



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Masses

Please record your attendance on entry. We ask that face coverings/masks continue to be worn in places of worship, hands are sanitised on entry, and social distancing respected.

A Mass of Remembrance will be held on Tuesday 2nd November at 7.00 pm.

There will be NO MASS on Wednesday, 3rd November. Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 6th November at 10.00 am, and Sunday 7th November at 9.00 am.

Sunday 31st October – Solemnity of All Saints

Sunday Year B; Psalter week 3

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: -12

Monday 1st November: Word: Rom 11: 29-36;

Ps 68; Lk 14: 12-14 Hours: Psalter 3

Tuesday 2nd November: Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Soul's Day)

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

Mt 11: 25-30 Hours: Proper of Commemoration

Wednesday 3rd November: Word: Rom 13: 8-10;

Ps 111; Lk 14: 25-33 Hours: Psalter 3

Thursday 4th November: Memorial of St Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Word: Rom 14: 7-12; Ps 26;

Lk 15: 1-10 Hours: Psalter 3

Friday 5th November: Word: Rom 15: 14-21; Ps 97;

Lk 16: 1-8 Hours: Psalter 3

Saturday 6th November: Word: Rom 16: 3-9, 16,

22-27; Ps 144; Lk 16: 9-15 Hours: Psalter 3

Reconciliation after Mass on Saturday or by arrangement with Fr Vincent

Next weekend – Retiring Collection for Priests' Retirement Fund

PARISH NEWS

Tell Us the Story of St Anthony of Padua "Coffee and Chat": Bishop Declan has asked all parishes to re-discover and record their history for presentation at Deanery meetings in 2022. We are holding "Coffee and Chat" sessions after Sunday Mass so that people can come together and share their memories and thoughts about St Anthony's. **This Sunday 31st October**: Our present – tell us your thoughts on what we are doing now. Next Sunday will focus on the future. You can let us have your thoughts on all of these in writing/by email, too.

Thursday 4th November: Mass will be said at St Edmund's, Calne, at 10.00 am for Suzie Kostyszyn

Tree of Remembrance: Our Tree of Remembrance will be on display during November. Each leaf in the tree will bear the name(s) of the deceased for whom we wish to pray during November. You are invited to take a coloured paper leaf away and write on it the names of those you wish to be remembered. Return the leaf to the church or Presbytery, and it will be added to our tree. If you are unable to attend church, please email Sharon (email as at the foot of the newsletter), or leave a message on 01225 702128, and your names will be added to the tree. **Please do not add leaves to the tree yourself.**

Please help - Call for More Cleaners! We want to clean the church every week and we need more cleaners to help us. We aim to have 3 groups for the rota so that the commitment will be once every 3 weeks. Please contact Mary Rooney on **07789 910591** or email maryar Rooney@blueyonder.co.uk. Thank you.

Eucharistic Adoration: Eucharistic Adoration continues Thursdays. Thank you to the parishioners who have already signed up, but we need more! Please contact Mary Rooney on **07789 910591** or email maryar Rooney@blueyonder.co.uk

Children's Liturgy of the Word: We are pleased to re-start our Children's Liturgy next Sunday, 7th November. All children who have not yet received First Holy Communion are welcome.

St Anthony's Parish Christmas Lunch: Our parish Christmas lunch will be held on Wednesday 8th December at the Watermeadow, Melksham. Please arrive 12.30 pm for lunch at 1.00 pm. If you are interested, please sign up on the form in the porch, or see Rebecca or Henie for more details.

Christmas Cards: Christmas cards will be available to purchase in the hall from this Sunday

Newsletter: Next week's newsletter will be a two-week edition for Sundays 7th and 14th November. Deadline for articles is Tuesday 2nd November.

WHAT'S ON

Sunday: Refreshments after Mass - Come and join us for tea, coffee and biscuits, and Coffee and Chat.

Monday: Mothers' Prayers continue each Monday at 10.30am in the hall.

Tuesday: The church will be open for Rosary followed by private prayer Tuesday from 9.30 am to 11.30 am.

Mass at 7.00 pm

Wednesday: Breaking Open and Sharing the Word continues Wednesday at 10.45 am.

Thursday: Eucharistic Adoration from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm.

SCHOOLS INFORMATION:

Time to Start School? If you have a child born between **1st September 2017** and **31st August 2018**, then **now** is the time to apply for a place at a Catholic primary school in the Diocese. You must complete an application form available from the school admissions team of Wiltshire Council, for admission during the **2022-23** school year. If your child has been baptised, you **must** provide a copy of the baptism certificate to your preferred school. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of **15th January 2022**. 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

CLIFTON DIOCESE NEWS

Synod Information Sessions: So that we can all fully understand what Pope Francis is asking for in our participation in the Synod, the Diocese is offering information sessions to give everyone an opportunity to find out more and so fully engage with the process. The information session in our Deanery is **6th November, 10am-12noon:** St John's Centre, Trowbridge:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/trowbridge-synod-information-sessions-tickets-190920838367>

If you plan to attend, please let the Diocese know through the Eventbrite link above. Also, there are two **online Teams sessions on 8th and 9th November at 7.00pm.** If you wish to join an online session, please email synod@cliftondiocese.com so that a Teams invitation can be sent out a few

days before the event. Prayer cards for the success of the Synod are available at the back of the church and in the hall.

OTHER NEWS

Renewal Mass: Salisbury Catholics would like to invite you to a Renewal Mass on Tuesday 9th November at 7.00pm, at Holy Redeemer Church, Salisbury, SP1 3EG. Father Anthony Paris will be officiating.

World Day of the Poor – Sunday 14th November: Caritas Social Action Network has prepared a Novena, nine prayers to be said over nine days from Friday 5th November to Saturday 13th November. The Novena will assist us as we seek to open ourselves to God's grace and to hear the cry of the poor, and can be downloaded from: [CSAN-World-Day-of-the-Poor-Resource-2021.pdf](https://www.caritas.org.uk/CSAN-World-Day-of-the-Poor-Resource-2021.pdf). Each of the first eight days focuses on the cry of a particular group, with the final day praying for the building up of God's kingdom of justice, love, and peace. The daily prayers include an opening antiphon, a reading from Scripture, a period of silent reflection, a prayer for the day's focus, and a closing prayer. Please see link below for the message of his Holiness Pope Francis for the fifth World Day of the Poor:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messaggi/poveri/documents/20210613-messaggio-v-giornatamondiale-poveri-2021.html>

A message from CAFOD – COP26: Please continue to pray for the success of the UN climate talks in Glasgow, COP26, to 12th November. *May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 and instill in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the most vulnerable.*

CHARITIES

Our Parish Charities: 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>

Gift Aid: Your Parish Gift Aid contact is Tricia Hoy, phone number **01225 704805**.

Melksham Food Bank: There has been a huge rise in the number needing the Food Bank. 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:

Melksham Family of Churches also supports those who need emergency relief (non-food items such as energy meter payments, uniform costs for school children etc.). If anyone would like to contribute to this, please contact Melksham Foodbank or Sharon (Parish office) for further information.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please pray for the

following: Don d'Crux, Geoff Blwyddin, Mrs Jeanette Allsop, Zofia Clarke, Chris Bate, Andrew Bate, Katja Lubina, Patrick Egan, Rebecca Matthews, Paul Hogg, Keith Healy, Alan Glass, Tricia Rigg, Henie Dixon, Brian Hillhouse, Janet Ruddick, Judith Curtis, Janice Kuranlu, Alan McFall, Alistair Strudwick, David Elliot, Callum Ford, Maria Podraza, Anne Doyle, Sheila Likey-Ayling, Anne O'Mahony, Lorraine Pavey, Francis Ballinger, Janet Ruddick, RIP. 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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 6th November: Synod Information Session, 10.00 am, St John's Trowbridge

Sunday 7th November – Coffee and Chat: The future - what you would like to see our church doing in the years to come.

Wednesday 10th November – Finance Committee Meeting after Mass.

Saturday 4th December – Christmas Crafts, Coffee and Cakes event with Traidcraft goods, 11.00am, Calne Methodist Church

Wednesday 8th December: Parish Christmas Lunch, 12.30 pm.

September 26th – 4th October 2022: Pilgrimage to the Holy Land - contact adult.education@cliftondiocese.com.

AND FINALLY –

Did you know....?

Iran's attempt to create the world's largest sandwich (1,500 m) failed when crowds ate it before it could be measured!

Words of Wisdom....

If you believe what you like in the Gospel, and reject what you don't like, it is not the Gospel you believe, but yourself.
Augustine

Wordsearch

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APPOINTS

BEYOND

CERTAIN

COMMANDMENTS

DARED

DEATH

FIRST

GOD

GREAT

HASTE

HEART

HIGH

MOSES

OATH

RAISED

REMAINS

ROCK

SACRIFICES

SALVATION

SCRIBES

SECOND

SHIELD

SHOWN

SPIRIT

STRONG

TODAY

TRUE

WORD

WRITTEN

Eliminate only the words given, ignoring any others. No word should be entirely inside another. The remaining letters complete the following phrase:

Christ, the priest of the _ _ _ / _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
_ _

The completed phrase from last week was "The Lord who works MARVELS".
Hilary Clifton

Is there anything you would particularly like to see included in the weekly newsletter? Help us make our newsletter a good read!

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

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

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