



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Sunday 11th February: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Mass 9.00 am

St Edmund's, Calne: Mass 11.00 am

Wednesday 14th February: Ash Wednesday - Morning Prayer 9.45, Mass at 10.00 am

St Edmund's, Calne: Mass 7.00 pm

Thursday 15th February: Adoration 10.00 am – 3.00 pm

Friday 16th February – Stations of the Cross, 11.00 am, Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3.00 pm

Saturday 17th February: 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 11th February - Children's Liturgy of the Word

Refreshments after Mass on Sunday

Bishop Declan will be coming to St Anthony of Padua for a visitation next Sunday, 18th February; he will preside at Mass.

Lent Course - Tuesdays from 20th February to 19th March: Pope Francis has named **2024 the Year of Prayer**, a year spent in preparation for the **2025 Jubilee Year**. He has called on all Catholics to spend this year deepening their prayer lives. Our Lent Course this year is "**We Dare to Say**" a Clifton Diocese resource exploring the prayer our Saviour gave us, The Our Father. We will be running two Lent groups every Tuesday from 20th February to 19th March; 10.30 am in the Hall, and 7.00 pm at 16, Sherwood Avenue. All welcome – please sign up on the sheet in the porch.

Liturgy of Reconciliation, Wednesday 21st February: We are delighted that Bishop Declan will visit St Anthony of Padua for one of this year's Diocesan Penitentiary Services. The service will start at 7.00 pm, and there will be priests available to celebrate sacramental reconciliation.

Stations of the Cross take place at 11.00 am every Friday during Lent, followed by a Lent lunch in the hall

at 12.00 pm (no lunch on 1st March). Donations will go to our parish charities.

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 and donations will be gratefully received! More information on the Big Lent Walk can be found at [The Big Lent Walk 2024 \(cafod.org.uk\)](http://TheBigLentWalk2024(cafod.org.uk))

Also this week:

Monday 12th February: Mothers' Prayers in the Hall, 10.30 am.

Tuesday 13th February: "Move it or Lose It" keep fit exercises in the hall, 1.30 pm.

Wednesday 14th February: Breaking Open and Sharing the Word in the hall 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. 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

DIOCESAN NEWS

The Rite of Election of Catechumens, and the Call to Continuing Conversion will be celebrated by Bishop Declan in **Clifton Cathedral next Saturday 17th February, at 11.00am.** All are most welcome to the cathedral, so please do join this celebration.

Lenten Retreat – Online Sessions

“Transformed by Love”: Clifton Diocese in partnership with ‘Light of Truth’ are offering a **Lenten retreat: ‘Transformed by Love’** in six online sessions, contemplating God’s grace at work in the lives of six persons, through scripture and artworks. The six sessions begin at 7.30pm on a Tuesday evening: 20th February, 27th February, 5th March, 12th March, 19th March and 26th March. To sign up for the series, click on the Zoom link: [Meeting Registration](#) or go to the [diocesan website](#).

2024 – Year of Prayer: Pope Francis has given us the Year of Prayer in 2024, in preparation for the Holy Year of 2025. **St John the Evangelist, Bath**, is hosting a series of sessions to draw us into the school of prayer, so that we might grow closer to the Lord. **The next session is this Tuesday, 20th February at 7.00 pm, when Fr Dermot Power will speak on the theme “The Prayer of Jesus”.** All are welcome.

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 Pastoral Councils, RCIA, Prayer Groups, Lenten Groups, Confirmation Preparation, and any other parish groups. These short sessions will provide participants with a model for rooting decision making in prayer and discernment and the tools necessary for effective facilitation. The nearest venue to us is **Saturday 16th 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 – 23rd to 30th 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 or 0117 902 5590 for an information pack. Please be aware the **deadline for deposits is 31st March**, with payment in full by 31st May 2024.

OTHER NEWS

Join CAFOD’s Lent Journey: CAFOD invite you to join them draw closer to God and our global family through reflection and prayer this Lent. This year, as part of their reflections on one of the readings of the day, **CAFOD** will be sharing the stories of people from a fishing community in Liberia, as well as a daily prayer and suggested action you might like to take. Join this journey by signing up for CAFOD’s daily Lent emails: [Lent calendar with daily prayers and reflection \(cafod.org.uk\)](#)

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages, April – October 2024: Apartment B&B 7 nights from €273 per person sharing. Airport transfer on request, Contact them for details. Tel 020 3239 8662 or go to reservations@med-irishcentre.com

Date for your diary:
Friday 1st March – World Day of Prayer
10.30 am at St Barnabas Church
Beanacre; all welcome!

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? Water might not be wet. This is because most scientists define wetness as a liquid’s ability to maintain contact with a solid surface, meaning that water itself is not wet, but can make other objects wet.

BBC Science Focus

Wordsearch: Sixth Sunday

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ACKNOWLEDGED	GUILT	SALVATION
AWAY	HAND	SKIN
CALL	HOPE	SORRY
CONFESS	LEPER	STERNLY
CURE	LEPROUS	STRETCHED
ENLIGHTEN	LEVITICUS	SWELLING
EVIDENCE	MOSES	TOUCHED
EYES	PAUL	TOWN
FILL	REJOICE	UNCLEAN

Eliminate only the listed words. The remaining letters give those people for whom Jesus is a friend

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The words from last week were "FREE TO SERVE"
Hilary Clifton

**Sunday 11th February
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sunday Year B; Psalter 2

Reading 1: Lv 13: 1-2, 44-46

Psalm Refrain: You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Reading 2: 1Cor 10: 31 -11:1

Gospel: Mk 1: 40-45

Monday 12th February: Word: Jas 1: 11-1;

Ps 118; Mk 8: 11-13 **Hours:** Psalter 2

Tuesday 13th February: Word: Jas 1: 12-18;

Ps 93; Mk 8: 14-21 **Hours:** Psalter 2

Wednesday 14th February:

Ash Wednesday

Reading 1: Jl 2: 12-18

Psalm Refrain: Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Reading 2: 2Cor 5: 20- 6: 2

Gospel: Mt 6: 1-6, 16-18

Hours: Psalter 4, Proper of Season

Thursday 15th February: Word: Dt 30: 15-20;

Ps 1; Lk 9: 22-25 **Hours:** Psalter 4, Proper of Season

Friday 16th February: Word: Is 58: 1-9; Ps 50;

Mt 9: 14-15 **Hours:** Psalter 4, Proper of Season

Saturday 17th February: Word: Is 58: 9-14; Ps 85;

Lk 5: 27-32 **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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