



# Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March: Fourth Sunday of Lent - Laetare Sunday: Mass 9.00 am**  
**St Edmund's, Calne: Mass 11.00 am**

**13<sup>th</sup> March: - Morning Prayer 9.45; Mass at 10.00 am**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March: Adoration 10.00 am – 3.00 pm**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March: Stations of the Cross 11.30 am, followed by soup lunch at 12.00 pm**  
**Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3.00 pm**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March: Mass 10.00 am**

**St Edmund's Calne: Mass 6.00 pm**

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

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March: Children's Liturgy of the Word**

**Refreshments after Mass on Sunday**

**Nest week – retiring collection for Easter flowers**

**Thank You for giving to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal** this Lent. Your generous donations, given in love, will support families around the world and help them with the resources to feed their families for good. You raised £96.00 in donations at the Lenten lunch, and £280.00 in the Lent Appeal donations. You can still donate online at [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk).

**Chrism Mass Transport:** If you would like to join us on the coach to the Chrism Mass at Clifton Cathedral on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March, please sign up **as soon as possible** on the sheet in the porch.

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March – PPC meeting** in the hall after Mass. Please give any issues you would like discussed to a PPC member.

**Stations of the Cross continue Fridays at 11.30 am**, followed by a Lent lunch in the hall at the usual time of 12.00 pm. Donations go to our parish charities.

**St Patrick's Day Cards** are now available to purchase – please see Sheila Likely-Ayling.

**Our Lent Courses continue on Tuesdays to 19<sup>th</sup> March:** Our Lent Course is "We Dare to Say"

exploring the prayer our Saviour gave us, The Our Father. For those unable to attend a Lent group, copies of the "We Dare to Say" booklet are available for £1 each, for personal study and reflection. Please see Sharon (in the parish office) if you would like a booklet.

**CAFOD's Big Lent Walk:** Hilary and Chris Clifton will be taking part in CAFOD's Big Lent Walk, the challenge to walk 200km over 40 days to help people overcome poverty; any donations will be gratefully received! If you would like to sponsor them, please use this link:

[Chris and Hilary Big Lent WalkRun is fundraising for CAFOD](#)

**Melksham Foodbank** are currently in need of donations of sugar, tinned rice pudding, tinned meat and squash. Items can be left in the basket in the porch.

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March - Prayer for Melksham**, 7.30pm in "that meeting space", 31a Market Place, Melksham. Please do come and join local Christians pray for Melksham and our surrounding villages.

**Also this week:**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March: Mothers' Prayers** in the Hall, 10.30 am.

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March: "Move it or Lose It"** keep fit exercises in the hall, 1.30 pm.

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March:** Breaking Open and Sharing the Word in the church after Mass.

## OUR PARISH FAMILY

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please pray for: Geoff Blwyddin, Zofia Clarke, Chris Bate, Patrick Egan, Rebecca Matthews, Paul Hogg, Keith Healy, Tricia Rigg, Henie Dixon, Brian Hillhouse, Janice Kuranlu, Anne Doyle, Sheila Likely-Ayling, Anne O'Mahony, Lorraine Pavey, Francis Ballinger, Shireen Doyle, Fr John O'Toole, Tess Jones, Kelvin Boorer, Maureen Westlake, Liz McGrane, Isaac Anderson, June Carey, Michael Bramwell, Dawn Holt, Gay Harris, Fr Vincent, David Harris, Hilary McFall, Lijimol Chacko, Mirna Rodriguez, Mary Hardy. 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 telephone 01225 824039 and leave a message, or Email [ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net](mailto:ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net)

## DIOCESAN NEWS

**Listening With the Heart Sessions:** The department of Adult Education and Evangelisation are offering an opportunity for parishioners to develop the skills of [small group facilitation](#) in the context of parish groups. These short sessions will provide participants with a model for rooting decision making in prayer and discernment. The nearest venue to us is **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March, at St John's, Bath (after 9.30am Mass)**. The Eventbrite link to register is <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/listening-with-the-heart-tickets-808837323207>

## Lourdes Pilgrimage 2024 – 23<sup>rd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> August:

The Clifton Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes is taking place this year in late August, with pilgrims coming from all over the Diocese to embark on this journey. Details are on the Diocesan website [Lourdes | Clifton Diocese](#) or contact [lourdes@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:lourdes@cliftondiocese.com) or 0117 902 5590 for an information pack. Please be aware the **deadline for deposits is 31<sup>st</sup> March**, with payment in full by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024.

## OTHER NEWS

**SJOG Homes for Ukraine** acts as a matching, training, and support pathway for guests from Ukraine and hosts in the UK who are willing to provide much-needed support. Our programme operates collaboratively with Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN). At SJOG Homes for Ukraine, we offer a range of services to ensure fulfilling experience for both guests and hosts. These services include matching, training for hosts and guests, transportation assistance, and support during the placement. **More information on the project can be found at the following links**

Website: <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk>

E-mail: [homesforukraine@sjog.org.uk](mailto:homesforukraine@sjog.org.uk)

Facebook: [facebook.com/sjoghomesforukraine](https://facebook.com/sjoghomesforukraine)

YouTube: [youtube.com/@sjoghomesforukraine](https://youtube.com/@sjoghomesforukraine)

## 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 – cans of meat, vegetables, fruit and rice pudding, squash, sugar. 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, please contact Melksham Foodbank or Sharon (Parish office) for further information.

## Dates for your diary

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March:** Chrism Mass, Clifton Cathedral, 11.00 am;  
Prayer for Melksham, 7.30 pm "That Meeting Place"

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May:** Marriage Celebration, Clifton Cathedral, midday.

## AND FINALLY –

### Did you know?

**You can see stars as they were 4,000 years ago with the naked eye.** Without a telescope, all the stars we can see lie within about 4,000 light-years of us. That means at most you're seeing stars as they were 4,000 years ago, around when the pyramids were being built in Egypt. BBC Science Focus

## Words of Wisdom

"The people who are crazy enough to think they can change the world – are the ones who do" Steve Jobs

## Wordsearch: Fourth Sunday of Lent

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S	H	D	E	W	C	I	M	M	V	D	A
E	T	N	N	L	L	Y	E	E	L	U	P
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Y	H	L	R	E	A	S	U	U	N	E	O
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D	E	R	S	R	A	E	Y	L	Y	R	N
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AVOIDS	HOUSE	SAVED
BABYLON	JEREMIAH	SEVENTY
BUILD	JERUSALEM	SINS
CAPTORS	JUDAH	SOIL
CLEAVE	LAND	SONS
CYRUS	ONLY	TIRELESSLY
DESERT	PRIZE	TRUTH
DOWN	RAISED	UP
FURTHER	REMEMBER	YEARS
GENEROUS	RIGHT	
HARPS	RIVERS	

Eliminate only the words listed. The remaining letters give another name for this Sunday

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The words from last week (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Lent) were  
 "WISDOM OF GOD" Hilary Clifton

## Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday Year B; Psalter 4, Proper of Season

Reading 1: 2Chr 36: 14-16, 19-23

Psalm Refrain: O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!

Reading 2: Eph 2: 4-10

Gospel: Jn 3: 14-21

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March: Word: Is 65: 17-21; Ps 29; Jn 4: 43-54 Hours: Psalter 4, Proper of Season

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March: Word: Ez 47: 1-9, 12; Ps 45; Jn 5: 1-3, 5-16 Hours: Psalter 4, Proper of Season

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March: Word: Is 49: 8-15; Ps 144; Jn 5: 17-30 Hours: Psalter 4, Proper of Season

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March: Word: Ex 32: 7-14; Ps 105; Jn 5: 31-47 Hours: Psalter 4, Proper of Season

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March: Word: Wis 2: 1, 12-22; Ps 33; Jn 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30 Hours: Psalter 4, Proper of Season

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March: Word: Jer 11: 18-20; Ps 7; Jn 7: 40-52 Hours: Psalter 4, Proper of Season



Please send any comments or items for the newsletter to the email address below or put a note through the Presbytery door. Thank you.

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