



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Sunday 30th October: Thirty-First Sunday: Mass 9.00 am

Tuesday 1st November – Solemnity of All Saints: Mass 10.00 am

Mass at St Edmund's 7.00 pm

Wednesday 2nd November - All Souls' Day: Morning Prayer 9.40 am; Mass 10.00 am

Thursday 3rd November: Adoration *in the hall* 10.00 to 3.00 pm

Saturday 5th November: Mass 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

As winter approaches, we ask everyone to make sure they dress for warmth when they come to church. We continue to keep windows open in the church to reduce the spread of virus – at the same time due to increased utility costs that we all face, church heating cannot be set to as high a temperature as we would like. Thank you.

Can you help? Melksham Free Dining Provides a free lunch and entertainment for up to 40 lonely or vulnerable people every Wednesday. All their helpers are volunteers, and they need more! You can help as little or as often as you like. For more information, contact Louisa on 07967 123858 or email mfdining@gmail.com

PARISH NEWS

Next weekend - retiring collection Clifton Cathedral Support Fund

NO Children's Liturgy of the Word this week – starts again Sunday 6th November

Thank you very much for your donations to World Mission Sunday last week. Your prayers and support of World Mission Sunday will help missionaries work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Please pray for the work of Missio and all those working in the love of Jesus

Work on the Presbytery: A replacement front door will be fitted to the Presbytery on Friday 4th November

Mass for Deceased Family Members and

Parishioners: A Mass will be held for deceased family members and parishioners on **Saturday 19th November, at 10.00 am** at St Anthony of Padua.

Please note that refreshments will be served in the hall after this Saturday Mass. A sheet is available in the porch for the names of deceased family and friends who have died **after 1st November 2021**.

Those who have died before then can be named on

leaves on our Remembrance Tree.

Remembrance Tree: Our Remembrance Tree will be in the church from 1st November, in memory of all those who have died **on or before 31st October 2021**. To remember someone, please take a blank leaf/leaves from the tray in the porch, write their name(s) on the leaf and put it in the relevant tray, for display on the tree.

Time to start school? If you have a child born between **1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019**, then **now** is the time to apply for a place at a Catholic primary school in the Diocese. You must complete an application form (either online or on paper) that is available from the school admissions team of Wiltshire Council, for admission during the **2023-24** school year. If your child has been baptised, you **must** also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to your preferred school. Our parish school is St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Corsham – please contact them also on **01249 713125**, or email admin@st-patricks.wilts.sch.uk Please ensure you apply by the closing date of **15th January 2023**.

St Anthony's Parish Christmas Lunch 2022 - Wednesday 7th December, 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm, at The Water Meadow, Melksham SN12 7GS: If you are interested in coming to the Parish Christmas lunch, please collect a numbered menu from Rebecca/John tel. **07872 058510**. Make your choices and return your menu to Rebecca with payment in full by **Sunday 13th November**.

Mother's Prayers: Mondays at 10.30 am.

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. 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

CLIFTON DIOCESE

Liturgical Ministers – Renewing our Liturgical Ministries: Fr Paul Turner will be talking to our liturgical ministers, particularly ministers of hospitality, reading and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, in the Apostle Room of our cathedral on **Saturday 12th November** beginning at 10.30am and ending at 3.30pm. Fr Paul is an internationally renowned liturgist who was recently appointed by Pope Francis as a Consultor to the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments. Refreshments will be available from 10am, and participants will need to bring a packed lunch. To book email liturgy@cliftondiocese.com with 'Fr Paul Turner' in the subject line.

OTHER NEWS

Homes for Ukraine Matching Service: Caritas Social Action Network, in partnership with St John of God Hospitaller Services, an international Catholic charity, have launched a service to bring together Ukrainian people displaced by the brutal war in their country with

people in the Catholic community willing to host them in their homes for 6 months. Once the match ids confirmed, the Ukrainian guest can apply for their visa. We know that coping with the cost-of-living crisis will be the main concern for many people this winter, but if you have room in your home and in your heart to consider welcoming a stranger displaced by war, then we'd love to hear from you. Please visit [SJOG - Homes for Ukraine Here to help](#) for more information.

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 12th November – Renewing Our Liturgical Ministries: Talk by Fr Paul Turner to Liturgical Ministers, 10.30am -3.30pm **Clifton Cathedral**. To book, please email litugy@cliftondiocese.com with "Fr Paul Turner" in the subject line.

Saturday 19th November, St Anthony of Padua: Mass for deceased family members and parishioners, 10.00 am

Sunday 20th November – In Memory of Mary Harris: A statue in Christchurch, Shaw, which has been purchased with donations in memory of Mary Harris will be dedicated at Christchurch (SN12 8EQ) today at 10.00 am. All are welcome to attend. *Please note; there will be no refreshments after Mass this Sunday.*

AND FINALLY –

Wordsearch: Thirty-First Sunday

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DUST	PATH	SPOKE
FALL	PEACE	SPOT
FAR	PERSIST	SYCAMORE
FORMED	POOR	TAX
FOUR	PRAISE	TOWN
GROUND	RAISES	TREE
JOY	REPENT	WISDOM
KIND	RUMOUR	WORLD
LOOKEDUP	SAVE	ZACHEUS

Eliminate only the listed words. No word should be entirely inside another. The remaining letters complete the phrase of the day:

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The word from last week (30th Sunday) was
"MERCIFUL" Hilary Clifton

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.

Newsletter/contact – email:
comms.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftondiocese.com

Thirty-First Sunday

Sunday Year C; Psalter 3

Sunday 30th October

Reading 1 – Wis 11: 22 - 12: 2

Psalm refrain: **I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.**

Reading 2 – 2Thes 1: 11 – 2: 2

Gospel – Lk 19: 1-10

Monday 31st October: Word: Phil 2: 1-4;
Ps 130; Lk 14: 12-14 **Hours:** Psalter 3

Tuesday 1st November: Solemnity of All Saints
Reading 1 – Apoc 7: 2-4, 9-14

Psalm refrain: **Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.**

Reading 2 – 1Jn 3: 1-3

Gospel – Mt 5: 1-12

Hours: **Hours:** Proper of Solemnity

Wednesday 2nd November: All Soul's Day

Word: Is 25 6-9; Ps 26; Rom 5: 5-11;
Lk 7: 11-17

Hours: Proper of Commemoration

Thursday 3rd November: Word: Phil 3: 3-8;
Ps 104; Lk 15: 1-10 **Hours:** Psalter 3

Friday 4th November: memorial of St Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Word: Phil 3: 17- 4: 1; Ps 121; Lk 16: 1-8

Hours: Psalter 3

Saturday 5th November: Word: Phil 4: 10-19;
Ps 111; Lk 16: 9-15 **Hours:** Psalter 3

