



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Sunday 2nd October: Twenty-Seventh Sunday: Mass 9.00 am

Tuesday 4th October: Rosary at 10.00 am

Wednesday 5th October: Morning Prayer 9.45 am; Mass at 10.00 am

Thursday 6th October: Adoration 10.00 to 3.00 pm

Saturday 8th October: 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.

St Anthony's Quiz Night and Fish and Chip Supper – Friday 14th October, 7.00 pm: Adults £10, children £6.00 to include cost of fish and chips. Come and join us for an evening of fun and help raise funds for our parish project and charity. **Please sign up on the sheet in the porch by the end of Wednesday 5th October.** Who will be our quiz champion 2022?

PARISH NEWS

Next Weekend - retiring collection; proceeds of CAFOD Family Fast Day

Season of Creation: Novenas for the Season of Creation are available in church for you to take away and pray at home.

Tuesdays in October - Rosary: The Rosary will be said each Tuesday at 10.00 am in church, starting this Tuesday 4th October. Also, we will say the Rosary this Friday 7th October at 12.00 noon, before our Fast Day lunch.

Friday October 7th - St Anthony's Fast Day Lunch: To support CAFOD's Family fast Day – **see below** – we are holding a Fast day Lunch in the Hall at 12.30pm. All welcome.

CAFOD – Family Fast Day: CAFOD's [Family Fast Day](#) is coming up on Friday 7th October. This Harvest, we are responding to the [World Food Crisis](#). Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. As each day goes by, the situation worsens. As people of faith we must act. Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table. Please give today or start a monthly gift to CAFOD. Use the envelope in the church for our parish collection on next weekend of 8th/9th October

or go to cafod.org.uk/fastday.

St Edmund's Chamber Concert for The Harbour Project: 6.45pm for 7pm, **Saturday, 15th October** at Cadenham Manor, Foxham SN15 4NH. Full details of this concert are on St Edmund's parish website and a poster on the notice board in the hall. Tickets can be booked via the website or from Albert Pace on albert.pace@btinternet.co.uk

Mother's Prayers: Mondays at 10.30 am.

Wednesdays: Breaking Open and Sharing the Word after Mass

Thursdays: Adoration from 10.00 am to 3.00pm.

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. 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

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Saturday 15th 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>

Diocesan Parish Finance Support Officer

The Diocese is currently introducing a new online accounting system (OPAS), and additional support is needed in the Finance team to help support all parishes move to this system. The role is full-time, although more flexible patterns will be considered, based within the Finance team which is part of the Curia (administrative office) of the Diocese, and based at Alexander House, Bristol. There will be an occasional need to travel to parishes throughout the Diocese. **The closing date for applications is Friday 7th October 2022.** For further details and an application form, please visit the Working for Us page within the Clifton Diocese website:

[Working for us | Clifton Diocese](#)

Do You Believe in Catholic Education? Bishop Declan wishes to appoint new school governors to support the education of today's generation of pupils. Could you support Catholic education by becoming a school governor? Governors come from all walks of life and backgrounds – so why not you? If you have enthusiasm and commitment, you can help to positively influence the children's lives. Visit

<https://schools.cliftondiocese.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Could-you-be-a-School-Governor.pdf> or contact Bill McEntee, Governance Officer, Clifton Diocese, on 07710 094976 or bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com for more information and for details of how to apply.

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 the Diary :

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

AND FINALLY –

CAFOD Family Fast Day Prayer

God of Abundance,
you entrust to our care
your gift of creation, our common home.
Open our ears to hear
the cry of the earth
and the cry of the poor.

God of justice,
you show us how to live in
gratitude and solidarity.
Open our mouths to speak out,
challenging greed and inequality,
and standing up for all among us
in desperate need of food.

God of hope,
you share with us your vision
of a world renewed.
Open our hearts to compassion.
As we hold before you
the people of East Africa,
may we reach out in love.
Amen.



Wordsearch: Twenty-Seventh Sunday

E	F	S	G	A	L	F	N	T	A	D	K
G	E	W	I	L	L	E	O	P	E	N	I
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R	S	A	T	R	A	D	S	E	P	E	H
T	N	P	A	Y	R	D	L	A	U	O	K
U	N	H	E	A	R	T	S	P	V	U	H
O	F	E	U	A	I	R	R	U	K	E	A
F	L	G	T	M	K	I	E	K	A	S	B
L	A	S	E	S	G	C	A	B	O	Y	I
A	U	I	S	H	I	B	O	U	L	T	R
M	N	E	T	S	A	L	L	R	S	U	E
E	G	N	I	H	G	U	O	L	P	D	M

CRY	HOPE	SAVE
DUTY	KEEP	SHEEP
FAITH	KNEEL	SOUL
FAN	LISTEN	SPEAK
FLAGS	MERIBAH	TEST
FLAME	MULBERRYTREE	TIME
GIFT	MUSTARDSEED	TODAY
GUARD	OUTRAGE	UPRIGHT
HABAKKUK	PLOUGHING	WILL
HARDEN	ROCK	
HEARTS	SAKE	

Eliminate only the listed words. No word should be entirely inside another. The remaining letters finish the last phrase from today's first reading:

'but the upright man will live by his _ _ _ _ _
_ _ _ _ _

The completed phrase from last week (26th Sunday) was "BEHOLD the MAN" Hilary Clifton



Twenty-Seventh Sunday

Sunday Year C; Psalter 3

Sunday 2nd October

Reading 1 – Hb 1: 2-3, 2: 2-4

Psalm refrain: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Reading 2 – 2Tim 1: 6-8, 13-14

Gospel – Lk 17: 5-19

Monday 3rd October: Word: Gal 1: 6-12;
Ps 110; Lk 10: 25-37 **Hours:** Psalter 3

Tuesday 4th October: Memorial of St Francis of Assisi

Word: Gal 1: 13-24; Ps 138;
Lk 10: 38-42

Hours: Psalter 3, Proper of Memorial

Wednesday 5th October: Word: Gal 2: 1-2, 7-14;
Ps 116; Lk 11: 1-4 **Hours:** Psalter 3

Thursday 6th October: Word: Gal 3: 1-5; Lk 1;
Lk 11: 5-13 **Hours:** Psalter 3

Friday 7th October: Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

Word: Gal 3: 7-14; Ps 110;
Lk 11: 15-26

Hours: Proper of Memorial

Saturday 8th October: Word: Gal 3: 22-29;
Ps 104; Lk 11: 27-28 **Hours:** Psalter 3

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

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