



# Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Mass will be celebrated Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 10.00 am, and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 9.00 am.

Please do not arrive at church hoping to attend Mass if you have not booked in advance.

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday is currently suspended.

*It is mandatory for face coverings/masks to be worn in places of worship unless you have an exemption from wearing one (Children under 11, illness, disability, etc.)*

Please note that Covid regulations require young children to be supervised by an adult, remaining with them at all times in and around the Church. Thank you.

To pre-book your attendance at Mass, contact Anne Doyle telephone 01225 707486 or email [anne.doyle16@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:anne.doyle16@blueyonder.co.uk) on the following days:

**Monday, Tuesday or Thursday of each week**

**Please note: Toilet facilities will remain closed;** please remember this when planning your visit. Heartfelt thanks to all our volunteer stewards and cleaners who make reopening possible.

**Prayer for Melksham** - you are invited to spend some time on Wednesday in prayer for all who live and work in Melksham, our Council, industry and shops, hospital, care homes and surgeries.

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday Year B; Psalter week 4**

**Reading 1 – Dt 18: 15-20**

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

**Reading 2 – Cor 7: 32-35**

**Gospel – Mark 1: 21-28**

**Prayers of the Faithful, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Lord God Almighty, you are the font of all knowledge, we your humble servants need your help. Help us to understand your love and live to the best of our poor understanding. Guide us Lord that we may live to glorify The Lord.

In these dark days we pray for all who are in situations of authority, that they will consider everybody and work for the greater good.

We pray for the Pope, for his ministers and all Catholic laity who bring hope and consolation to those around.

We pray for the sick, the elderly, the neglected and for the dead and those who are suffering, may your light shine upon them.

Let us remember all young children as the virus has deprived them of so much that makes childhood enjoyable.

We pray for the people and clergy of The Cathedral Church of Saints Peter and Paul, for racial justice and the United Church in Melksham.

Lord, we love you, and with your help we will be able to face our problems.

Terri Welch

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February: Word:** Heb 11: 32-40; Ps 30; Mk 5: 1-20

**Hours:** Psalter 4

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February: Feast of the Presentation of The Lord**

**Word:** Mal 3: 1-4 or Heb 2: 14-18; Ps 23; Lk 2: 22-40

**Hours:** Psalter 4 and Proper of Feast

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February: Word:** Heb 12: 4-7; Ps 102; Mk 6: 1-6  
**Hours:** Psalter 4

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February: Word:** Heb 12: 18-19, 21-24; Ps 47; Mk 6: 7-13  
**Hours:** Psalter 4

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February: Memorial of St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr**  
**Word:** Heb 13: 1-8; Ps 26; Mk 6: 14-29  
**Hours:** Psalter 4

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February: Memorial of St Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs**  
**Word:** Heb 13: 15-17, 20-21; Ps 22; Mk 6: 30-34  
**Hours:** Psalter 4

**Mrs Kathleen Murphy:** It is with sadness that we announce the death of Mrs Kathleen Murphy, who passed away on 11<sup>th</sup> January in Bath RUH. Her funeral will take place in Windsor. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January – First Holy Communion:** We welcome Michael, Amelia, Celeste, Megan and Ezekiel as they celebrate their First Holy Communion at St. Anthony's this Sunday. Please pray for them and their families as they continue their journey with God.

**St Edmund's Presbytery – Cleaner(s):** Fr Vincent is searching for a cleaner for the Presbytery in Calne – can anyone help? For more information, please speak with Fr Vincent. Thank you.

**Parish Charities:** Zofia Clark still has some facemasks to sell for our charities; if you would like to buy some, please contact Zofia direct on **01225 340998**. 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>

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021 - Welcome the Stranger, Online Event at 5-6.30 pm:** All are invited to join Bishop Mark O'Toole and Bishop Declan Lang for an evening of prayer and reflection on the issues facing refugees, migrants and those affected by modern slavery. Guest speakers include Nick Hanrahan from the Jesuit Refugee Service and Caroline Virgo from the Clewer initiative. The event will take place via zoom - you can register to attend by following this link: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=KidbqQHRkEKigby9p4Zaca73jzxqOQNHSgHGCFRchfhUME1HUTNENjRJV1EyQVdGU0ZFWEpFNhFhQVCQIQCN0PWcu> or email [caritas@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:caritas@prcdtr.org.uk).

**The Bible Hub, Chosen Youth, Swindon:** The Bible Hub has been created to enable young people to look up to God as their father, Jesus as their friend and the Holy Spirit as their guide by exploring the bible scriptures. The Chosen youth team will upload new scriptures every month which will be based on themes and issues that the youth face. They are open to receiving any form of artworks around these bible scriptures or your favourite Bible verses – the ones that speak to you in the good times and the bad; the ones that have helped you through tough times. Visit <https://www.hrymchosenyouth.co.uk/bible-hub> for more information.

**Clifton Diocesan Holy Land Pilgrimage 2021 led by Bishop Declan Lang – Expressions of interest needed:** Bishop Declan plans to lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2021 (11<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> October) staying three nights in Galilee, two nights in Bethlehem, and three nights in Jerusalem. Initial estimated costings indicate a figure of £1,959 per person (based on two people sharing). The cost of the Pilgrimage is currently an estimate. It is possible that the cost of flights will rise and consequently increase the cost of the total package. As soon the final price is known the organisers will let you know. Since this is a popular pilgrimage expressions of interest are now invited for an idea of numbers. If you are interested in next year's pilgrimage, then please contact Sarah Adams in the Adult Education & Evangelisation department, at [adult.education@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com).

**Catholic Universe and Catholic Times Readers:** You can get your paper delivered direct to your home every week, post free. Please go to [www.thecatholicuniverse.com](http://www.thecatholicuniverse.com) or call them on **0161 820 5722**

**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:** Don d’Cruz, John Doyle, Mrs Marian Frawley, Geoff Blwyddin, Mrs Jean Irwin, Mrs Jeanette Allsop, Zofia Clarke, Chris Bate, Andrew Bate, David Coughlin, Katja Lubina, Patrick Egan. Deacon David Wakefield, Rebecca Matthews, Paul Hogg, Keith Healy, Alan Glass, Tricia Rigg, Henie Dixon, Brian Hillhouse, June Carey, Janet Ruddick, Judith Curtis, Janice Kuranlu. All who are 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.**

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)

**Wordsearch – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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| BEND        | HARDEN   | SIMPLY     |
| CONVULSIONS | HEAR     | SPIRIT     |
| CORINTHIANS | JOY      | SPOKEN     |
| COUNTRYSIDE | LISTEN   | TEACH      |
| DAY         | LONGER   | THANKS     |
| DESTROY     | PEOPLE   | TWO        |
| FACE        | PLEASING | VOICE      |
| GATHER      | PROPHET  | YOURSELVES |
| GIVES       | SERVANT  |            |
| HALTER      | SHINE    |            |

Eliminate only the words given in the list. No word should be entirely inside another. Any other words are completely coincidental and should be ignored. The remaining letters tell us what we should listen to:

\_ \_ \_ / \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ The letters from last week made: "RIGHT PATH" Hilary Clifton

**Just some thoughts:**

- "To try and cheer up lockdown in January, I've put up a marquee in my garden with flashing lights and funky music.....Is this the winter of my disco tent?"
- "Why does the Norwegian navy have barcodes on the side of their ships? So that when they return to port, they can be Scandinavian" (need to say that one in your head!) Via Hilary Clifton

**Words of Wisdom:**

If you give a man a fish, he will eat once.  
 If you teach a man to fish, he will eat for the rest of his life.  
 If you are thinking a year ahead, sow a seed.  
 If you are thinking ten years ahead, plant a tree.  
 If you are thinking a hundred years ahead, educate the people.  
 By sowing the seed you harvest once.  
 By planting a tree, you will harvest tenfold.  
 By educating the people, you will harvest one hundredfold.

**Could you be a School Foundation Governor?** The Diocese is recruiting people to serve on school governing bodies. If you believe in Catholic education, have enthusiasm and commitment, you can make a valuable contribution to a Catholic school. It also provides the opportunity to use your life/work skills and experience for the benefit of the children in our schools. Please contact [bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com) 07710 094976 for more information – he would be delighted to hear from you.

**Any Comments?** *Is there anything you would particularly like to see included in the weekly newsletter? 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.*

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

### **Dates for your Diary**

**Global Healing – Lent:** This Lent, the Global Catholic Climate Movement invites you to 'Global Healing' in response to Pope Francis' call to care more deeply for Our Common Home. Running for six Thursdays from 18<sup>th</sup> February – 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021, 7.30pm – 8.30pm, Global Healing film sessions with reflection, guest speakers & discussion. To register, please email [jane@catholicclimatemovement.global](mailto:jane@catholicclimatemovement.global) Hosted by GCCM Laudato Si' Animators in the UK.