



# Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Mass will be held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00am, Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00 am, and Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 9.00 am.

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

*It is now 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.)*

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) during the following times:

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> or Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October**

**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 4<sup>th</sup> October: Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Year**

**Sunday Year A; Psalter week 3**

**Reading 1** – Is 5: 1-7

**Psalm refrain: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.**

**Reading 2** – Phil 4: 6-9

**Gospel** – Matthew 21: 33-43

**Prayers of the Faithful, Twenty-Seventh Sunday**

Gathered in joyful hope, we offer our prayers to God who creates hearts to love.

We pray with Pope Francis for international co-operation and an effective response to the Covid-19 pandemic and a common effort to find vaccines and extend their benefits to all.

We pray for the Housebound, the sick and elderly during this pandemic crisis. Watch over those who feel isolated and alone and calm their fears.

We hope that all in our country will abide strictly by the guidelines which our government recommends to defeat the coronavirus especially the students as they start their university courses.

We pray we may show our Faith and love of Christ by being generous and unselfish on the behalf of others, particularly the poor, the homeless and the marginalised. We are aware of the amazing work CAFOD does worldwide.

We pray for our parish and the church of the Sacred Heart Tisbury with Wardour and St Andrew's Church, Melksham.

Heavenly Father we give you thanks for your guidance and everlasting love. Amen

Mary Harris.

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October: Word:** Gal 1: 6 -12; Ps 110; Lk 10: 25-37

**Hours:** Psalter 3

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October: Word:** Gal 1: 13-24; Ps 138; Lk 10: 38-42

**Hours:** Psalter 3

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October: Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary**

**Word:** Gal 2: 1-2, 7-14; Ps 116; Lk 11: 1-4

**Hours:** Psalter 3

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October: Word:** Gal 3: 1-5; Lk 1; Lk 11: 5-13  
**Hours:** Psalter 3

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October: Word:** Gal 3: 7-14; Ps 110; Lk 11: 15-26  
**Hours:** Psalter 3

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October: Word:** Gal 3: 22-29; Ps 104; Lk 11: 27-28  
**Hours:** Psalter 3

**Reconciliation: Please contact Fr Vincent if you would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Retiring Collection:** This week, there will be retiring collections for Peter's Pence, commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Next week (from 10<sup>th</sup> October), retiring collections for proceeds of CAFOD Family Fast Day.

**Parish Charities 2020 – Wiltshire Air Ambulance and Mary's Meals:** Due to Covid restrictions, all charities are suffering reduced income. 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>

We have been unable to hold any fundraising events for our parish charities this year, but Zofia is making Christmas face masks to sell in aid of Mary's Meals. These will be available at church. Each mask is £3.00, with 100% of all donations going to Mary's Meals. Please leave money in the box at church. We regret that due to Coronavirus restrictions we are unable to handle cash or give change.

**Gift Aid:** Please contact Tricia Hoy 01225 704805 if you are still waiting for your new Gift Aid envelopes and we can arrange delivery. Only use the new envelopes for your giving as the numbers have changed again this year. Many thanks.

**Starting School?** If you have a child born between **1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017**, then **now** is the time to apply for a place at a primary school for admission from **September 2021** onwards. You must complete an application form that is available from the school admissions team of the **Wiltshire Council**. If your child has been baptised and you are applying for a Catholic school, you **must** also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to the school concerned – contact the school for full details. Our parish school is St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Corsham <http://www.stpatricks-wilts.co.uk/> telephone number 01249 713125; email [admin@st-patricks.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-patricks.wilts.sch.uk). Please ensure you apply by the closing date of **15<sup>th</sup> January 2021**.

**The Season of Creation 2020:** The Season of Creation culminates on 4<sup>th</sup> October (the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi).

We give thanks for all that God has made, repent for the damage that we have caused and commit ourselves to take action to protect the earth our common home. We come together in hope that we can rebuild and heal our world. Information is on our Diocesan website: <https://cliftondiocese.com/season-of-creation-2020/> and this week's prayer is at the end of this newsletter.

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October - CAFOD Family Fast Day:** On Family Fast Day CAFOD invites us to eat a simple meal for lunch or dinner and give the money we save to help children like Fabiano. Please collect a Fast Day envelope from church this weekend and give generously. CAFOD is launching a series of online events around Family Fast Day from 8<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> October so that we can come together and bring hope and help to those who are most in need. Join them in one of their online events, including a Family Fast day Eucharistic Celebration on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October, at 6.00 pm. More information can be found on their link: <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day> Their Family Fast day prayer for 2020 is at the end of the newsletter.

**10<sup>th</sup> October: World Homeless Day – Alabaré's [Big Sleep at Home](#) on Friday October 9<sup>th</sup> - A message from Helen at Alabaré:** "We are encouraging as many of our supporters as possible to sleep out in their gardens, on their kitchen floors, in their churches or anywhere else they can think of, and raise funds to support Alabaré's work with homeless and vulnerable people. If you are unable to take part yourself perhaps you could sponsor someone else, and pray for us, our fund-raisers, and those who will be taking part in this event, raising much needed sponsorship funds for our work. Please let me know if you would like to take part, either directly or by completing the form on our [website](#). We will then be able to send out more information about what is happening during the evening. Thank you so much for your support, with all best wishes, *Helen*

**P.S. Please make sure all your plans and arrangements for your Big Sleep at Home adhere to the Government's Covid-19 regulations. You can find out more information from the [UK Government website](#)."**

**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.

**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@cliftdiocese.com](mailto:bill.mcentee@cliftdiocese.com) 07710 094976 for more information – he would be delighted to hear from you.

**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)**

**Please pray for the following:** Mrs. Rosa Menghini, Don d’Cruz, Mrs Kathleen Murphy, John Doyle, Mrs Marian Frawley, Geoff Blwyddin, Mrs Jean Irwin, Mrs Jeanette Allsop, Zofia Clarke, Chris Bate, David Coughlin, Katja Lubina, Patrick Egan, Mrs Jonasz. Deacon David Wakefield, Rebecca Matthews, Paul Hogg, Keith Healy, Alan Glass, Tricia Rigg, Henie Dixon, Brian Hillhouse, June Carey, Jon, Naomi & Isaac Harrison, John Learoyd. Alan McFall, Chair of Melksham Family of Churches. 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.**

### Wordsearch – Twenty-Seventh Sunday

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| BRIAR  | LANDOWNER    | THORN        |
| CHIEF  | NEED         | THREW        |
| CHOSEN | NEVER        | UNDERSTAND   |
| DONE   | PURE         | <b>VINES</b> |
| DOWN   | REJECTED     | WALLS        |
| DROVE  | RESPECT      | WASTE        |
| FILL   | SAVED        | WHO          |
| GRAZED | SEEN         | WONDERFUL    |
| HAND   | <b>SHINE</b> |              |
| HEIR   | SING         |              |

Eliminate only the words given in the list. The remaining letters describe the kingdom of heaven. The highlighted words give the initial letter

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Last week’s remaining letters gave the word OBEDIENT

Hilary Clifton

### **Just some thoughts:**

There was once a young mission worker who had adopted a rather super-spiritual and exaggerated way of seeking guidance from God. However, God was kind and merciful and he was sent off to South America and into the mission field. Once there, he met with a seasoned missionary. Seeking to impress him with his spirituality, the young man told him that one of the reasons he had chosen South America as his first posting was because, while seeking God's will, he had come upon a chocolate bar which had 'Brazil nut' on the packaging. Quick as a flash the old missionary replied, 'What would you have done if it had been a Mars bar'?

**Words of Wisdom:**

Aging is not a problem to be solved. It is an opportunity. Parishes are rich with the experience, expertise, wisdom and faith of older people. We must discover ways to seize this gracious gift as a blessing.

The Episcopalian

**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.**

**Prayers for the Season of Creation: Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October**

(Prayer of St Francis)

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

**CAFOD Prayer for Family Fast Day, 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

“God, who called you out of darkness into his own marvellous light.” 1 Peter 2:9

God, you call us out of darkness. May we hear your voice in the cry of our brothers and sisters in crisis.  
As you walk alongside us always, may we walk beside one another listening and responding in love.  
Shine the light of your compassion through us, dispelling chaos, fear and despair. Breathe hope and courage into all our hearts as we work together to rebuild once more.

Strengthen us, Lord, and keep us steadfast. Bring healing and comfort to all and lead us renewed into your marvellous light.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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