



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Sunday 15th October: Twenty-Eighth Sunday: Mass 9.00am

St Edmund's, Calne: Mass 11.00 am

Tuesday 17th October: Rosary – 9.30 am

Wednesday 18th October: Morning Prayer 9.45 am; Mass at 10.00 am

Thursday 19th October: Adoration 10.00 am – 3.00 pm

Friday 20th October: Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3.00 pm

Saturday 21st October: Mass at 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 15th October - Children's Liturgy of the Word

Next week: Retiring collection for Missio

Please pray for Fr John O'Brien, whose health has deteriorated.

Thank you for your generous donation to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal. Together we are supporting local experts like Dr Nasha in Pakistan to get help to families and communities when they need it most.

It's not too late to give in church or online at [CAFOD - Catholic international development charity](http://CAFOD-Catholic international development charity)

Friday 3rd November "Don't Forget the Holy Spirit: An evening with Fr Matt Anscombe. The evening will start with Mass at 7.00 pm, followed by tea and coffee in the hall, then a time of teaching, testimony and prayer in the church. The evening is expected to end at 9.00 pm.

Hoax emails: We have been alerted to a hoax email that is being sent to people, purporting to be from a priest. Please be aware that any emails from Clifton

First Holy Communion

Parents of children in primary school year 3 and above whose children would like to receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion are invited to put their contact details and names of children on the sheet in the porch. Regular church attendance at Mass is required. First Communion classes will begin in January following an initial meeting with parents and children.

Diocese will have the suffix "@cliftondiocese.com" – **not** "cliftondiocese@mail.com" and take time to double check the sender's email address, particularly the suffix. Scam emails can be reported to the National Cyber Security Centre at Report a scam email - NCSC.GOV.UK

Wednesday 18th October - PPC Meeting in the hall after Mass. Please give any items for discussion to a PPC member before Wednesday.

Parish Christmas Lunch: Wednesday 6th December 12.30pm for 1.00 pm, The Water Meadow, Melksham SN12 7GS. If you are interested in coming to the parish Christmas lunch, please collect a menu from inside the church porch, or from Rebecca/John.

Make your choices and return the menu to Rebecca or John, with payment in full by **Sunday 19th November**. Contact number 07872 058510

St Augustine's Catholic College – Admissions Policy Consultation: St Augustine's has now released their Consultation Document on Admission Arrangements for 2025/2026. This can be found at [St Augustine's Catholic College - Apply to Lower School \(st-augustines.wilts.sch.uk\)](http://St-Augustine's-Catholic-College-Apply-to-Lower-School.st-augustines.wilts.sch.uk) until 23rd November. The Parish of St Patrick's, Corsham has now been included in the Policy.

Also this week: Monday 16th October: Mothers' Prayers in the Hall, 10.30 am

Tuesday, 17th October: "The Gift" Course continues in the hall at 10.30, and at 7.00 pm at 16 Sherwood Ave.

"Move it or Lose It" keep fit exercises in the Church Hall at **1:30 pm**. Please feel free to call Jennifer on 07341 986569 if you have any questions.

Wednesday 18th October: Breaking Open and Sharing the Word in the church 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, Dawn Holt, Dave Disney, Gay Harris. 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

DEANERY

Synod Experience Day; Saturday 11th November 10.00am - 4.00pm. St Mary's, Bath welcomes Austen Ivereigh, freshly returned from the Rome Synod, for a day experiencing synodal "Conversation in the Spirit". Visit his website: www.austeni.org/home. COME AND BE PART OF THIS GLOBAL SHIFT IN THE CHURCH and explore key elements of our parish life. **Places are limited:** Email stephen-paradox@outlook.com to reserve your place.

CLIFTON DIOCESE

Missio/Mill Hill Masses are taking place in our Diocese during October; one on Tuesday 24th October at the Immaculate Conception, Stroud; and the other on Thursday 26th October at Corpus Christi, Weston-Super-Mare. Both Masses will be at 7:00pm and will be followed by sharing our enthusiasm and

experiences of supporting the mission of the Church. All are welcome to these Masses.

Time for Secondary School: If you have a Year 6 child (born between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013), then **now** is the time to apply for their secondary school place for September 2024. To make your application **you must complete the secondary transfer application form provided by your home Local Authority (available on the LA website) by 31st October, and** if you are applying for a baptised child for any of the Catholic secondary schools listed below*, you should **also** additionally complete their Supplementary Information Form (available on the **school's** website) and provide the school with a copy of your child's baptism certificate, **also by 31st October.**

*St Augustine's College, Trowbridge

*St Bede's College, Bristol

*St Bernadette's Secondary School, Bristol

*St Gregory's College, Bath

OTHER NEWS

Are you currently in Year 12? Are you considering a public-facing career? Do you want to help build a Christian society? The Christian Leadership Formation programme uniquely offers a combination of stimulating and high-quality intellectual content, spiritual nourishment, personal development, inter-personal skills, team building and socials in a tightly knit community experience, with expert academics and professionals. Open to any student who is motivated by their faith and their studies, with bursaries available as needed. More information and applications via our new website www.christianleadershipformation.com and please follow us on Instagram ([@christianleadershipformation](https://www.instagram.com/christianleadershipformation)) for all the latest updates.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 11th November: Mass of Remembrance, 10.00 am

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 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...

Despite its harsh climate, the Sahara Desert is home to over 100 reptiles, 70 mammals, and 90 birds.

Thefactsite.com

Wordsearch: Twenty-Eighth Sunday

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| ANYWHERE | MOUNTAIN | SHAME |
| CATTLE | OIL | SHEPHERD |
| EVERYWHERE | PASTURES | SILENT |
| EVIL | PATH | STRAINED |
| FARM | PAUL | SURELY |
| FATHER | PREPARE | TEARS |
| FOES | REPOSE | TEETH |
| JESUS | REVIVE | TROOPS |
| KINGDOM | SALVATION | VEIL |

Eliminate only the listed words. The remaining letters give a joyous occasion and another description of the Kingdom of God

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The hidden word from last week was "VINEYARD"
Hilary Clifton

Words of Wisdom

"There is always light. If only we're brave enough to see it. If only we're brave enough to be it."

Amanda Corman

**Sunday 15th October
Twenty Eighth Sunday
Sunday Year A; Psalter 4**

Reading 1: Is 25: 6-10

Psalm Refrain: In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

Reading 2: Phil 4: 12-14, 19-20

Gospel: Mt 22: 1-14

Monday 16th October: Solemnity of the Anniversary of the Dedication of Parish Churches

Word: Rom 1: 1-7; Ps 97; Lk 11: 29-32

Hours: Psalter 4

Tuesday 17th October: Memorial of St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr

Word: Rom 1: 16-25; Ps 18; Lk 11: 37-41

Hours: Psalter 4, Proper of Memorial

Wednesday 18th October: Feast of St Luke, Evangelist

Word: 2Tim 4: 10-17; Ps 144; Lk 10: 1-9

Hours: Proper of Feast

Thursday 19th October: Word: Rom 3: 21-30; Ps 129; Lk 11: 47-54

Hours: Psalter 4

Friday 20th October: Word: Rom 4: 1-8; Ps 31; Lk 12: 1-7

Hours: Psalter 4

Saturday 21st October: Word Rom 4: 13, 16-18; Ps 104; Lk 12: 9-12

Hours: Psalter 4

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.

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

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