



# Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April: Third Sunday of Easter: Mass 9.00 am**

**St Edmund's, Calne: Mass 11.00 am**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April: Morning Prayer 9.45; Mass at 10.00 am**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April: Adoration 10.00 am – 3.00 pm**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April: Divine Mercy Chaplet – 3.00 pm**

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April: Mass 10.00 am**

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

**Children's Liturgy of the Word is on Easter Break – recommences next Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> April**

**Refreshments after Mass on Sunday**

**This Week – Mission Appeal**

**Next week – retiring collection for the Clergy Training Fund**

**Please note** - scaffolding will be erected around the Church next Monday (15<sup>th</sup> April) to facilitate the replacement of the guttering. Everyone is advised to take care in the car park.

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April** joint PPC with St Edmund's, 7.00 pm in the hall.

**Prayers for the Sick** We are obliged to have the consent of the person (or that of a close family member) before publishing names in the newsletter. We are reviewing our prayer list to ensure it continues to be relevant and that consent is up to date. If you (or close member of your family) wish to remain on our prayer list please renew your consent by notifying Sharon in the Parish Office by letter or email to [comms.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:comms.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftondiocese.com). Sadly, we will need to remove names if consent is not received by 30<sup>th</sup> April. Thank you.

**Also this week:**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April: Mothers' Prayers** in the Hall, 10.30 am

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April: "Move it or Lose It"** keep fit

exercises in the hall 1.30 pm

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April:** Breaking Open and Sharing the Word after Mass.

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May: Fundraising Quiz night** in the hall, 7.00 pm; bring your own drinks and snacks. £5 adults, maximum £15 per family – pay on the door. Maximum 6 per team, please. There will also be a half-time raffle. Please sign up on the sheet in the porch if you would like to attend.

## 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, 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 and Alan McFall, Lijimol Chacko, Mirna Rodriguez, Mary Hardy, Charlie Bowman-Davies. 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 tel. 01225 824039 to leave a message, or email [ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net](mailto:ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net)**

### **Dates for your diary**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June: St Edmund's BBQ** after Mass, to celebrate Fr Vincent's 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July: St Edmund's Barn Dance** (details to follow)

### **DIOCESAN NEWS**

**Light of Truth: Certificate in Catechesis:** This certificate is offered by the [Dominican Sisters of St Joseph, UK](#). whose teaching is the fruit of their 25 years of experience in catechesis. The [Light of Truth Certificate in Catechesis](#) is designed for new or experienced catechists who wish to gain a greater understanding of their mission in the Church and of the mysteries of faith which they transmit to others in a changing cultural context. It equips them to share their faith with confidence, passion, and in faithfulness to the Catholic tradition, using the sources of catechesis. Those applying would include catechists, children's liturgy leaders, parents, and everyone passionate about passing on the Catholic faith to others. No previous qualification is required to sign up for the programme.

**Living the Common Good – Discerning Challenges and Responses** will take place on **18<sup>th</sup> May 2024** from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm at St Brendan's Sixth Form College, Brislington, Bristol. It will be a day of formation and community, bringing people together in prayer to discern the practical ways to live the common good. There is no cost to attend. Register at [cliftonlivingthecommongood.eventbrite.co.uk](http://cliftonlivingthecommongood.eventbrite.co.uk)

**Celebration Mass for Marriage and Family Life:** The bishop is celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May (12 noon)** and invites all families to join him to celebrate the joys & challenges of family life. We will also celebrate those couples celebrating their marriage or a significant anniversary 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, 65<sup>th</sup>, or 70<sup>th</sup> during 2024. If you are one of these couples (engaged or anniversary) please email [adult.education@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com) with your name and address to so that a personal invitation can be sent from the bishop.

### **OTHER NEWS**

**A Message from SPUC – Two Important Dates to Speak Up for Life:** An extreme abortion amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill has been put forward, which would decriminalise abortion in England and Wales and means women could use

abortion pills up to the time of the baby's birth without sanction. This Bill will be debated after tis Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> April; for more information and to lobby your MP to vote against this amendment go to [Oppose the latest extreme abortion amendments | SPUC](#)

A debate on assisted suicide will take place on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 4.30 pm. For a briefing on the case against assisted suicide, stories opposing any change in the law and an online tool to contact your MP, please go to

[Lives Worth Living | SPUC's campaign against assisted suicide](#)

**SJOG Homes for Ukraine** So far, the Catholic community in England and Wales have responded very generously, with many Ukrainian people now living here, miles away from the war zone. As of March 2024, our project has successfully matched 139 guests, and this will rise with the approval of more visas in the next few weeks. However, the need is still great; the number of families still waiting to find a home is over 2000. Hosting displaced people is a great way to learn about different cultures and build new friendships. To read about just one family that have benefitted enormously from their UK hosts' generosity go to [SJOG: A New Beginning in the UK -](#) .If there is any possibility that you may be able to offer an empty room in your home, please get in contact with us at [homesforukraine@SJOG.org.uk](mailto:homesforukraine@SJOG.org.uk) or visit the project website at <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/>.

### **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 – UHT milk, dried pasta, pasta sauce, and tinned tomatoes. 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 financially to this or to Foodbank, please contact Sharon (Parish office) for details.

### **AND FINALLY –**

**Did you know? Ants don't have lungs.** Instead, they breathe through spiracles, nine or ten tiny openings, depending on the species. BBC Science Focus

**Wordsearch: Third Sunday of Easter**

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E	M	L	G	B	L	O	A	N	A	C	A
L	I	R	E	I	H	P	A	E	O	C	E
P	H	Y	A	G	V	H	X	F	H	U	L
I	I	T	S	L	E	E	P	E	E	S	E
C	C	E	C	N	A	T	N	E	P	E	R
S	A	F	C	A	Y	S	F	E	Y	D	T
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| ACCUSED   | FORGIVENESS | RAISED     |
| ALARM     | GHOST       | RELEASED   |
| CALL      | HANDED      | REPENTANCE |
| COMES     | HEARTS      | REPRIEVE   |
| CRY       | HIM         | SAFETY     |
| DISCIPLES | ISAAC       | SLEEP      |
| DOUBTS    | LIE         | STATE      |
| EXPLAIN   | OBEY        | SURE       |
| EYES      | PIECE       | TAKES      |
| FACE      | PILATE      |            |
| FEET      | PROPHETS    |            |

Eliminate only the words given in the list  
The remaining letters describe what Jesus is for us to  
God:

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The completed phrase from last week (Divine Mercy B)  
was "MY LORD and MY GOD" Hilary Clifton

**Words of Wisdom**

"God loves each one of us as if there were only one of  
us." St Augustine

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**Sunday Year B; Psalter 3, Proper of Season**

**Reading 1:** Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19  
**Psalm Refrain:** Lift up the light of your face on  
us, O Lord.  
**Reading 2:** 1Jn 2: 1-5  
**Gospel:** Lk 24: 35-48

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April: Word:** Acts 6: 8-15; Ps 118;  
Jn 6: 22-29 **Hours:** Psalter 3, Proper of Season

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April: Word:** Acts 7: 51 – 8: 1; Ps  
30; Jn 6: 30-35 **Hours:** Psalter 3, Proper of  
Season

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April: Word:** Acts 8: 1-8;  
Ps 65; Jn 6: 35-40 **Hours:** Psalter 3, Proper of  
Season

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April: Word:** Acts 8: 26-40; Ps 65;  
Jn 6: 44-51 **Hours:** Psalter 3, Proper of Season

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April: Memorial of St Alphege,**  
**Word:** Acts 9: 1-20; Ps 116; Jn 6: 52-59  
**Hours:** Psalter 3, Common of One Martyr

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April: Word:** Acts 9: 31-42 Ps 115;  
Jn 6: 60-69 **Hours:** Psalter 3, Proper of Season



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