



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Sunday 9th October: Twenty-Eighth Sunday: Mass 9.00 am

Tuesday 11th October: Rosary at 10.00 am

Wednesday 12th October: Morning Prayer 9.45 am; Mass at 10.00 am

Thursday 13th October: Adoration 10.00 to 3.00 pm

Saturday 15th October: NO Mass today

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

Government advice is that face coverings/masks can help reduce the spread of Covid.

St Anthony's Parish Christmas Lunch 2022 - Wednesday 7th December, 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm, at The Water Meadow, Melksham SN12 7GS: If you are interested in coming to the Parish Christmas lunch, please collect a numbered menu from Rebecca/John tel. **07872 058510**. Make your choices and return your menu to Rebecca with payment in full by **Sunday 13th November**

PARISH NEWS

This Weekend - retiring collection; proceeds of CAFOD Family Fast Day

Thank you to our Ride and Stride cyclists and those who sponsored them – a total of £500 was raised, which will be shared equally between Wiltshire Historic Churches and St Anthony of Padua. Well done everyone!

Saturday 15th October, SYNOD – Continuing the Journey: Continuing our Synodal conversations at St John the Baptist, Trowbridge. Book your place now on the Eventbrite link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/synod-session-trowbridge-tickets-368188330207>

Mother's Prayers: Mondays at 10.30 am.

Wednesdays: Breaking Open and Sharing the Word after Mass

Thursdays: Adoration from 10.00 am to 3.00pm.

Fridays: Divine Mercy Chaplet 3.00 pm

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, Tricia Rigg, Henie Dixon, Brian Hillhouse, Judith Curtis, Janice Kuranlu, Anne Doyle, Sheila Likey-Ayling, Anne

O'Mahony, Lorraine Pavey, Francis Ballinger, Shireen Doyle, Fr John O'Toole, Martin Hughes. 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

CLIFTON DIOCESE

The Bible Hub Alive (BHA) is an event bringing scripture to life. Through BHA we hope to equip our youth to go out in the world and be firm in their faith through bible scriptures. We had our first BHA event in 2021, and our second event will be on **29th October 2022** from 11am-3pm at Holy Family Catholic Church in Swindon. This event is open to anyone aged 13 and above and everyone must register by 26th October 2022 on www.hrymchosenyouth.co.uk/bha-2022.

Do You Believe in Catholic Education? Bishop Declan wishes to appoint new school governors to support the education of today's generation

of pupils. Could you support Catholic education by becoming a school governor? Governors come from all walks of life and backgrounds – so why not you? If you have enthusiasm and commitment, you can help to positively influence the children’s lives. Visit <https://schools.cliftondiocese.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Could-you-be-a-School-Governor.pdf> or contact Bill McEntee, Governance Officer, Clifton Diocese, on 07710 094976 or bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com for more information and for details of how to apply.

OTHER NEWS

Pact and Prisoners’ Sunday: Sunday 9th October is Prisoners’ Sunday, starting Prisons Week, a week of prayer for prisoners, their families and those who work in and are affected by the Criminal Justice System. Pact is the national Catholic charity for the support of prisoners and their families with Cardinal Vincent Nichols as their president. You are encouraged to take some time this week for prayer, and consider making a donation or volunteering to assist Pact in its mission. Information can be found on the Pact website:

www.prisonadvice.org.uk, or by emailing parish.action@prisonadvice.com There is a prison, HMP Erlestoke, only 10 miles from Melksham. A prayer can be found below.

CHARITIES and PARISH PROJECT

Gift Aid: Your Parish Gift Aid contact is Tricia Hoy, phone number 01225 704805.

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 $\frac{2}{3}$ allocated to Presbytery repairs, and $\frac{1}{3}$ to Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

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 etc). If anyone would like to contribute to this, please contact Melksham Foodbank or Sharon (Parish office) for further information.

AND FINALLY –

Did you know....?

Nine million people are in prisons around the world – a quarter of them in the USA.

Wordsearch: Twenty-Eighth Sunday

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V	S	P	S	I	Y	U	D	E	E	P	L
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ACCEPT	HOUSE	RISEN
ARM	ISRAEL	SALVATION
CHAIN	KINGS	SAMARITAN
CURED	LACK	SEVEN
DEAD	LEPER	SONG
DOWN	LORD	TOP
FIRM	MASTER	TRAVELLED
FLESH	MULES	TRUTH
FORGIVENESS	NAAMAN	VOICE
FOUND	PRESSED	WAY
HOLOCAUST	RICH	

Eliminate only the listed words. No word should be entirely inside another. The remaining letters complete the plea of the ten lepers to Jesus:

“ _ _ _ _ / _ _ _ _ on us. “

The completed phrase from last week (27th Sunday) was: ' but the upright man will live by his FAITHFULNESS'

Hilary Clifton

Words of Wisdom

“How many people in our world look forward to a visit from someone who is concerned about them! How many of the elderly, the sick, the imprisoned and refugees have need of a look of sympathy, a visit from a brother or sister who scales the walls of indifference! ... Let us carry Jesus within our hearts and bring him to all those whom we meet! In this beautiful season of your lives, press ahead and do not postpone all the good that the Holy Spirit can accomplish in you!”

Pope Francis

Twenty-Eighth Sunday

Sunday Year C; Psalter 4

Sunday 9th October

Reading 1 – 2Kgs 5: 14-17

Psalms refrain: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Reading 2 – 2Tim 2: 8-13

Gospel – Lk 17: 11-19

Monday 10th October: Word: Gal 4: 22-24, 26-27, 31- 5:1;Ps 112; Lk 11: 29-32 **Hours:** Psalter 4

Tuesday 11th October: Word: Gal 5: 1-6; Ps 118; Lk 11: 37-41 **Hours:** Psalter 4

Wednesday 12th October: Word: Gal 5: 18-25; Ps 1; Lk 11: 42-46 **Hours:** Psalter 4

Thursday 13th October: Word: Eph 1: 1-10; Ps 97; Lk 11: 47-54 **Hours:** Psalter 4

Friday 14th October: Word: Eph 1: 11-14; Ps 32; Lk 12: 1-7 **Hours:** Psalter 4

Saturday 15th October: Memorial of St Teresa of Jesus (of Avila), Virgin, Doctor of the Church

Word: Eph 1: 15-23; Ps 8; Lk 12: 8-12

Hours: Psalter 4, Proper of Memorial

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

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

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Pact Prayer

Written for Pact by the Venerable Peter Leonard, formerly Anglican Archdeacon of the Isle of Wight

Lord Jesus, you know what it is to be held captive. We pray for all those resident in prison and their families.

May they be aware of your presence with them and may your spirit bring them peace and the hope of new life in Jesus Christ.

May the walls of prison provide a secure place for them to discover both their need for you and that they are loved unconditionally by you.

We pray for all who work in prisons, keep them safe and help them to know and demonstrate your compassion and grace in their daily lives.

We pray for all victims of crime; may your spirit bring them healing and peace as they rebuild their lives.

Gracious God, whose love extends over all the Earth, across all time and for all people, hear our prayer.

Amen

