



## Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September: Twenty-Third Sunday: Mass 9.00 am**

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September: Morning Prayer 9.45 am, Mass at 10.00 am**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September: 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: Please sponsor our riders as they ride for Wiltshire Historic Churches and St Anthony's this Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September. Sponsorship forms in the porch.**

### PARISH NEWS

**Next Sunday there will be a retiring collection for the Catholic Education Service**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September – St Edmund's Parish Barbeque** St Edmund's are holding a BBQ on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September starting at around 12.15. The committee will provide the meat. Contributions of salads, drinks, beer, wine etc., would be appreciated. Please let us know of any dietary requirements. Any queries please send to [albert.pace@btinternet.com](mailto:albert.pace@btinternet.com)

**Season of Creation:** The Season of Creation runs to the Feast of St Francis, 4<sup>th</sup> October. During this season we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events to deepen our relationship with our God, our neighbour and the earth we share. Novenas for the Season of Creation are available in church for you to take away and pray at home.

**St Edmund's Chamber Concert for The Harbour Project:** 6.45pm for 7pm, **Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> October** at Cadenham Manor, Foxham SN15 4NH. There is room for 60 guests. The concert programme and tickets, including light refreshments, will be available from next week for £12 each. Donations will also be welcome to support the wonderful service Harbour provides refugees and asylum seekers across Swindon. Any questions please email [victoria@cadendam.com](mailto:victoria@cadendam.com)

**DEC Pakistan Floods Appeal:** Devastating floods have hit Pakistan, leaving millions in urgent need of help to survive. A third of the country is now underwater (that's an area almost the size of Great

Britain). Your donation will help CAFOD's local partners support communities with clean drinking water, food, emergency medical assistance and shelter. Please pray for those affected and donate now at [DEC Pakistan Floods Appeal | CAFOD](https://www.cafod.org.uk/dec-pakistan-floods-appeal) A prayer for Pakistan is at the end of this newsletter.

**Mother's Prayers** start again this Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30 am.

**Thursdays:** Adoration from 10.00 am to 3.00pm.

**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 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)

#### DEANERY

**Pro Family Pro Woman Pro Life** A new prolife group is being set up in the area and the organisers would love your involvement, big or small. Please consider whether you would like to be on a prayer rota praying for the unborn and all baby loss; on an email list to sign important petitions; whether you could help plan some prolife activities to be delivered in school or whether you could make any financial contributions to support prolife activities with our young people. Please come to share your ideas and/or use your admin, communication, prayer or creative skills for the glory of God! You are invited to a meeting on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm, in St. John's Parish Centre, Trowbridge**. Please spread the word and contact Sinéad with any queries or to request the minutes if you are unable to attend: [haywoodsmv@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:haywoodsmv@yahoo.co.uk) 07903 120266 / 01225 971020. Thanks very much!

#### CLIFTON DIOCESE

**A Faith Full Journey:** Clifton Diocese has a new series of online conversations planned. People are encouraged to simply turn up (virtually), to deepen their faith and invigorate their formation. The real time sessions will be recorded so that others can watch in their own time individually or as a group. The first session is on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**. The theme is "Young People and the Church - Exploring the faith identity of Catholic Teenagers," and we welcome Avril Baigent, Pastoral Ministry Advisor for the Diocese of Northampton. The conversation will take place on *Microsoft Teams*, 7.30pm – 8.45pm. All are welcome to join! For people to register their interest please contact [adult.education@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com).

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

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October, SYNOD – Continuing the Journey:** Continuing our Synodal conversations at St John the Baptist, Trowbridge. Book your place now on the Eventbrite link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/synod-session-trowbridge-tickets-368188330207>

#### OTHER NEWS

**Great Chalfield Quiet Garden 2022-2023**  
We meet on the first Tuesday of every month, except for January and August, and our new season begins on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September. It is a precious time when we can come closer to God,

and to hear from Him, all in the beautiful grounds of Great Chalfield Manor and in All Saints Church, which is also in the grounds. The church is kept warm, if the weather is bad, but there are some covered seats in the gardens. The new programme for September 2022 to July 2023, giving details of speakers is in the hall. It is not necessary to book, and people can come for as short or as long a time as they can manage. For more information please ring Julia Wade on **01380 870137** or Anthony Matthew **01225 782082** or email [anthonymatthewfcn@gmail.com](mailto:anthonymatthewfcn@gmail.com)

#### UNIVERSITIES CHRISTIAN UNION'S

**FRESHER GETAWAYS:** Wonderfully, university is a time when many Christian students really thrive in the faith and when lots of non-Christians come to know Jesus. As university CUs, we want to help as many incoming Christian students as possible make a fantastic start to Christian life at uni. Through our freshers' getaways, we want to encourage them to get stuck into a local church, and show them that living and speaking for Jesus is the best way to do life. Our getaways involve a couple of days' retreat before the start of the academic year, where Christian freshers can meet each other, find out about churches in the cities they're going to, and be equipped for Christian life and witness at university. Many find that attending these getaways help them settle into university more quickly and set them up for the rest of their student life. The universities which run freshers' getaways are Cambridge, Durham, Leeds, Loughborough, Nottingham, Oxford, Warwick. Students can link up with any university CU in the country using the following link [Starting Uni - UCCF: The Christian Unions](#).

#### 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:**

**September 10<sup>th</sup> /11<sup>th</sup> – The relics of St Bernadette visit Clifton Cathedral:** A timetable of the visit available is on the Clifton Diocese website: [Bernadette | Clifton Diocese](#) . If you wish to attend, please email [mary.manners@cltondiocese.com](mailto:mary.manners@cltondiocese.com)

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September – Day of Prayer for Ukraine:** A chance to stand shoulder-to-shoulder in faith, asking Our Lord Jesus Christ to protect his people. It is our chance to tell our brothers and sisters in Ukraine that we have not forgotten, that they still matter, and that they are loved.

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October The Turin Shroud Exhibition** will be visiting the Parish of St. John The Baptist Parish Centre, Trowbridge. Please contact Becky at St. John's Parish Centre by emailing [enquiries@sjpc.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@sjpc.org.uk) or tel: **01225 767215**  
 The exhibition will be available to view from 9.00am-9.00pm each day.

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September – Virtual Synodal conversation, 6-8pm.** Please register your interest at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/growing-synodality-a-conversation-tickets-389227328417>

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October – St Anthony's Quiz night** and fish and chip supper, 7.00 pm

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October – St Edmund's Parish Concert** in the evening in aid of the Harbour Project.

**AND FINALLY –**

**Did you know?**

The Sun is 400 times further away from Earth than the Moon is.

Apollo astronauts trained in Iceland because it was felt that the terrain would most resemble the surface of the Moon.

A full day on the Moon, from one sunrise to the next lasts about 29 Earth days on average.

**Wordsearch: Twenty-Third Sunday**

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Eliminate only the listed words. No word should be completely inside another. The remaining letters complete the phrase of the day:

Christ who gave up everything for

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The completed phrase for the 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday was VICTORY WITH Christ

The answers to our Ukrainian themed wordsearches (21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Sundays) are: Ukrainian places - VOLNOVAKHA and SARTANA, and Mariupol remembered – DYTNYA

Hilary Clifton

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

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

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[comms.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliffondiocese.com](mailto:comms.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliffondiocese.com)



## Prayer for those affected by the Pakistan Floods

O Lord,  
in the goodness of your constant love,  
be with the people of Pakistan  
as they face devastating floods.

At this time of great loss –  
loss of lives, homes and crops –  
may we be filled with your compassion  
and moved to reach out in love.

As we stand alongside our sisters and  
brothers, we pray that  
they may find consolation in their  
sorrow,  
strength as they seek shelter and safety  
and courage to carry on.

Forgive us, O Lord,  
for our part in the climate crisis,  
and inspire us all to play our part  
in protecting the earth, our common  
home.

So that together we may build a world  
that reflects your glory,  
where hope drives out despair  
and all things are made new.

Amen

## Twenty-Third Sunday

Sunday Year C; Psalter 3

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September

Reading 1 – Wis 9: 13-18

**Psalm refrain: O Lord, you have been our  
refuge from one generation to the next.**

Reading 2 – Phlm 9: 9-10, 12-17

Gospel – Mk 7: 31-37

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September: Word:** 1Cor 5: 1-8;  
Ps 5; Lk 6: 6-11 **Hours:** Psalter 3

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September: Word:** : 1Cor 6: 1-11;  
Ps 149; Lk 4: 31-37 **Hours:** Psalter 3

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September: Word:** 1Cor 7: 25-  
31; Ps 44; Lk 6: 20-26 **Hours:** Psalter 3

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September: Feast of the Nativity  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Word:** Mi 5: 1-4; Ps 12;

Mt 1: 1-16 **Hours:** Proper of Feast

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September: Word:** 1Cor 9: 16-19, 22-  
27; Ps 83; Lk 6: 39-42 **Hours:** Psalter 3

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September: Word:** 1Cor 10: 14-  
22; Ps 115; Lk 6: 43-49 **Hours:** Psalter 3

