



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Sunday 12th February: Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time: Mass 9.00am

Wednesday 15th February: Morning Prayer 9.40 am, Mass 10.00am

Thursday 16th February: Adoration in the hall 10.00am - 3.00pm

Friday 17th February: Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3.00 pm

Saturday 18th February: Mass 10.00am

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.

Daily readings at end of newsletter

CAFOD Syria-Turkey Earthquake Appeal: CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>.

PARISH NEWS

Wednesday 15th February – PPC Meeting in the hall after Mass. Please give any items you would like discussed to a PPC member before then.

Fair Trade: The supplier of the products for our fair-trade stall, Traidcraft, has unfortunately gone into administration - a major blow to the community of fair traders across the country. The charitable arm, now named 'Transform Trade', is still operating and will continue to support small artisans and farmers and campaign for trade justice, www.transform-trade.org. Other suppliers of fair-trade goods exist but do not provide the range brought together by Traidcraft and so our stall will continue, although the range of goods may be reduced. Please speak to Adrienne on 01249 740604 if you have any specific items you require. In particular, now is the time to think about cards and chocolate eggs for Easter.

During the cold weather, we ask everyone to make sure they dress for warmth when they come to church. We continue to keep windows open in the church to reduce the spread of virus – and due to increased utility costs, church heating cannot be set to as high a temperature as we would like. Thank you.

Rise Theatre will be performing 'Faithful Companions' at St Edmund's church on Wednesday 15th March 2023 at 7.00pm. "Faithful Companions" is based on the inspirational true story of Marie Madeleine d'Houët, foundress of an international society of Catholic sisters called the Faithful Companions of Jesus. Tickets are £10 per adult; £25 per family, and can be purchased online via St Edmund's parish website [RISE Theatre "Faithful Companions" | Saint Edmund's Catholic Church. Calne \(saintedmundscalne.org.uk\)](http://www.stedmundscalne.org.uk), or from Mary Rooney.

Our Music Ministry: Can you help us with our music in church? If anyone plays any kind of musical instrument and would be willing to use this talent to help us celebrate Mass and enhance our liturgy – even if you can only commit to an occasional Sunday - we would love to hear from you. We also welcome new members to our choir. Please speak with Anne or contact Sharon in the parish office if you would like to become involved.

This week:

Monday 13th February: Mothers' prayers in the hall at 10.30 am.

Wednesday 15th February: PPC Meeting in the hall after Mass
Breaking Open and Sharing the Word After Mass.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please pray for: Geoff Blwyddin, Zofia Clarke, Chris 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, Tess Jones, Kelvin Boorer, Maureen Westlake. 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 to receive Holy Communion, please telephone 01225 824039 and leave a message, or Email ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday February 24th – Stations of the Cross, Ukraine theme, 6.00pm.

Tuesday 28th February – Lent Groups begin, 10.00 am in the hall, 7.00 pm at 16 Sherwood Avenue.

Friday March 3rd - World Day of Prayer hosted by Melksham Baptist Church, 10.30am

Friday March 10th (and Fridays in Lent thereafter)– Stations of the Cross, 11.00am followed by Lent Lunch

Wednesday March 15th – RISE Theatre at St Edmund's, 7.00pm

Thursday 16th March – Liturgy of Reconciliation, 7.00pm, St Catherine's, Frome

Thursday 18th May – Ascension Mass 10.00am, followed by Adoration in the Church until 10.00 pm.

CLIFTON DIOCESE

Liturgies of Reconciliation: Bishop Declan will celebrate Liturgies of Reconciliation during the Season of Lent at four venues across the diocese. **Thursday 9th March** (Sacred Heart, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol), **Thursday 16th March** (St Catharine of Alexandria, Frome), **Thursday 23rd**

March (St Mary, Swindon), **Thursday 30th March** (Corpus Christi Weston-Super-Mare). Each Liturgy will start at 7pm; except for Sacred Heart, Westbury-on-Trym, which will start at 6pm. Building upon the beautiful gatherings during Lent he is, once again, inviting our diocesan community to gather with him in celebration of God's merciful love as part of our Lenten journey. There will be priests available at each venue to celebrate sacramental reconciliation.

OTHER NEWS

“Answering God’s Call,” A Vocations Discernment Retreat for Young Catholic Adults for Lent. This Lent, we are running a vocations discernment retreat in the diocese aimed at young Catholic men and women, aged 18 to 35. The retreat takes place from **Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th March 2023**, at Brownhill monastery, near Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL6 8AL. The cost is £90 for full board. For more information, please contact Rina at rina@youngcatholicadultnetwork.uk

How Can You Help Rough Sleepers? A Message from Wiltshire Council: If you see someone on the streets, you can provide details to **StreetLink** which connects rough sleepers with local services that can support them. StreetLink will provide the council with details so officers can talk to the rough sleeper, help them find a warm place to stay and offer ongoing support. People are also encouraged to donate to local charities in Wiltshire, which directly help those in need. If you are sleeping rough, or you know someone who is, let us know on **0300 456 0100** so we can provide accommodation and support.

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 for

those who need emergency relief. This fund is seeing increased demand; if you would like to contribute, please contact Melksham Foodbank or Sharon (Parish office) for further information.

AND FINALLY –

Did you know?

The longest pier in Britain is Southend-on-Sea Pier in Essex – at 2,158 meters (7,080 ft)
Actress Hedy Lamarr was involved in the invention of what is the basis of current WiFi.

Wordsearch: Sixth Sunday

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| DOT | OBEYED | SWEAR |
| EARTH | OBSERVE | TRAIN |
| FOLLOW | OFFERING | WISDOM |
| FOOL | OFFICER | |

Eliminate only the listed words. No word should be entirely inside another. The remaining letters give an important place in the Bible:

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The word from last week (5th Sunday) was
“STEADFAST” Hilary Clifton

Sunday 12th February
Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time
Sunday Year A; Psalter 2

Reading 1: Ecclus 15: 15-20
Psalm Refrain: They are happy who follow God's law!
Reading 2: 1Cor 2: 6-10
Gospel: Mt 15: 17-37

Monday 13th February: Word: Gn 4: 1-15, 25
Ps 49; Mk 8: 11-13 **Hours:** Psalter 2

Tuesday 14th February: Feast of Ss Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of Europe
Word: Acts 13: 46-49;
Ps 116; Lk 10: 1-9 **Hours:** Psalter 2

Wednesday 15th February: Word: Gn 8: 6-13, 20-22; Ps 115; Mk 8: 22-26 **Hours:** Psalter 2

Thursday 16th February: Word: Gn 9: 1-13;
Ps 101; Mk 8: 27-33 **Hours:** Psalter 2

Friday 17th February: Word: Gn 11: 1-9;
Ps 32; Mk 8: 34 – 9:1 **Hours:** Psalter 2

Saturday 18th February: Word: Heb 11: 1-7;
Ps 144; Mk 9: 2-13 **Hours:** Psalter 2

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.

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