



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Sunday 14th May: Sixth Sunday of Easter: Mass 9.00am

Tuesday 16th May – Rosary in the church 10.00 am

Wednesday 17th May: Morning Prayer 9.45am, Mass 10.00am

Thursday 18th May: Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord: Mass 10.00 am, followed by Adoration to 10.00 pm;

St Edmund's Calne: Mass at 7.00 pm.

Friday 19th May: Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3.00 pm

Saturday 20th May: Mass 10.00am

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
Government advice is that face coverings/masks can help reduce the spread of Covid.

During 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.

PARISH NEWS

Refreshments in the hall after Mass

Next week: Retiring Collection for the Catholic Communications Network

Saturday 20th May – Baptism We are delighted to welcome Skye Pavey into our parish family on her Baptism on Saturday. Please pray for her and her family.

Wednesday 17th May - Finance Meeting after Mass in the hall.

Pentecost Prayer Vigil: After 10.00 am Mass this **Ascension Thursday 18th May**, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed until 10.00pm ending with night prayer, to pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. We need parishioners to sign up to an hour Adoration; if you are able to take part, please select an hour and put your name on the spreadsheet in the church porch or contact Mary Rooney on 07789 910591 or email maryar Rooney@blueyonder.co.uk

Admissions to St Augustine's Catholic College 2023: St Augustine's are really looking forward to welcoming their new cohort this summer for their

We need Sunday help! We are still looking for volunteers to help in welcoming, collecting the offertory and presenting the gifts. The offertory and gifts particularly are an opportunity for families to become involved. Please speak with Sharon or complete and return the slip handed out in church.
Thank you!

induction days, ready for September. A few spaces have unexpectedly become available, and the school would be delighted to consider further applications to join Year 7 this September. Please contact St Augustine's directly as soon as possible on **01225 350001 ext. 242** and admissions@sta.cc. You can also apply direct to Wiltshire Council.

Pentecost Novena – On Friday 19th June, we start the Pentecost Novena. Copies of the novena will be available in church for people to take home from Thursday 18th June.

Also this week

Monday 15th May: Mothers' Prayers in the hall, 10.30am.

Wednesday 17th May: Breaking Open and Sharing the Word after Mass (in the church).

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, Liz McGrane, Isaac Anderson, June Carey. 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

Pastoral Ministry – Next Course: We are now inviting applications for the next course which begins in **September 2023**. The course is ideal for any parishioner seeking to develop their capacity to serve the parish in any way they think the Lord is calling them. If you are a catechist – this course is for you; if you are a minister in any form – this course is for you; if you are not involved in any way – but would like to be – this course is for you! Interested? Please do come to one of our information evenings taking place in June. You will hear in more detail about the two courses, including content, time commitment and costs. Dates and nearest venues for information sessions are below. Each session starts at 7.00pm. No need to book, just turn up on the evening.
Monday 12 June: St George, Warminster
Wednesday 14 June: St John the Evangelist, Bath
Thursday 15 June: St Peter, Swindon

"Come, follow me" We continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood for our own diocese. Please watch Fr Stephen Corrigan of St Peter's, Gloucester talk about vocation and his own call to priesthood, about being a seminarian and now being a priest in a parish, as well as the joy and fulfilment in his life and ministry as one of our newer priests: go to www.cliftondiocese.com/vocations

Clifton Diocese in partnership with 'Light of Truth' have been running a five-week course on **how we talk about our Catholic Faith** with other adults, young people and children. The remaining event is as below:

How to talk about the Church – May 18th
Sign on: <https://www.lightoftruth.uk/event-details/further-training-for-catechists-2023-04-20-19-30>

OTHER NEWS

The latest edition of **CTe-news** is now available at [Churches Together in England \(cte.org.uk\)](http://Churches Together in England (cte.org.uk))

Churches Together in England is the national ecumenical body supporting and encouraging churches from a wide range of traditions to work together in unity.

Stella Maris seeks parish volunteers in preparation for Sea Sunday on 9th July. Whether it is volunteering to speak in church or helping the Sea Sunday preparation, you'll be helping to raise vital support for the people of the sea. Stella Maris will provide all the necessary materials; appeal script, gift aid envelopes and posters. If anyone would like to find out more about how you can help this Sea Sunday, please contact Roland Hayes on **07887 893763** or roland.hayes@stellamarismail.org

Pray in May with Mary's Meals In this month dedicated to Our Lady, Mary's Meals invites you to pray for its important work to feed hungry children. It is thanks to the power of prayer that Mary's Meals has grown from feeding just 200 children in Malawi in 2002 to feeding more than 2.4 million children in 18 countries today. Please join us in praying for:

- all the children who receive Mary's Meals.
- all those who have grown up eating Mary's Meals and gone out into the world as adults.
- all the children still waiting for Mary's Meals, that the charity will be able to reach them soon. You can visit www.marysmeals.org.uk to see all the ways you can support this mission

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. 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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 7th June: Prayer for Melksham
7.30 pm, That Meeting Place
Friday 9th June: Quiz night and fish and chip supper, in the hall 7.00 pm
Tuesday 18th July: Prayer for Melksham
7.30 pm, That Meeting Place

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 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 –

Wordsearch: Sixth Sunday of Easter

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Only the words that appear in the list should be eliminated. The remaining letters describe the Advocate who is promised to the disciples

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The remaining letters from last week (5th Sunday of Easter) were "I AM THE WAY" Hilary Clifton

Did you know?

80% of all information stored on all computers in the world is in English.

Sunday 14th May

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday Year A; Psalter 2, Proper of Season

Reading 1: Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17

Psalm Refrain: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

Reading 2: 1Pt 3: 15-18

Gospel: Jn 14: 15-21

Monday 15th May: Word: Acts 16: 11-15; Ps 149; Jn 15: 26 -16: 4 **Hours:** Psalter 2, Proper of Season

Tuesday 16th May: Word: Acts 16: 22-34; Ps 137; Jn 16: 5-11 **Hours:** Psalter 2, Proper of Season

Wednesday 17th May: Word: Acts 17: 15, 22-18:1; Ps 148; Jn 16: 12-15 **Hours:** Psalter 2, Proper of Season

Thursday 18th May: Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Reading 1: Acts 1: 1-11

Psalm refrain: God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

Reading 2: Eph 1: 17-23

Gospel: Mt 28: 16-20

Hours: Proper of Solemnity

Friday 19th May: Memorial of St Dunstan, Bishop

Word: Acts 18: 9-18; Ps 46; Jn 16: 20-23

Hours: Psalter 2, Common of Pastors

Saturday 20th May: Word: Acts 18: 23-28; Ps 46; Jn 16: 23-28 **Hours:** Psalter 2, Proper of Season

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.

If you know any parishioners who do not have access to email, please print this newsletter for them.

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