please put your name on one of the sign-up sheets in the porch. Thank you.

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

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.

WHAT'S ON

Private Prayer: The church will be open for private prayer Tuesday mornings from 9.30 am to 11.30 am. *Please sign the attendance register in the church.*

CLIFTON DIOCESE NEWS

Vacancy for Schools and Colleges Dept. Administrator – Term time 25 hours pw: The Schools & Colleges Department of Clifton Diocese are recruiting a Department Administrator. Based in Alexander House, Bristol, the role includes various administrative activities. Hours: 9.30 am to 2.30 pm Monday to Friday. The successful applicant will need to have office admin. experience and be well organised. For the job description, personal specification and application form visit:

www.cliftondiocese.com/diocese/working-for-us/ Closing Date is midday 10th September.

Catechists' Day, 25th September: The Diocese is holding a day for catechists and those involved in parish formation and evangelisation. The focus will be on family catechesis, led by David Wells and Ingrid La Trobe. The event will take place at **St. John the Baptist parish centre, Trowbridge**, starting at 11.00am and finishing around 4.00pm. Refreshments will be provided from 10.30am, please 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

News from CAFOD

10th Anniversary of the Syrian conflict – how your donations have helped the Syrian people: Thanks to your donations, CAFOD has been helping people in Syria since the crisis began 10 years ago. Over 12 million people have left their homes, 5.6 million are refugees in neighbouring countries and within Syria, 13 million people need help. Initially, our focus was on delivering food and blankets through local church partners. Then we started providing education, health and legal services, and helping people earn a living. Our latest projects are supporting children, lonely elderly people, helping women learn to read, and helping people restart their small businesses. We've always planned for the long term, standing alongside people who lost everything. None of this work would have been possible without your support of CAFOD. Thank you.

CAFOD'S Faith in Action Day – Sunday 11th September: Join us for an online day of talk and prayer to learn more about this year's climate talks, Pope Francis's call to action and how people in the Amazon region are leading the fight to care for our common home. In a few months, the UK will host the largest gathering of world leaders ever to take place on British soil: the 'COP26' climate talks. Our government has a vital role to play in leading global efforts to tackle the climate crisis. As citizens of the host nation and as people of faith, we have an important role to play. This is the time to come together, build a community and act. Do not miss our Faith in Action Day 2021 on Saturday 11th September, 11.00 am-4.00 pm. This event is part

of the **Great Big Green Week**, a series of events happening in September to bring together communities across the country for climate and nature. More information can be found at <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Events/Faith-in-Action-Day-2021>

MELKSHAM FAMILY of CHURCHES – Can you help? Melksham Christmas Day Lunch: The Core Church are no longer able to provide a Christmas lunch for the needy of Melksham, but Melksham Family of Churches would like to be able to continue this much appreciated service. If you would be willing to give up your Christmas Day to work as part of a team from Melksham's Churches to help those less fortunate, please contact Sharon in the parish office by **Friday 4th September**, please.

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, 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, Anne Doyle, Sheila Likey-Ayling. 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....

Life is interesting. I lost my car keys in the park and never found them. I lost my sunglasses at the beach and never found them. I keep losing the odd sock in the wash and never finding them. I lost three pounds on a diet but found them and two more....

Jesussite.com

Biblical Songs:

Noah: "Raindrops Keep Falling on my Head"

Adam and Eve: "Strangers in Paradise"

Moses: "The Wanderer"

Christiansunite.com

Wordsearch

Hilary is taking a well-earned break – Wordsearch will return on 5th September.

Words of Wisdom....

Some people, in order to discover God, read books.

But there is a great book: the very appearance of created things. Look above you! Look below you!

Read it. God, whom you want to discover, never wrote that book with ink. Instead, He set before your eyes the things that He had made. Can you ask for a louder voice than that?"

Augustine of Hippo

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*

If you know of any parishioners who do not have access to email, please print this newsletter for them.

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