



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Masses

**Masses this week: Sunday Mass at 9.00 am.
Wednesday 12th January and Saturday 15th
January - Mass at 10.00 am.**

**Face coverings/masks must be worn in places of
worship. Please record your attendance on entry,
sanitise your hands, and respect social distancing.**

Sunday 9th January – Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Sunday Year C; Psalter 1, Proper of Feast

Reading 1 – Is 42: 1-4, 6-7

Psalm refrain: **The Lord will bless his people with
peace.**

Reading 2 – Acts 10: 34-38

Gospel – Lk 3: 15-16, 21-22

Monday 10th January

Word: 1Sm 1: 1-8; Ps 115; Mk 1: 14-20

Hours: Psalter 1

Tuesday 11th January

Word: 1Sm 1: 9-20; 1Sm 2; Mk 1: 21-28

Hours: Psalter 1

Wednesday 12th January

Word: 1Sm 3: 1-10; Ps 39; Mk 1: 29-39

Hours: Psalter 1

Thursday 13th January

Word: 1Sm 4: 1-11; Ps 43; Mk 1: 40-45

Hours: Psalter 1

Friday 14th January

Word: 1Sm 8: 4-7; 10-22; Ps 88; Mk 2: 1-12;

Hours: Psalter 1

Saturday 15th January

Word: 1Sm 9: 1-4, 17-19, 10:1; Ps 20; Mk 2: 13-17

Hours: Psalter 1

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

*Please only use the Gift Aid envelopes if you can Gift
Aid your donation*

PARISH NEWS

Don D'Cruz, R.I.P: We are sad to announce the death of Don D'Cruz, who passed away peacefully on Monday 3rd January. Please remember him and his family in your prayers

Refreshments after Mass on Sunday start again today (9th)

Your Response to the Pope's Invitation!

In the New Year we will arrange sessions when you can let the Pope know how you are feeling. But we need to know who wants to do this. If you are interested in taking part, you can let us know in two ways:

* You can email your name to Sharon, at the Parish Office, see end of bulletin for email address, or

* You can phone/text any of us volunteer delegates with your name: **Joan Boorer** on 07815 753542, **Hilary Clifton** on 07947 052035 or **Patrick Evans** on 07732 544965

Someone will then contact you with the details of the sessions. It will not be a long process as we need to forward all contributions to the Diocese by the end of February. So, if you want your say, don't delay!

Wednesday 12th January - Synod Facilitation

Session: Online Teams Session, 7.00pm – 8.30pm. So that we can respond to the Pope's invitation with confidence, the Diocese is offering another preparation session on how to facilitate for those facilitating Synod Listening Conversations in the parish. If you would like to participate in this online session, please register on the Eventbrite link below. A Teams link can be found there for the online session.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/online-synod-facilitation-training-session-12-january-tickets-220642426437>



Saturday 15th January - Ministry of Reading: Fr Michael Fountaine, parish priest of Chippenham and Corsham, will be leading a session for all readers in St Anthony's and St Edmund's parishes on the ministry of reading, at St Edmunds School, Calne, from 11.30 am until around 2.00 – 2.30 pm with a "bring your own" picnic lunch.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th – 25th January: "We Saw His Star in the East" - this year's materials for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been prepared by the churches of the Middle East, who offer the resources conscious that the world shares many of the travails and much of the difficulties that they experience, and yearns for a light to lead the way to the Saviour who is the light that overcomes darkness. We will be incorporating their prayers into our various gatherings at St Anthony's during this time.

WHAT'S ON

Sunday 9th January: Children's Liturgy of the Word restarts after the Christmas break

Monday 10th January: Mothers' Prayers 10.30 am in the hall.

First Holy Communion Classes restart at 5.30 pm in the hall.

Wednesday 12th January: Breaking Open and Sharing the Word in the hall after Mass

Thursday 6th January: Eucharistic Adoration from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Across the Deaneries – Catechists' Online Meetings: The Adult Education Office is inviting all catechists to meet online to share their experiences, ideas as well as potentially receive some formation. These meetings will ensure a crossover of deaneries to share good practice across the diocese. Bath, Trowbridge and Salisbury Deaneries' meeting is on **13th January, from 7.00 – 8.00pm**. To participate in the conversation, just register through *Eventbrite link* and a *Microsoft Teams link* to the session can be found there:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/across-the-deaneries-tickets-221297555947>

Thursday 20th January, 7.30 – 8.45pm: Called by Name; the Significance of the Rite of Election: This is another online event in the "Sharing the Journey" series taking place via Microsoft Teams. All are welcome to join, including those who may be interested, but not yet involved in this area of ministry. To register your interest, please contact adult.education@cliftondiocese.com. A Microsoft Teams invitation will be sent out a few days before the talk.

OTHER NEWS

Thanks from the Marian Missionary Sisters of the Poor:

We wish to thank the parishioners of St Anthony of Padua for the warm welcome we received and for your very generous contribution of £320 to our Mission Appeal of 20th and 21st November. We were very glad to be able to come personally to share with the parish community and talk about the missionary works still carried around the world during this difficult time. We wish to thank you and your parish for your generosity, and we can assure you that the money will be used by the Sisters for their missionary work and for various projects that can be life-giving to so many in the disadvantaged countries. We pray God to reward you all abundantly. Thanks and God bless.

CHARITIES

Our Parish Charities: If you would like to donate to **Wiltshire Air Ambulance**, please use the link:

<https://www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk/donate/>

Mary's Meals: Every donation to Mary's Meals will be doubled until 31st January 2022 through their **Double the Love campaign** – they also have 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 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 children etc.). If anyone would like to contribute to this, please contact Melksham Foodbank or Sharon (Parish office) for further information.

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, Alan Glass, Tricia Rigg, Henie Dixon, Brian Hillhouse, Judith Curtis, Janice Kuranlu, Alistair Strudwick, David Elliot, Callum Ford, Anne Doyle, Sheila Likey-Ayling, Anne O'Mahony, Lorraine Pavey, Francis Ballinger, Grace Disney. 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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 19th January – PPC meeting in the Hall after Mass. Please give any items you would like to raise to a PPC member, or Sharon in the Parish office.

AND FINALLY

Wordsearch – Baptism of the Lord

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G	D	O	S	E	A	E	O	O	C	R	Y
K	N	E	P	S	T	N	P	I	N	F	B
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| ANYBODY | FREE | POWER |
| BEHOLD | GOD | REED |
| BLESS | HEARD | SAYS |
| BREAK | JOHN | SEEN |
| COVENANT | JUSTICE | SERVE |
| CRY | LIGHT | SOUL |
| CURING | LORD | SPIRIT |
| DESCENDED | NATIONS | THUS |
| DOVE | NAZARETH | WATER |
| ENTHRONED | NEED | YOU |
| EYES | NEWS | |

Eliminate only the listed words. No word should be entirely inside another. The remaining letters describe what the Lord's voice did - It _ _ _ _ _ !

The completed phrase from the previous wordsearch was "THE Word made FLESH" Hilary Clifton

Just for fun....

I've been reading a book – "The History of Glue" ...I couldn't put it down.

The advantages of easy Origami are two-fold.

Tim Vine

Did you know?

The Museum of Modern Art hung Matisse's "Le Bateau" upside down for 47 days in 1961.

Words of Wisdom

Moral principles do not depend on a majority vote. Wrong is wrong, even if everybody is wrong. Right is right, even if nobody is right." Fulton J. Sheen

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

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