



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Mass will be held on Wednesday 5th August at 10.00 am and Sunday 9th August at 9.00 am.

Attendance will need to be pre-booked to maintain social distancing, and so that people will not have to be turned away at the door if we reach maximum occupancy. **Please do not arrive at church hoping to attend Mass if you have not booked in advance.** It is possible that we may not be able to accommodate all parishioners at Mass every week. We will keep a record of attendees so that everyone will have the opportunity to attend Mass at some time. Future Mass times and dates will be advertised in our newsletter.

To pre-book your attendance at Mass on one of the days above:

Contact Anne Doyle on Monday 3rd August, between 09.00 am - 11.00 am, or 6.00pm – 8.00pm;
telephone 01225 707486 or email anne.doyle16@blueyonder.co.uk

We appreciate that some people would like to remain after Mass for private prayer. We must ensure the church is cleaned after each Mass, so **the church will be open 15 minutes before the beginning of Mass at 9.45 am on Wednesday 5th August and 8.45 am on Sunday 9th August for private prayer.** **Please note: Toilet facilities will remain closed;** please remember this when planning your visit. Heartfelt thanks to all our volunteers who make reopening possible.

Sunday 2nd August: Eighteenth Sunday of the Year

Sunday Year A; Psalter week 2

Reading 1 – Is 55: 1-3

Psalm refrain: You open wide your hand, O Lord; you grant our desires

Reading 2 – Rom 8: 35, 37-39

Gospel - Matthew 14: 22-36

Prayers of the Faithful, Eighteenth Sunday of the Year

Mindful of God's love for us we bring before him:

Leaders of governments and churches;

Those in the emergency services, and healthcare workers both here and in dangerous places across the world;

The sick in body, mind and spirit and the lonely;

The parishes of St. Dunstan, Somerton; St Joseph, Langport; Holy Ghost, Yeovil with Petherton and St Michael's here in Melksham;

Those who have died, their families and friends;

Father God, You know our inmost thoughts and needs. Help us always to remember that You love us with an eternal, all accepting love. We make this prayer through the Holy Trinity. Amen

Hilary Clifton

Monday 3rd August: Word: Jer 28: 1-17; Ps 118; Mt 14: 22-36

Hours: Psalter 2

Tuesday 4th August: Memorial of St John Mary Vianney, Priest

Word: Jer 30: 1-2, 12-15; Ps 101; Mt 15: 1-2, 10-14

Hours: Psalter 2

Wednesday 5th August

Reading 1 – Jer 31: 1-7

Psalm refrain: The Lord will guard us as a shepherd guards his flock

Gospel: Mt 15: 21-28

Hours: Psalter 2

Thursday 6th August: Feast of the Transfiguration

Word: Dn 7: 9-10, 13-14; Ps 96; Mt 17: 1-9

Hours: Psalter 2, Proper of Feast

Friday 7th August: Word: Na 2: 1, 3, 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32; Mt 16: 24-28

Hours: Psalter 2

Saturday 8th August: Word: Hb 1:12-2:4; Ps 49; Mt 17: 14-20

Hours: Psalter 2

Retiring Collections – Easter offering for Fr Vincent

Volunteer Cleaners: We rely heavily on our volunteers during this time to be able to open our church. We need more volunteer cleaners to join our team; if you are not in the clinically vulnerable group (under 70 and not shielding), please contact Mary Rooney on 07789 910591 to help with this important task. Thank 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.

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, Mrs Bridie Liddle, 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. All those 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 – Eighteenth Sunday of the Year:

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| ASHORE | FAVOURS | PERSECUTED |
| BAPTIST | FISH | REMAINING |
| BOAT | GRASS | RICH |
| BREAD | HAND | STILL |
| BRING | HEARD | THING |
| CALL | LACKING | THIRSTY |
| CERTAIN | MAKE | THOUSAND |
| CLOTHES | NEITHER | TRIALS |
| COST | NOTHING | |
| EVERLASTING | OPEN | |

Eliminate only the words in the list. The remaining letters describe a wonderful action.

____/_____/___ The remaining word from last week was TREASURE.

Hilary Clifton

Words of Wisdom:

Where would we be

Love is

An impossible word

Yet

Without it.....

Where would society be

Without those with passion for social justice?

Where would our environment be

Without those with reverence for all creation?

Where would the lonely, the anxious, the ill and the dying be

Without those with compassion for suffering humanity?

Where would I be

Without warm friendship, tender mutuality?

With God

All things are possible,

But let us not confuse

Sentimentality

With difficult yet wondrously, miraculous loved reality.

"Let there be", compiled by Churches Together in England

Just some thoughts:

I was reading a Bible in a hotel and I started to feel dizzy. It was a Gideon.

Tim Vine

Church bulletin extracts:

- Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days
- The church will host an evening of fine dining, entertainment and gracious hospitality
- Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered

Any Comments?

Is there anything you would particularly like to see included in the weekly newsletter, while we are unable to gather together to worship? Please send any comments to the email address below, or 'phone the office on 01225 702128 and leave a message. Thank you.

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