



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Sunday 13th August: Nineteenth Sunday: Mass 9.00am

St Edmund's, Calne: Mass 11.00 am

Tuesday 15th August: Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

Mass 10.30 am

St Edmund's, Calne:

Mass at 7.00 pm

Wednesday 16th August: Morning Prayer 9.45 am, Mass 10.00 am

Thursday 17th August: Adoration 10.00 am – 3.00 pm

Friday 18th August: Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3.00 pm

Saturday 19th August: Mass 10.00 am

St Edmund's Calne: Mass 6.00 pm

At the sign of peace, if you wish, you are welcome to shake hands with those next to you

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

Refreshments in the hall after Mass

Children's Liturgy of the Word is now on summer break, returning in the autumn

Please note: Tuesday's Mass will be held slightly later than usual at 10.30 am

R.I.P Mrs Linda Ross, Requiem Mass at St Anthony of Padua, Thursday 24th August, 2.00 pm.

Bristol to Arundel Ecumenical Pilgrimage 2023:

This year's pilgrimage from Bristol to Arundel stops in Melksham and Devizes. **On Tuesday 15th August, there will be an ecumenical service in the United Church, Melksham, at 9.30 am – please do come and join us as we welcome the pilgrims!** Our Mass for that day has been rescheduled for an hour later to enable us to attend. The pilgrims will also attend Mass at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Devizes at 6.00pm. More details on the pilgrimage itinerary can be found on handouts and posters in the porch and hall and at [Ecumenical Walking Pilgrimage | Our Faith \(abdiocese.org.uk\)](http://EcumenicalWalkingPilgrimage|OurFaith(abdiocese.org.uk)) You can also be a day pilgrim; just turn up wearing some strong walking boots or shoes

and bring some sandwiches or chance getting a pub lunch. You will be very welcome.

The St Edmund's and Harbour Project concert -

Notes of Hope: A concert celebrating talent and diversity on **29th September in St Edmund's Church, Calne**, with a superb line-up of performers from Calne and across the world in aid of The Harbour Project and Calne Welfare Charities. Tickets £12.50 (£5 for under 18s) available online or after Mass. Tickets include drinks and refreshments. For further information, please email victoria@cadenham.com

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

Diocesan Diaries and Directories 2024: If anyone would like a Diocesan Diary or Directory for 2024,

please sign up on the sheet in the porch **before 18th August**, please.

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.

Mothers' Prayers: No Mothers' Prayers in August - restarts Monday 11th September.

Also this week:

Tuesday, 15th August: "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 16th August: Breaking Open and Sharing the Word 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, Val Stiles. 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

CLIFTON DIOCESE

Don't Forget the Holy Spirit: You are invited to come and pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit, followed by testimony, teaching, discussion and prayer with Fr Matt Anscombe.

The next date is:

Friday 1st September, 7.00 pm, starting with Mass, at St Osmund, Salisbury

All are welcome!

OTHER NEWS

CAFOD – Fix the Food System: At the heart of the global food crisis is a struggle for control over the world's seeds. For generations, small-scale farmers have freely swapped and shared a wide variety of seeds, but the freedom of farmers to choose what seeds they use is under threat as the World Bank supports new laws which push farmers towards using seeds sold by big agribusiness. This puts control of the world's seeds into the hands of a few giant corporations. If we want a sustainable food

system, then we must stand in solidarity with small-scale farmers and join CAFOD in demanding that the World Bank end all policies that restrict farmers' freedoms to choose which seeds they use to grow food. Visit [Stand in solidarity with small-scale farmers | CAFOD](#)

There will be an opportunity to sign a petition in church next Sunday, 20th August.

Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust – Ride and Stride 2023 Sponsored challenge will take

place on Saturday 9th September from 10.00 am to 6.00 pm. People are encouraged to do a sponsored walk, bicycle or horse ride between churches on a pre-planned route. Half of all sponsorship money collected will be returned to the walker's/rider's church. Why not join in this year? Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust is a charity and provides grants to churches to fund repairs, improvements and reconstruction. Please visit [Welcome to Wiltshire Ride & Stride - Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust](#)

If you would like to make a donation, visit the WHCT JustGiving page: [Log In - JustGiving](#)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 1st September: Don't Forget the Holy Spirit 7.00 pm, (starting with Mass), at St Osmund, Salisbury, with Fr Matt Anscombe.

Saturday 2nd September: March for Life UK, London. See marchforlife.co.uk.

Saturday 9th September: Ride and Stride for Wiltshire Historic Churches. For info: [Home - Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust](#)

Thursday 21st September: Formation of Catechists online course, introduction to catechesis: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

Friday 29th September: "Notes of Hope" concert, St Edmund's Church, Calne

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 2/3 allocated to Presbytery repairs, and 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 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?

Dull is a village in Perth and Kinross, Scotland. It is paired with Boring, Oregon. Bland, New South Wales, Australia, is also a member of the League of Extraordinary Communities established by Boring and Dull in 2013.

Wordsearch: Nineteenth Sunday

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| BATTLING | FAITHFULNESS | SOUND |
| BLOOD | FLESH | STRONG |
| BOAT | GHOST | TERRIFIED |
| BREEZE | HELP | TORE |
| CAVE | HOREB | WALKING |
| COURAGE | MOUNTAIN | WENT BY |
| COVERED | NOT | WHEAT |
| CROWDS | PEACE | WIND |
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The words from last week (Transfiguration) were
 "WELL PLEASED" Hilary Clifton

**Sunday 13th August
 Nineteenth Sunday
 Sunday Year A; Psalter 3**

Reading 1: 1Kgs 19: 9, 11-13

Psalm Refrain: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy,
 and give us your saving help.

Reading 2: Rom 9: 1-5

Gospel: Mt 14: 22-33

**Monday 14th August: Memorial of St
 Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr**

Word: Dt 10: 12-22; Ps 147; Mt 17: 22-27

Hours: Psalter 3

**Tuesday 15th August: Solemnity of the
 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Reading 1: Apoc 11: 19-12: 1-6

Psalm Refrain: On your right stands the queen,
 in garments of gold.

Reading 2: 1Cor 15: 20-26

Gospel: Lk 1: 39-56

Wednesday 16th Word: Dt 34: 1-12; Ps 65;
 Mt 18: 12-20 **Hours:** Psalter 3

Thursday 17th Word: Jos 3: 7--11; Ps 113;
 Mt 18: 21-19: 1 **Hours:** Psalter 3

Friday 18th August: Word: Jos 24: 1-13; Ps 135;
 Mt 19: 3-12 **Hours:** Psalter 3

Saturday 19th August: Word Jos 24: 14-29; Ps 15;
 Mt 19: 13-15 **Hours:** Psalter 3

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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