



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Sunday 5th November: Thirty First Sunday: Mass 9.00am

St Edmund's, Calne: Mass 11.00 am

Wednesday 8th November: Morning Prayer 9.45 am; Mass 10.00 am

Thursday 9th November: Adoration 10.00 am – 3.00 pm

Friday 10th November: Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3.00 pm

Saturday 11th November: Mass of Remembrance 10.00 am

St Edmund's Calne: Mass 6.00 pm

Please be aware that the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales states:
"The Roman Rite does not permit that communicants themselves dip their host into the Precious Blood"

Reconciliation after Mass on Saturdays, or by arrangement with Fr Vincent

Daily readings at end of newsletter

PARISH NEWS

Sunday 5th November - Children's Liturgy of the Word

Mass for Deceased Family Members and Parishioners: A Mass will be held for deceased family members and parishioners this **Saturday 11th November**, at **10.00 am** at St Anthony of Padua. A sheet is available in the porch for the names of deceased family and friends who have died **after 1st November 2022**. Those who have died before then can be named on leaves on our Remembrance Tree.

Remembrance Tree: Our Remembrance Tree will be in the church from 1st November, in memory of all those who have died. To remember someone, please take a blank leaf/leaf from the tray in the porch, write their name(s) on the leaf and put it in the relevant tray, for display on the tree.

Holy Souls' Envelopes are available during November for Masses for your deceased loved ones.

Parish Christmas Lunch: Wednesday 6th December 12.30pm for 1.00 pm, The Water Meadow, Melksham SN12 7GS. If you are interested in coming to the parish Christmas lunch, please collect a menu from inside the church porch, or from Rebecca/John. Make your choices and return the menu to Rebecca or John, with payment in full by **Sunday 19th November**. Contact number 07872 058510

First Holy Communion

Parents of children in primary school year 3 and above whose children would like to receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion are invited to put their contact details and names of children on the sheet in the porch. Regular church attendance at Mass is required. First Communion classes will begin in January following an initial meeting with parents and children.

Also this week: Monday 6th November: Mothers' Prayers in the Hall, 10.30 am

Tuesday 7th November "The Gift" Course: Continues in the hall at 10.30, and at 7.00 pm at 16 Sherwood Ave.

"Move it or Lose It" keep fit exercises in the Church Hall at **1:30 pm**. Please feel free to call Jennifer on 07341 986569 if you have any questions.

Wednesday 8th November: Breaking Open and Sharing the Word in the church after Mass.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please pray for: Geoff Blwyddin, Zofia Clarke, Chris Bate, Patrick Egan, Rebecca Matthews, Paul Hogg, Keith Healy, Tricia Rigg, Henie Dixon, Brian Hillhouse, Janice Kuranlu, Anne Doyle, Sheila Likely-Ayling, Anne O'Mahony,

Lorraine Pavey, Francis Ballinger, Shireen Doyle, Fr John O'Toole, Tess Jones, Kelvin Boorer, Maureen Westlake, Liz McGrane, Isaac Anderson, June Carey, Michael Bramwell, Val Stiles, Dawn Holt, Dave Disney, Gay Harris, Fr Vincent. All who are suffering from illness, 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 Holy Communion, please telephone 01225 824039 and leave a message, or Email ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net

DEANERY

Synod Experience Day; Saturday 11th November 10.00am - 4.00pm. St Mary's, Bath welcomes Austen Ivereigh, freshly returned from the Rome Synod, for a day experiencing synodal "Conversation in the Spirit". Visit his website: www.austeni.org/home . **COME AND BE PART OF THIS GLOBAL SHIFT IN THE CHURCH** and explore key elements of our parish life. **Places are limited:** Email stephen-paradox@outlook.com to reserve your place.

Seen/Sent – Saturday 18th November: "Seen // Sent" is a formation day for young people by the Department for Adult Education and Evangelisation. We invite 14-17-year-olds (Year 10-12) to come and join us at St John's Parish Hall in Trowbridge on 18th November from 10.00am – 4.00pm for an opportunity to encounter Christ in, through, and with those around them. The day will focus on developing our personal and communal view of Jesus, in new and existing friendships, through shared personal experiences and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. In group settings, young adults will lead our young people to recognise and share their encounters in Christ and reflect upon the mission Jesus gives to them. There is a limit of 50 participants, so please register ASAP to secure a place. Lunch will be provided. To register, or to ask questions, please email youth@cliftondiocese.com or call **0117 902 5595**.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 19th November – Fair Trade Stall
in the hall after Mass

OTHER

The Quiet Garden, Great Chalfield: Every month, the grounds of Great Chalfield Manor are open for people to find peace and the chance to step away from their usual lives for a few hours. This gives time to pray, reflect and listen for God's voice in the beautiful surroundings of Great Chalfield Manor Gardens and

All Saints Church, which is in the Manor's grounds. A programme for 2023-24 is available in the hall. For more information, please contact **Julia Wade 01380 8700137**, or **Anthony Matthew 01225 782082** or anthonymatthewfcn@gmail.com

CHARITIES and PARISH PROJECT

Gift Aid: Your Parish Gift Aid contact is Tricia Hoy, phone number **01225 704805**. Please remember to contact us if your circumstances change and you no longer pay sufficient income Tax to cover your donation.

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 2/3 allocated to Presbytery repairs, and 1/3 to Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

Melksham Food Bank: A basket for donations is in the church porch. 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 is for those who need emergency non-food relief. If you would like to contribute, please contact Melksham Foodbank or Sharon (Parish office) for further information.

AND FINALLY –

Did you know?

The world's tallest freestanding sandcastle was built in Germany in 2019; it stood 58 feet high. thefactsite.com

Words of Wisdom

Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does.

William James

Prayer for the Help of the Holy Spirit

By St Anthony of Padua

O God, send forth your Holy Spirit into my heart
that I may perceive,
into my mind that I may remember,
and into my soul that I may meditate.
Inspire me to speak with piety,
holiness, tenderness and mercy.
Teach, guide and direct my thoughts
and senses from beginning to end.
May Your grace ever help and correct me,
and may I be strengthened now
with wisdom from on high,
for the sake of Your infinite mercy.
Amen

Wordsearch: Thirty First Sunday

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| BEFORE | HEART | PHYLACTERIES |
| BELIEVE | MARVELS | SEATS |
| BLESSING | MESSAGE | STUMBLE |
| BROADER | NAME | TASSELS |
| BURDEN | NIGHT | THINGS |
| CHILD | OBSEQUIOUSLY | TURN |
| CURSE | OCCUPY | |

Eliminate only the listed words. The remaining letters should finish this phrase:

God's message of _ _ _ _ _ / _ _ _ _

The word from last week (30th Sunday) was
"COMMANDMENT" Hilary Clifton

Sunday 5th November

Thirty First Sunday

Sunday Year A; Psalter 3

Reading 1: Mal 1: 14- 2:2, 88-10

Psalm Refrain: Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.

Reading 2: 1Thes 1: 7-9, 13

Gospel: Mt 23: 31-12

Monday 6th November: Word: Rom 11: 29-36; Ps 68; Lk 13: 12-4 **Hours:** Psalter 3

Tuesday 7th November: Word: Rom 12: 5-16; Ps 130; Lk 14: 15-24 **Hours:** Psalter 3

Wednesday 8th November: Word: Rom 13: 8-10; Ps 111; Lk 14: 25-33 **Hours:** Psalter 3

Thursday 9th November: Word: Feast of Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Ez 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 45; Jn 2: 13-22

Hours: Common of Dedication of a Church

Friday 10th November: Memorial of St Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church

Word: Rom 15: 14-21;

Ps 97; Lk 16: 1-8 **Hours:** Proper of Memorial

Saturday 11th November: Memorial of St Martin of Tours, Bishop

Word Rom 16: 3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 111;

Lk 16: 9-15 **Hours:** Proper of Memorial

Please send any comments or items for the newsletter to the email address below or put a note through the Presbytery door. Thank you.

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