



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Masses

It is no longer necessary to book to attend Mass, but you must 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.

Mass will be celebrated on:

Wednesday 8th September – 10.00 am

NO Mass this Saturday, 11th September

Sunday 12th September – 9.00 am

Sunday 5th September – Twenty-Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Sunday Year B; Psalter week 3

Reading 1 – Is 35: 4-7

Psalm refrain: My soul, give praise to the
Lord.

Reading 2 – Jas 2: 1-5

Gospel – Mk 7: 31-37

Monday 6th September: Word: Col 1: 24 -2:3;

Ps 61; Lk 6: 6-11 Hours: Psalter 3

Tuesday 7th September: Word: Col 2: 6-15;

Ps 144; Lk 6: 12-19 Hours: Psalter 3

Wednesday 8th September: Feast of the Nativity
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Word: Mi 5: 1-4; Ps 12; Mt 1: 1-16, 18-23

Hours: Psalter 3

Thursday 9th September: Word: Col 3: 12-17;

Ps 150; Lk 6: 27-38 Hours: Psalter 3

Friday 10th September: Word: 1Tim 1: 1-2, 12-14;

Ps 95; Lk 6: 39-42; Hours: Psalter 3

Saturday 11th September: Word: 1Tim 1: 15-17;

Ps 112; Lk 6: 43-49 Hours: Psalter 3

Please ensure young children are supervised by an adult, remaining with them at all times in and around the Church. Thank you.

PARISH NEWS

Thursday 9th September – PPC/Liturgy Meeting:

There will be a PPC/Liturgy meeting this Thursday in the Hall at 7.00 pm. If you would like anything discussed, please contact a member of the PPC, email the parish office, or put a note through the Presbytery door.

John Doyle, RIP: The Requiem Mass for John will be held on September 14th at 3.00pm followed by private cremation; immediate family only. No flowers, donations to the British Heart Foundation and Forever Friends RUH, please. Refreshments in the hall after Mass where there will be an opportunity for people to write their memories of John.

Diocesan Diaries and Directories 2022: If anyone would like to purchase a Diocesan Diary or Directory for 2022, please add your name to the order sheet in the porch, indicating which publication you would like. We expect delivery in October/November.

We need you! We need more volunteers to help us resume our pre-Covid activities such as Adoration, Altar Serving, welcoming, cleaning, reading, flowers etc. Thanks to those who have already signed up – we still need more people to help maintain these services to St Anthony's. Please put your name on one of the sign-up sheets in the porch. Thank you.

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. Classes will begin in late September/early October.

WHAT'S ON

Mothers' Prayers: Mothers Prayers resume this Monday, 6th September in the Hall. Please book attendance with Mary Rooney on 07789 910591, or email maryar Rooney@blueyonder.co.uk each week, please.

Private Prayer: The church will be open for private prayer Tuesday mornings from 9.15 am to 11.30 am. Please sign the attendance register in the church.

CLIFTON DIOCESE NEWS

Safeguarding Officer Vacancy, Clifton Diocese – Part time 21 hours pw

Wednesday to Friday: The Safeguarding Officer role supports the ongoing development of safeguarding across the Diocese, the management of cases, and working with the Safeguarding Co-ordinator, responses to safeguarding issues that arise. The successful applicant will need to have a comprehensive knowledge of safeguarding legislation, policy procedure and best practice guidance and come from a background of either Social Work, Health, Probation or Policing, with specific experience in safeguarding. For further information/informal discussion about this role please contact Becky Cawsey, Safeguarding Co-ordinator, Clifton Diocese on **0117 954 0993**. Closing date for receipt of applications: **17th September 2021**.

Catechists' Day, 25th September: The Diocese is holding a day for catechists and those involved in parish formation and evangelisation. The focus will be on family catechesis, led by David Wells and Ingrid La Trobe. The event will take place at **St. John the Baptist parish centre, Trowbridge**, starting at 11.00am and finishing around 4.00pm. Refreshments will be provided from 10.30am, please bring a packed lunch. Please register early via:

adult.education@cliftondiocese.com

Celebrating Marriage – Saturday 2nd October: Bishop Declan is celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on **Saturday 2nd October** at 12 noon and is inviting all married couples to join him. If you are celebrating a significant anniversary, newly married, or looking forward to marriage in 2021, please contact 0117 902 5595 or email adult.education@cliftondiocese.com

CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE NEWS

Season of Creation 1st September to 4th October: European Church leaders invite Christians to observe the Season of Creation and to pray for the climate conferences taking place this autumn. In a joint statement from Cardinal Angelo Bagnasco President of The Council of the Bishops' Conferences of Europe and Rev. Christian Krieger, President of the Conference of European Churches, the leaders said: "We invite all Christians in the churches of Europe, parishes, church communities and every person of good will to observe and celebrate the Season of Creation from 1st September to 4th October with an ecumenical spirit, united in prayer and action. Furthermore, we invite everyone to pray for the major international events of this autumn – the UN Summit on Biodiversity and COP 26 – so that these events may take the necessary steps that the climate emergency requires." More details on the CBCEW website: [Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales \(cbcew.org.uk\)](http://Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales (cbcew.org.uk))

OTHER NEWS

CAFOD'S Faith in Action Day – Saturday 11th September: Join us for an online day of talk and prayer to learn more about this year's climate talks, Pope Francis's call to action and how people in the Amazon region are leading the fight to care for our common home. Soon, the UK will host the largest gathering of world leaders ever to take place on British soil: the 'COP26' climate talks. Our government has a vital role to play in leading global efforts to tackle the climate crisis. As citizens of the host nation and as people of faith, we have an important role to play. This is the time to come together, build a community and act. Do not miss our Faith in Action Day 2021 on Saturday 11th September, 11.00 am-4.00 pm. This event is part of the [Great Big Green Week](#) in September. For more information visit

<https://cafod.org.uk/News/Events/Faith-in-Action-Day-2021>

You Can Help Your Marriage: Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. There is no group therapy or group work. This programme has helped tens of 1000s of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about Retrouvaille', or to register for the next programme commencing with a 'Virtual' weekend on 21st – 24th October, call or text 086 821 1795, 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

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 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 -

Just a thought....

A Sunday School teacher was telling her class the story of the Prodigal Son. Wishing to emphasise the resentful attitude of the elder brother, she stressed this part of the parable.

After describing the rejoicing of the household over the return of the wayward son, the teacher spoke of one who, during the festivities, failed to share in the jubilant spirit of the occasion.

“Can anybody in the class tell me who this was?” she asked. Nine-year-old Olivia had been listening sympathetically to the story. She waved her hand in the air.

“I know!” she said beamingly, “It was the fatted calf.”
Jesussite.com

More Biblical Songs:

Samson: “Hair”

Salome: “I Could Have Danced All Night”

Daniel: “The Lion Sleeps Tonight”

Christiansunite.com

Words of Wisdom....

What you are is God's gift to you, what you become is your gift to God.

Hans Urs von Balthasar, Prayer

Wordsearch

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BEST	JESUS	SAY
BREAD	JUDGEMENT	SING
CORRUPT	JUST	SPITTLE
DEAF	LAND	THIRSTING
DEER	LOVE	TRY
DUMB	MERCIFUL	TURNED
EPHPHATHA	MIND	UNSEALED
ETERNAL	PATH	WATER
HEIRS	PROTECTS	WIDELY
HUNGRY	REIGN	YEARN
INSISTED	SAVE	

Eliminate only the words in the list. Ignore any others. No word should be entirely inside another. The remaining letters complete the sentence descriptive of this Sunday:

The / _ _ _ _ / who does all things / _ _ _ _

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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