



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Sunday 31st July – Eighteenth Sunday: Mass 9.00 am

Wednesday 3rd August: Morning Prayer 9.45 am, Mass at 10.00 am

Saturday 6th August: 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.

Readings at end of newsletter

Help our parish: Could you support St Anthony's in Wiltshire Historic Churches Ride and Stride? Saturday 10th September. Cycle or walk between churches to raise funds through sponsorship. If you are unable to actively take part, please sponsor one of our parishioners. Sponsorship forms available in the porch.

PARISH NEWS

Thank you to Ms Edith Tan Gana from The Philippines, who has donated £124.00 to St Anthony's Parish Church.

Diocesan Diaries and Directories: If you would like to order a diary or a directory from the Diocese, please sign up on the sheet in the porch before Thursday 18th August.

Thursday 4th August: Adoration 10.00 am to 2.00pm – please note the changed end time.

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, John Porter. All who are suffering from coronavirus, and those finding life difficult. **Please note – due to GDPR**

Join our community: Melksham Tourist

Information Centre offers a range of services as well as attraction brochures and souvenirs, and volunteers to help are welcome; why not pop in to have a look to see what they do. If you would like to help them, please contact Terri Welch

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

DEANERY NEWS

The Turin Shroud Exhibition will be visiting the Parish of St. John The Baptist Parish Centre, Trowbridge BA14 9EA from Monday September 26th - Monday 3rd October. With life-size replicas of the shroud, and many other items, the display will draw visitors into reflection and prayer. Parish groups or individuals are very welcome to visit the exhibition. Video presentations will be shared during the exhibition. There is no need to book a visit to this event, but it would be useful to know who and how many will be visiting. Please contact Becky at St. John's Parish Centre by emailing enquiries@sjpc.org.uk or tel: 01225 767215 The exhibition will be available to view from 9.00am-9.00pm each day.

CLIFTON DIOCESE

September 10th /11th – The relics of St Bernadette visit Clifton Cathedral: Pilgrims will be able to join us for Mass with anointing of the sick, Torchlight procession, Rosary, and the opportunity to venerate these relics of "The Saint of Lourdes". A timetable of the visit is in the church porch and the hall, these and more details are also available on the Clifton Diocese website: [Bernadette | Clifton Diocese](#) . If you wish to attend, please email mary.manners@cltondiocese.com by close of play on **Monday 8th August**. Please also advise if any of your party wish to be anointed, and if they have any mobility issues.

OTHER NEWS

Retrouvaille: Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on 13th – 16th October 2022 or a Face-to-Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 24th – 26th February 2023, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

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 10th September – Wiltshire Historic Churches "Ride and Stride" fundraising event. Half of funds raised by participants go to their own parish. Join in for St Anthony's! Details at <https://wiltshirehistoricchurchestrust.org.uk/ride-stride/parish-organiser-information>

Friday 14th October – St Anthony's Quiz night and fish and chip supper, 7.00 pm

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

AND FINALLY –

Wordsearch: Eighteenth Sunday

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A	O	D	V	N	L	E	A	E	S	S	L
M	R	K	R	U	O	I	V	A	H	E	B
C	Y	E	A	R	S	G	R	A	M	J	A
B	L	W	H	E	S	G	R	A	L	L	R
S	A	A	L	L	I	E	S	E	I	S	A
Y	E	C	I	M	A	G	E	F	D	E	P
W	C	Y	K	M	N	R	E	L	E	N	T
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AWAY	GAIN	RELENT
BACK	GLORY	SAME
BEHAVIOUR	GRASS	SHARE
CLAIMS	GREED	SLAVE
COLOSSIANS	HARVEST	SOUL
DREAM	HEART	TREASURE
ECCLESIASTES	IMAGE	UNDERGONE
EVER	LIES	VANITY
EYES	LIFE	WISDOM
FADES	PARABLE	YEARS
FREE	PITY	

Eliminate only the listed words. No word should be entirely inside another. The remaining letters give two types of people that St Paul talks about:

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The word from last week was GOMORRAH!

Hilary Clifton

St Anthony of Padua Prayers for the Synod

Come Holy Spirit.

Come to this parish family of St Anthony,
be with us as we travel on this synodal journey
with our brothers and sisters across the world.

Come Holy Spirit,
help us to listen to you and each other
so that every voice is heard.
Give us wisdom to discern your will.
Give us patience as together
we explore the way forward

Come Holy Spirit
May we be always open to your work within us,
a true family caring for each other,
open and welcoming to the stranger
and caring for those in need.

Come Holy Spirit, all this we ask of you
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son
forever and ever.
Amen.

Holy Spirit of God,
be with us on this synodal journey.
Give us your gifts of wisdom, patience and
discernment
as we share our thoughts and words
with those who travel with us.

Help us to discern your will.
Guide us in our thinking, listening and sharing,
so that we may become a vibrant community,
open and welcoming to all.

Open us to your guidance and give us courage
so that we may not shy away from new ideas.

All this we ask of you
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son
forever and ever.
Amen.



Readings Ordinary Time week 18

Sunday Year C; Psalter 2

Sunday 31st July – Eighteenth Sunday

Reading 1 – Eccl 1: 2, 2: 21-23

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

Reading 2 – Col 3: 1-5, 9-11

Gospel – Lk 12: 13-21

**Monday 1st August: Memorial of St Alphonsus
Mary Liguori, Bishop, Doctor of the Church**

Word: Jer 28: 1-17; Ps 118;

Mt 14: 13-21 **Hours:** Psalter 2,

Tuesday 2nd August: Word: Jer 30: 1-2, 12-15,
18-22; Ps 101; Mt 14: 22-36 **Hours:** Psalter 2

Wednesday 3rd August: Word: Jer 31: 21-7;
Jer 31; Mt 15: 21-28 **Hours:** Psalter 2

**Thursday 4th August: Memorial of St John
Mary Vianney, Priest, Doctor of the Church**

Word: Jer 31: 31-34; Ps 50;

Mt 16: 13-23 **Hours:** Psalter 2

Friday 5th August: Word: Na 2: 1, 3, 3: 1-3, 6-7;
Dt 32; Mt 16: 24-28 **Hours:** Psalter 2

**Saturday 6th August: Feast of the
Transfiguration**

Word: Dn 7: 9-10, 13-14; Ps 96; Lk 9: 28-36

Hours: Psalter 2, Proper of Feast

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

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access to email, please print this newsletter for
them.**

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