



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Sunday 10th September: Twenty-Third Sunday: Mass 9.00am

St Edmund's, Calne: Mass 11.00 am

Wednesday 13th September: Morning Prayer 10.00 am: NO MASS

Thursday 14th August: Adoration 10.00 am – 3.00 pm

Friday 15th September: Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3.00 pm

Saturday 16th September: NO MASS

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

We welcome Fr Tibor Szende who celebrates Mass with us.

This week there is a retiring collection for the Catholic Education Service;

Next week there will be a retiring collection for Home Missions

Sunday 10th September - Children's Liturgy of the Word restarts today

Parish Christmas Lunch: Wednesday 6th December 12.30pm for 1.00 pm, The Water Meadow, Melksham SN12 7GS. If you are interested in coming to the parish Christmas lunch, please collect a menu from inside the church porch, or from Rebecca/John. Make your choices and return the menu to Rebecca/John, with payment in full by Sunday 19th November. Contact number 07872 058510

Confirmations 2024: We hoping to have confirmations in 2024 if we have sufficient numbers. If you are interested in being confirmed, please write to Fr Vincent to express your interest. Please note; **letters must come from candidates, not parents or guardians, please**

The St Edmund's and Harbour Project concert – Notes of Hope: The charity concert in aid of The

Harbour Project and Calne Welfare Charities is on 29th September with a superb line-up of performers from Calne and across the world, followed by a drinks and delicious Indian nibbles. Tickets are £12.50 (£5 for under 18s) and are available after Mass and via the [Parish website](#). Please invite your family and friends. We have sold 40 tickets so far and would like to fill our spacious church with another 60 at least.

Don't Forget the Holy Spirit: We have some more copies of Fr Matt Anscombe's book 'Don't Forget the Holy Spirit', £10.50 per book.

Concert by Chippenham Male Voice Choir: Melksham United Church, this **Saturday, 16th September at 7.30pm**. Tickets £5, all welcome!

Help in the Garden: Do you need help in the garden with weeding, pruning, planting, etc? Anna Haynes will be pleased to provide paid gardening services. Contact Anna on **01225 705124** or email a message via admin.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftondiocese.com; your message will be passed to Anna.

Also this week:

Monday 11th September: Mothers' Prayers in the Hall, 10.30 am

Tuesday, 12th September: "Move it or Lose It" in the Church Hall at 2:30 pm. All these keep fit exercises can be done seated or standing, depending on your ability – perfect for seniors. £5 per person with £1 deducted from each fee to go towards our Church fund. Please feel free to call Jennifer on 07341 986569

if you have any questions.

Wednesday 12th September: Breaking Open and Sharing the Word after Morning Prayer.

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, Val Stiles, Kerrie Porter, Dawn Holt, Dave Disney. 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

DEANERY

Catechist Formation Day, Saturday 28th October, St John the Baptist, Trowbridge, exploring the ministry of catechesis in partnership with the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph. As well as celebrating Mass and taking time to pray together, we will look at the vocation of the catechist, how we integrate catechesis into the wider Church, the formation of the catechist and how to plan a catechetical session. This rich day of formation is for seasoned catechists, and anyone who feels called to this ministry but might not feel equipped. We will begin with prayer at 10.00am, refreshments from 9.15am and the day will end at 4.00pm. Please a packed lunch. Sign up for the day via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/668215439367>

CLIFTON DIOCESE

Education Sunday – this Sunday, 10th September: Catholic schools continue to be true to their mission: they educate more pupils from the most deprived backgrounds; outperform national GCSE English and Maths averages by five percentage points; and are more ethnically diverse than other state-funded schools. For this success to continue, All Catholics need to be prepared to support, promote and defend Catholic education. **You can do this by becoming a school Foundation governor or Trust Director.** Contact Bill McEntee at Clifton Diocese via bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com or on 07710 094976 if you would like to be a governor or director.

St Brendan's Sixth Form College is currently recruiting for a Head of Catholic Education and Community. This is a fantastic opportunity for an experienced teacher who wants to make a significant contribution both to the delivery of the Religious Education curriculum and also to the wider college in

building a sense of community for our students and staff. Full details of the role can be found on at [2023-50 Leader of Catholic Education and Community - Jobs at St. Brendan's Sixth Form College](#)

The Catholic Union is encouraging people to sign an open letter to the Education Secretary calling for the 50 percent cap on faith-based admissions to new free schools to be lifted. The cap is preventing the Catholic Church in England from taking part in the free schools' programme. The letter is available to sign at www.catholicunion.org.uk

Celebration of Marriage: Join Bishop Declan for Mass in the Cathedral Bishop as we celebrate the gift of marriage **Saturday 14th October** at 12 noon. All are welcome. If you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year, newly married, or looking forward to marriage in 2023, contact adult.education@cliftondiocese.com or 0117 902 5595 to receive a personal invitation from the bishop.

Clifton Diocese Trustees: As a result of current vacancies, the Diocese is seeking individuals with specific skills to join the Board of Trustees. Suitable applicants should have in depth knowledge and experience of either property or contracts as a lawyer, or finance as a qualified accountant. The commitment is to one 3-hour meeting approximately eight times per year on a Wednesday from 9.30 am in Bristol, along with membership of at least one sub-committee which would meet six times per year.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 6th October: CAFOD Family Fast Day
Saturday 14th October: Celebration of Marriage, Clifton Cathedral, 12 noon

Time to prepare for the various meetings is also required. It is usual for a Trustee to give somewhere in the region of 6 hours per month plus travelling time. If you would like to apply, please send your details to Alessia Dini, St Ambrose, North Rd, Leigh Woods, Bristol BS8 3PW or email to Alessia.Dini@cliftondiocese.com by 29th September.

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 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 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.

AND FINALLY –

Did you know?

Japan is thought to have one of the highest densities of vending machines in the world, with one for every 40 people in the country. While most sell various types of beverages, others feature ice cream, noodles, and disposable cameras. Readers Digest

Wordsearch: Twenty-Third Sunday

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Only eliminate the words given in the list. The remaining letters describe what Christ has paid for us:

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The words from last week (22nd Sunday) were
 "FOLLOW ME" Hilary Clifton

Sunday 10th September
Twenty Third Sunday
Sunday Year A; Psalter 3

Reading 1: Ez 33: 7-9

Psalm Refrain: O that today you would listen to his voice! "Harden not your hearts."

Reading 2: Rom 13: 8-10

Gospel: Mt 18: 15-20

Monday 11th September: Word: Col 1: 24-2: 3; Ps 61; Lk 6: 6-11 **Hours:** Psalter 3

Tuesday 12th September: Word: Col 2: 6-15; Ps 144; Lk 6: 12-19 **Hours:** Psalter 3

Wednesday 13th September: Memorial of St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Word: Col 3: 1-11; Ps 144; Lk 6: 20-26

Hours: Psalter 3, Common of Pastors or Doctors

Thursday 14th September: Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Word: Nm 21: 4-9; Ps 77;

Jn 3: 13-17 **Hours:** Proper of Feast

Friday 15th September: Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

Word: 1Tim 1: 1-2, 12-14; Ps 15; Jn 19: 25-27

Hours: Proper of Memorial

Saturday 16th September: Memorial of Ss Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

Word 1Tim 1: 15-17; Ps 112; Lk 6: 43-49

Hours: 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 401265** and leave a message or put a note through the Presbytery door. Thank you.

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