



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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The Church will be open for private prayer each Wednesday and Saturday from 10.00 – 11.00 am, starting Wednesday 11th November. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed.

There is no need to book to attend private prayer, but please be aware that if the church is full you may need to wait for someone to leave before you can enter. You must provide your name and contact details on arrival.

It is 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.)

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 8th November: Thirty-Second Sunday of the Year

Sunday Year A; Psalter week 4

Reading 1 – Wis 6: 12-16

Psalm refrain: For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

Reading 2 – 1Thes 4: 13-18

Gospel – Matthew 25: 1-13

Prayers of the Faithful, Thirty-Second Sunday

We ask our everlasting almighty God and Father to hear and answer these, and all our prayers:

- For all church leaders from the Pope to all deacons, and the members of all religious communities
- For all political leaders especially during these very uncertain times
- For all medical staff and emergency services, and the people they care for
- For all those who feel especially anxious and stressed by the coronavirus epidemic
- For our parish and for the Church of God of Prophecy
- For the USA
- During November we especially remember all deceased family members and friends

God our Father, while we live through turbulent uncertain times here on earth, help us to keep our eyes fixed on the sure and certain hope of heaven. We ask this through Christ our Lord, amen. Hilary Clifton

Monday 9th November: Feats of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Word: Ez 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12 or 1Cor 3: 9 -11,16-17; Ps 45; Jn 2: 13-22

Hours: Psalter 4

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

Word: Ti 2: 1-8, 11-14; Ps 36; Lk 17: 7-10

Hours: Psalter 4

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

Word: Ti 3: 1-7; Ps 22; Lk 17: 11-19

Hours: Psalter 4

Thursday 12th November: Memorial of St Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr

Word: Phlm 7-20; Ps 145; Lk 17: 20-25

Hours: Psalter 4

Friday 13th November: Word: 2Jn: 4-9; Ps 118; Lk 17: 26-37

Hours: Psalter 4

Saturday 14th November: Memorial of the Beatified Martyrs of the Diocese

Word: 3Jn 5-8; Ps 111; Lk 18: 1-8

Hours: Psalter 4

Mrs Rosa Menghini: The funeral Mass for Rosa Menghini will take place on Monday 16th November at 2.30 pm. Family members only will be able to attend, due to Covid restrictions. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.

Tree of Remembrance: Due to Covid regulations regarding sharing books, we are unable to make our Book of the Dead available this year. Instead, during November, we will display a Tree of Remembrance at the back of the church. You are invited to write the names of those you wish to be remembered on coloured paper that will become a leaf in the tree. The paper will be available in church for you to take away and write names, then return the paper to church or Presbytery, where it will be added to the tree. The paper will be shaped to form a leaf before display – please feel free to cut your paper to any leaf shape! If you are unable to attend church, please email names to Sharon (using the email at the foot of the newsletter) who will write them for you. **Please do not add paper leaves to the tree yourself;** this will compromise our Covid infection control systems.

Praying Our Goodbyes – Clifton Diocese: This year, Clifton Diocese invites anyone who wishes to post a prayer on their virtual, online prayer wall. In this way we can join in one prayer, not only for those who have died, but also for those who mourn their loss. You can add your prayer by visiting the homepage on their website: <https://cliftondiocese.com/>

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>

Face Masks for Mary's Meals: A huge thank you to Zofia, who has raised over £400 for Mary's Meals with her face masks. The UK government is match funding all public donations to Mary's Meals through the "Double the Love" appeal from now until 31st January 2021, So Zofia's efforts will give a generous gift from our parish of £800 which will bring new hope to families in Liberia who struggle to feed their children. Well done Zofia and all her supporters in this worthy cause!

National Inter Faith Week – 8th-15th November: Inter Faith Week's aims are to strengthen good inter faith relations, "showcasing the enormous amount of goodwill that currently exists across the country as shown by the diverse faith organisations coming together to celebrate achievements". Visit their web page <https://www.interfaithweek.org/> to learn more, including the opportunity on 10th November to take an online tour of local places of worship in Bath via Youtube, organised by Bath Spa University Student Union to celebrate Inter Faith Week 2020.

The Prayer Shield: This is a 365-day prayer initiative in the United Kingdom, launched this autumn. The vision for the Prayer Shield is to unite thousands in forming a shield of prayer over the United Kingdom. It was inspired by one man's image of a united Church engaging with God in prayer to establish His plans and purposes for the nation. For 365 days, Christian leaders of diverse denominations and expressions will lead daily prayers, declarations, and blessings for the nation. "Join with us, for a few minutes every day, as we say a short prayer, make a declaration from God's Word and pronounce a blessing over the United Kingdom." For more information go to <https://theprayershield.uk/>

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: Don d'Cruz, Mrs Kathleen Murphy, John Doyle, Mrs Marian Frawley, Geoff Blwyddin, Mrs Jean Irwin, Mrs Jeanette Allsop, Zofia Clarke, Chris Bate, Andrew 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, Judith Curtis, Keith Healy. 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.

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

Wordsearch – Thirty-Second Sunday

A	R	E	H	T	E	G	O	T	F	S	D
D	T	H	E	A	V	E	N	U	D	E	O
V	B	H	R	F	O	O	L	I	S	H	G
A	L	T	I	O	I	L	A	U	M	I	R
N	W	A	E	R	Y	M	M	R	O	O	A
T	E	A	T	U	S	S	E	L	B	S	C
A	L	D	K	E	Q	T	S	R	P	D	I
G	B	D	D	E	T	N	I	M	E	U	O
E	A	I	G	E	I	G	A	N	R	O	U
O	R	M	B	G	H	L	R	B	G	L	S
B	A	U	H	T	O	S	P	I	L	C	L
M	P	T	S	A	N	C	T	U	A	R	Y

ADVANTAGE	FOOLISH	OIL
AWAKE	FULLY	PARABLE
BANQUET	GOD	PRAISE
BETTER	GRACIOUSLY	SANCTUARY
BLESS	HEAVEN	SOUL
BRIDESMAIDS	LAMPS	SURE
BRIGHT	LATE	THIRSTING
CLOUDS	LIPS	TOGETHER
COMING	MUSE	
DIM	NIGHT	

Eliminate only the words given in the list. The remaining letters make
Last week's words were "ETERNAL LOVE"

Hilary Clifton

Words of Wisdom:

Be silent
Be still
Wait before your God.
Say nothing,
ask nothing.
Be still.
Let your God look upon you.
That is all.
God knows.
God understands.
God loves you with an enormous love.
God only wants to look on you with love.
Quiet.
Still.
Be.
Let your God Love you.

Edwina Gateley

Just some thoughts:

Q: What do you call a sleepwalking nun? A: A "roamin" Catholic.

The Value of Old Age

Old folk are very valuable:
They have gold in their teeth,
Silver in their kidneys,
Gas in their stomach,
And lead in their feet.

Gold Collection: Fr Brian Darcy

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 available from the school admissions team of **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**.

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.

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.*

Contact: comms.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftondiocese.com

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