



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Sunday 28th April: Fifth Sunday of Easter: Mass 9.00 am

St Edmund's, Calne: Mass 11.00 am

Wednesday 1st May: Morning Prayer 9.45 am, Mass at 10.00 am

Thursday 2nd May: Adoration 10.00 am – 3.00 pm

Friday 3rd May: Divine Mercy Chaplet – 3.00 pm

Saturday 4th May: Mass 10.00 am

Please be aware that the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales states:
"The Roman Rite does not permit that communicants themselves dip their host into the Precious Blood"

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

Daily readings at end of newsletter

PARISH NEWS

Children's Liturgy of the Word, Sunday, 28th April
Refreshments after Mass on Sunday

Pentecost Prayer Vigil: We will be holding a 12-hour Eucharistic Adoration on Ascension Thursday, 9th May 2024, starting with Mass at 10.00am and ending with Night Prayer at 10.00pm. Please sign up to spend one hour before the Blessed Sacrament, praying for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit on us, our parish, families and friends and for vocations to the priesthood at Pentecost.

Confirmations 2024: A joint Confirmation service for young people of St Anthony of Padua and St Edmund's will be held at St Edmund's Church, Calne, on Wednesday 2nd October. Confirmation classes will begin soon; further details to follow.

Matthew Pearce, former altar server at St Anthony's, is running for Cancer Research in the Cardiff 10k on Sunday 19th May. If you would like to sponsor him, there is a form in the hall, or please visit

[Matthew Pearce is fundraising for Cancer Research Wales \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/matthewpearce). Thank you.

Prayers for the Sick We are obliged to have the consent of the person (or that of a close family member) before publishing names in the newsletter. We are reviewing our prayer list to ensure it continues to be relevant and that consent is up to date. If you (or close member of your family) wish to remain on our

prayer list please renew your consent by notifying Sharon in the Parish Office by letter or email to comms.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftondiocese.com Sadly, we will need to remove names if consent is not received by 30th April. Thank you.

Please note - Everyone is advised to take care in the car park whilst scaffolding is in place.

Also this week:

Monday 29th April: Mothers' Prayers in the Hall, 10.30 am

Tuesday 30th April: "Move it or Lose It" keep fit exercises – **please check with Jenny**

Wednesday 1st May: Breaking Open and Sharing the Word after Mass

Friday 10th May: Fundraising Quiz night in the hall, 7.00 pm; bring your own drinks and snacks. £5 adults, maximum £15 per family, pay on the door. Maximum 6 per team, please. Please sign up on the sheet in the porch if you would like to attend. There will also be a half-time raffle, and there are boxes in the porch and hall for raffle prize donations Thank you.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please pray for: Carolina Andrews, Isaac Anderson, Francis Ballinger, Chris

Bate, Geoff Blwyddin, Kelvin Boorer, Charlie Bowman-Davies, Michael Bramwell, Lijimol Chacko, Zofia Clarke, June Carey, Henie Dixon, Anne Doyle, Shireen Doyle, Patrick Egan, Mary Hardy, David Harris, Gay Harris, Keith Healy, Paul Hogg, Dawn Holt, Jean Hughes, Bowie Hutchison, Tess Jones, Sheila Likely-Ayling, Hilary and Alan McFall, Liz McGrane, Rebecca Matthews, Anne O'Mahony, Fr John O'Toole, Lorraine Pavey, Tricia Rigg, Mirna Rodriguez, Maureen Westlake, Fr Vincent. All who are suffering from illness, 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 Holy Communion, please tel. 01225 824039 to leave a message, or email ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net

DIOCESAN NEWS

Encounter – Day of Renewal: Fr Matt Anscombe will be hosting a special day of renewal at St Bonaventure's, Bristol from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm starting with Mass on **Saturday 25th May**. Mass, uplifting worship, inspiring teaching and testimonies. Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available and prayer for baptism in the Holy Spirit. Childrens' stream available too. Refreshments provided but bring a packed lunch. To give us an idea of numbers for the day, we ask you to book a free ticket for all members of your party here: www.dftholyspirit.com/encounter-may-2024

Celebration Mass for Marriage and Family Life:

The bishop is celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on **Saturday 25th May (12 noon)** and invites all families to join him. We will also celebrate those couples who celebrate their marriage or a significant anniversary 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 65th, or 70th during 2024. If you are one of these couples (engaged or anniversary) please email adult.education@cliftondiocese.com with your name and address (or write to Sharon in the parish office) to so that a personal invitation can be sent from the bishop.

OTHER NEWS

A Message from SPUC – Speak Up for Life: A debate on assisted suicide will take place this Monday, 29th April at 4.30 pm. For a briefing on the case against assisted suicide, stories opposing any change in the law and an online tool to contact your MP, please go to the webpage Lives Worth Living | SPUC's campaign against assisted suicide

SJOG Homes for Ukraine So far, the Catholic community in England and Wales have responded very generously, with many Ukrainian people now living here, miles away from the war zone.

However, the need is still great; the number of families still waiting to find a home is over 2000. Hosting displaced people is a great way to learn about different cultures and build new friendships. To read about just one family that have benefitted enormously from their UK hosts' generosity go to [SJOG: A New Beginning in the UK -](#) .If there is any possibility that you may be able to offer an empty room in your home, please get in contact with us at homesforukraine@SJOG.org.uk or visit the project website at <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/>.

Dates for your diary

- Wednesday 8th May: Prayer for Melksham,** 7.30pm, that meeting space, 31a Market Place.
- Saturday 18th May: Living the Common Good -** discerning challenges and responses; 10.00am – 4.00pm St Brendan's Sixth Form College Brislington cliftonlivingthecommongood.eventbrite.co.uk
- Sunday 2nd June:** First Holy Communion
- Sunday 16th June: St Edmund's BBQ** after Mass, to celebrate Fr Vincent's 35th anniversary;
- Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust 70th Anniversary Ecumenical Service,** 6.00 pm, Malmsbury Abbey.
- Friday 5th July: St Edmund's Barn Dance** (details to follow).
- Sunday 14th July: Diocesan Pilgrimage to Glastonbury**
[Diocesan Pilgrimage to Glastonbury – Sunday 14th July | Clifton Diocese](#)

CHARITIES and PARISH PROJECT

- Gift Aid:** Your Parish Gift Aid contact is Tricia Hoy, phone number **01225 704805**. Please remember to contact us if your circumstances change and you no longer pay sufficient income Tax to cover your donation.
- 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:** A basket for donations is in the church porch. Items particularly needed – UHT milk, dried pasta, pasta sauce, and tinned tomatoes. 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** is for those who need emergency non-food relief. If you would like to contribute financially to this or to Foodbank, please contact Sharon (Parish office) for details.

AND FINALLY –

Did You Know...? Not only plants photosynthesise. Algae (which are not plants) and some other organisms – including sea slugs and pea aphids – contain chlorophyll and can also take sunlight and turn it into an energy source. BBC Science Focus

Wordsearch: Fifth Sunday of Easter

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| ALLELUIA | FEARLESSLY | PART |
| BEARS | FIRE | PLENTY |
| BOLDLY | FRUIT | PRUNES |
| BRANCHES | GIVEN | RAISE |
| DAMASCUS | GLORY | REAL |
| DEAR | HEARTS | SAMARIA |
| DUST | HELLENISTS | SAUL |
| FAITHFULNESS | HOME | SEEK |
| FAMILIES | MORE | WANTS |
| FATHER | OFF | WONDERS |

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The word from last week (4th Sunday Easter) was "SHEPHERD" Hilary Clifton

Sunday 28th April
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sunday Year B; Psalter 1, Proper of Season

Reading 1: Acts 9: 26-31
Psalm Refrain: You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.
Reading 2: 1Jn 3: 18-24
Gospel: Jn 15: 1-8

Monday 29th April: Feast of St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe

Word: 1Jn1: 5- 2: 2; Ps 102; Mt 11: 25-30
Hours: Proper of Saint

Tuesday 30th April: Word: Acts 14: 19-28; Ps 144; Jn 14: 27-31 **Hours:** Psalter 1, Proper of Season

Wednesday 1st May: Word: Acts 15: 1-6; Ps 121; Jn 15: 1-8 **Hours:** Psalter 1, Proper of Season

Thursday 2nd May: Memorial of St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Word: Acts 15: 7-21; Ps 95; Jn 15: 9-11
Hours: Psalter 1, Common of Pastors or Doctors

Friday 3rd May: Feast of Ss Philip and James, Apostles

Word: 1Cor 15: 1-8; Ps 18; Jn 14: 6-14
Hours: Proper of Feast

Saturday 4th May: Feast of the English Martyrs

Word: Acts 7: 55-60; Ps 30; Mt 10: 17-20
Hours: Proper of Feast



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