



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.

NO Mass this Wednesday, 6th October. Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 9th October at 10.00 am and Sunday 10th October at 9.00 am.

Sunday 3rd October – Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Year B; Psalter week 3

Reading 1 – Gn 2: 18-24

Psalm refrain: May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

Reading 2 – Heb 2: 9-11

Gospel – Mk 10: 2-16

Monday 4th October: Memorial of St Francis of Assisi

Word: Jon 1: 1- 2: 1, 11; Jon 2; Lk 10: 25-37

Hours: Psalter 3

Tuesday 5th October: Word: Jon 3: 1-10; Ps 129; Lk 10: 38-34 Hours: Psalter 3

Wednesday 6th October: Word: Jon 4: 1-11; Ps 85; Lk 11: 1-4 Hours: Psalter 3

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

Word: Mal 3: 13-20; Ps 1; Lk 11: 5-13

Hours: Psalter 3

Friday 8th October: Word: Jl 1: 13-15; Ps 9; Lk 11: 15-26 Hours: Psalter 3

Saturday 9th October: Feast of St John Henry Newman, Priest

Word: 1Cor 2: 10-16; Ps 144; Mt 13: 47-52

Hours: Psalter 3

Retiring Collection: CAFOD Family Fast Day Proceeds

PARISH NEWS

Funeral Arrangements Canon Desmond Millett, RIP: Canon Millett's body will be received into The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary, Chippenham on Tuesday 5th October at 4.00 pm followed by Mass. There will be an additional Mass that evening at 6.30 pm. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 6th October at 11.00 am followed by a private Burial in Chippenham Cemetery. Please remember him in your prayers.

CAFOD Family Fast Day, Friday 1st October 2021:

This week there will be a retiring collection for the proceeds of CAFOD's Fast Day. Donate by using a CAFOD envelope available in church, or online through the CAFOD website. You can also easily give via text. Text CAFOD10 to 70580 to donate £10* or choose to give any whole amount between £1 and £20 by texting CAFOD, followed by the amount you would like to donate, to 70580. Thank you.

Rosary: During October the Rosary will be said in church on Tuesdays, starting at 9.30 am, before private prayer.

Eucharistic Adoration: We re-start Eucharistic Adoration in our church this Thursday. 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 on Sunday 7th November. All children who have not yet received First Holy Communion are welcome.

Sponsored Walk for Parkinson's UK: Last weekend, Chris and Hilary Clifton completed a 6-mile sponsored walk in aid of Parkinson's UK. It is not too late to donate – please visit Chris' fundraising page: [Parkinson's UK - Chris Clifton \(parkinsons.org.uk\)](http://Parkinson'sUK-ChrisClifton(parkinsons.org.uk))

Tell Us the Story of St Anthony of Padua: Bishop Declan has asked all parishes to re-discover and record their history for presentation at Deanery meetings in 2022. We want you to tell us your St Anthony story – your memories, parish history, and hopes for our future. Details in the leaflets in church. Please do take part!

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 see Rebecca or Henie for more details, or sign up on the sheet in the porch.

First Holy Communion: If you have a child in Year 3 or above who would like to join our First Holy Communion preparation, please leave your details on the sheet in the porch or email the parish office.

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 (either online or on paper) that is 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** also 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

WHAT'S ON

Refreshments after Sunday Mass: We welcome you to join us for tea, coffee and biscuits.

Mothers' Prayers: Mothers Prayers continue each Monday at 10.30am in the hall. No need to book - all are welcome!

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

Private Prayer: The church will be open for private prayer this Wednesday, 9.15 am to 11.30 am.

Breaking Open and Sharing the Word: Breaking Open and Sharing the Word continues Wednesday at 10.45 am. Come and join us!

Eucharistic Adoration: We are pleased to restart Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday, from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm.

CLIFTON DIOCESE NEWS

Dare to Dream – Autumn Series: Resources and video reflections for the Autumn series of “Dare to Dream”, can be found at

[Dare to Dream | Clifton Diocese](#)

Sharing the Journey – Online Catechists'

Conversation: The series of on-line conversations continues - speakers & dates are:

21st October: Sycamore - Susan Longhurst

25th November: Celebrating the Rites – why bother? - Mgr Kevin McGinnell

20th January 2022: Called by Name - the significance of the Rite of Election - Sarah Adams

24th February: Lenten Journey through Art

24th March: Entering the Mystery, Praying the Triduum - Fr James Hanvey SJ

21st April: Mystagogia – it's not a swear word - David Wells

19th May: Supporting people in our parishes who present with intellectual difficulties - Cristina Gangemi

16th June: Being a Catechist - David Wells

July: Retreat

The conversations will take place on *Microsoft Teams*, 7.30pm – 8.45pm. For parishioners to register their interest please contact:

adult.education@cliftondiocese.com.

A *Microsoft Teams* invite will be sent out a few days before each talk.

SATURDAY 23rd OCTOBER – Clifton Climate

Liturgy: All are invited to this Climate Liturgy at Clifton Cathedral at 11.00 am. This will be a celebration of the work done so far to inspire a love of Our Common Home and to encourage us all to pray and advocate for its protection in the lead up to COP 26. There will be several faith organisations involved in the Climate Crisis Campaign present at the Liturgy who will be happy to engage with you, if you would like this opportunity.

Online Catechists' Meetings: This is a new venture to gather catechists, experienced and inexperienced, to meet on-line to share ideas and to possibly receive a little bit of formation at the same time. New people are encouraged to join and gain in confidence by hearing others talk. These meetings will ensure that good practice can be shared across the diocese. You can join any Deanery meeting convenient to you.

Deaneries	Dates	Time
Taunton, Weston and Glastonbury	October 5 th	7.30-8.30pm
Bristol including Cathedral	October 6 th	7.30-8.30pm
Bath Trowbridge and Salisbury	October 7 th	7.30-8.30pm
Stroud and Swindon	October 12 th	7.30-8.30pm
Gloucester and Cheltenham	October 14 th	7.30-8.30pm

To participate in the conversation, just register at adult.education@cliftondiocese.com and include the meeting you wish to attend, so that an invitation can be sent for the correct date. These meetings will be via *Microsoft Teams*. A *Teams* invitation will be sent out a few days before each meeting.

CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE NEWS

Opposing the Assisted Dying Bill 2021: In 2021, a Private Members Bill on 'Assisted Dying' was introduced in the House of Lords by Baroness Molly Meacher, Chair of Dignity in Dying. It is due its second reading on 22nd October, where there will be a full debate in the House of Lords. The Bishops' main concerns with the Bill can be summarised as follows: Protecting the Most Vulnerable, The Experience of Other Countries and Investing in Care and Not Ending Care. More and how to help at:

[Opposing the Assisted Dying Bill 2021 - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](https://www.cbcew.org.uk)

Bishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues, has written an open letter inviting Catholics to pray for the defeat of the Assisted Dying Bill to be debated in the House of Lords in October.

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. 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.

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'Cruz, 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, June Carey, Janet Ruddick, Judith Curtis, Janice Kuranlu, Alan McFall, Alistair Strudwick, David Elliot, Callum Ford, Maria Podraza, Anne Doyle

Sheila Likey-Ayling. 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

AND FINALLY -

Wordsearch

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ALONE	FATHER	PROSPER
BEAR	FEAR	PURPOSE
BODY	FLESH	RIBS
BONE	GRACE	SHOOTS
CALL	HEAVEN	SLEEP
CHILDREN	HELPMATE	SUCH
CIRCLE	LAW	TABLE
CONSECRATE	LEADER	THUS
DIVORCE	MANY	UNITED
ESTABLISHED	MARRIES	
ESTHER	MOTHER	

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

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Last week's word was "PROPHESY"

Hilary Clifton

Just a thought....

Animals are such agreeable friends – they ask no questions; they pass no criticisms.

Did you know....?

People rioted, thinking the government had stolen 11 days of their lives, when Britain adopted the Gregorian Calendar.

Words of Wisdom....

The refusal to take sides on great moral issues is itself a decision. It is a silent acquiescence to evil. The Tragedy of our time is that those who still believe in honesty lack fire and conviction, while those who believe in dishonesty are full of passionate conviction.

Fulton J. Sheen

A Prayer from CAFOD

Walk beside us, Lord,
in the cool of the day,
in the garden you have created
as our common home.

Walk beside us Lord,
as the cries of the forest
pierce the dawn,
and flames rip through our common home.

Grant us courage, Lord,
as we walk beside all those
who struggle, to protect
our common home.

Grant us hope, Lord,
and the vision to walk dark paths
in the light
of a single sunbeam.

Grant us grace, Lord,
to put the flourishing of all people
and the wonder of your creation
at the heart of all we do,

as we strive to be guardians
of our common home.

St Francis, pray for us

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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