



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Mass will be held on Sunday 13th September at 9.00 am.

Please note: There will be NO Mass on Wednesday 9th this week.

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 during the following times:

Monday 7th September, between 09.00 am - 11.00 am, or 6.00pm – 8.00pm;

We appreciate that some people would like to remain after Mass for private prayer. We must ensure the church is cleaned after each Mass, so **the church will be open at least 15 minutes before the beginning of Mass for private prayer.**

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 6th September: Twenty-Third Sunday of the Year

Sunday Year A; Psalter week 3

Reading 1 – Ez 33: 7-9

Psalm refrain: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Reading 2 – Rom 13: 8-10

Gospel – Matthew 18: 15-20

Prayers of the Faithful, Twenty-Third Sunday

We pray with confidence in Jesus' name to our Father knowing that He will hear our prayers.

We pray for our parish that we may always be a loving community that cares for all those in need.

We pray for all suffering in mind, heart or body, especially those finding the restrictions we are living under difficult.

We pray for all parents, children and teachers that they be free from worry and safe as they return to school.

We pray for the parish of St Mary, Swindon, and Queensway Chapel, Melksham.

We offer our prayers to the Father in Jesus' name. Amen

Anne Doyle

Monday 7th September: Word: 1Cor 5: 1-8; Ps 5; Lk 6: 6-11

Hours: Psalter 3

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

Word: Mi 5: 1-4 or Rom 8: 28-30; Ps 12; Mt 1: 1-16, 18-23

Hours: Psalter 3 and Proper of Feast page 476

Wednesday 9th September: Word: 1Cor 7: 25-31; Ps 44; Lk 6: 20-26

Hours: Psalter 3

Thursday 10th September: Word: 1Cor 8: 1-7, 11-13; Ps 138; Lk 6: 27-38

Hours: Psalter 3

Friday 11th September: Word: 1Cor 9: 16-19, 22-27; Ps 83; Lk 6: 39-42
Hours: Psalter 3

Saturday 12th September: Word: 1Cor 10: 14-22; Ps 115; Lk 6: 43-49
Hours: Psalter 3

Retiring Collections: This week, Sunday 6th September: Building and Maintenance fund. Next week, Sunday 13th and Wednesday 16th: Holy Places and Palestine

Ride and Stride: Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust is holding its annual fund raising effort on Saturday September 12th 10.00 am to 5.00 pm. Visit as many churches as you can. Half the money raised is returned to the church taking part; this would be a good way to replenish our coffers as well as helping church repairs etc. Fresh air, interesting churches, and a good deed – what more can you want?! Anne has gone totally mad and has infected Sheila. They are intending to walk around the churches in Melksham, Devizes and Trowbridge. Please sponsor them – or join them and raise some money for St Anthony's! Please contact Anne Doyle for further information on **01225 707486** or email anne.doyle16@blueyonder.co.uk

Gift Aid: Some people have received their Gift Aid envelopes for this current year. Please contact Tricia Hoy 01225 704805 if you are still waiting for your new 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 **1st September 2016 and 31st 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 . Please ensure you apply by the closing date of **15th January 2021**.

The Season of Creation 2020 – an Invitation to Participate: The Season of Creation runs from 1st September (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) to 4th October (the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi) each year. This ecumenical season is dedicated to prayer and action for the protection of creation. It is a time to renew our relationships with God our Creator, and with all creation, as we join together in prayer. 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. This year we have been made acutely aware of how interconnected we all are, and so we come together in hope that we can rebuild and heal our world. More 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.

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@cliftondiocese.com 07710 094976 for more information – he would be delighted to hear from you.

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.

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, Mrs Bridie Liddle, 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. Alan McFall, Chair of Melksham Family of Churches, who has recently suffered heart problems requiring hospitalisation. 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.**

Just some thoughts:

- I met a fox who was brilliant at football. It was Brazil Brush.
- We had a birthday party. There were so few people we had to play keep the parcel. Tim Vine

Words of Wisdom:

Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth.
Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust.
Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace.
Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe.
Let us dream together, pray together, work together,
To build one world of peace and justice for all.

Satish Kumar

Wordsearch – Twenty-Third Sunday

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| COMMIT | MOUTH | SUMMED |
| CONSECRATE | NAME | TAX |
| GRANTED | NEIGHBOUR | THREE |
| HOUSE | OBLIGATIONS | TRUTH |

Eliminate only the words in the list. No word should be entirely inside another. The remaining letters, reading top left to bottom right describe what Christ has paid for us:

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Last week's words were "FOLLOW ME"

Hilary Clifton

Prayers for the Season of Creation: Sunday 6th September

Almighty God, you created the world and gave it into our care so that, in obedience to you, we might serve all people: inspire us to use the riches of creation with wisdom, and to ensure that their blessings are shared by all; that, trusting in your bounty, all people may be empowered to seek freedom from poverty, famine, and oppression We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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.*

For electronic newsletters, please email: comms.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftondiocese.com

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