



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Sunday 16th April: Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday): Mass 9.00am

St Edmund's, Calne - Divine Mercy Hour 3.00 – 4.00 pm

Wednesday 19th April: Morning Prayer 9.45 am, Mass 10.00am

Thursday 20th April: Adoration in the hall 10.00 am – 3.00 pm

Friday 21st April: Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3.00 pm

Saturday 22nd April: Mass 10.00 am

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

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word is taking a break, and will recommence next Sunday, 23rd April

Divine Mercy Hour will be held at St Edmund's today, 16th April, between 3.00 and 4.00 pm

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Corsham, Our Parish School: [Home | St Patrick's Catholic Primary School \(stpatrickscatholicprimaryschool.co.uk\)](http://www.stpatrickscatholicprimaryschool.co.uk) St Patrick's School

has been supporting parents in raising their children in the Catholic faith since 1964 and is an integral part of our Catholic mission. The school's governing body has vacancies for Foundation Governors and needs new people to come forward and join them to help lead the school for future generations of Catholic, and other, children. If you would like to be part of the school's journey, help shape the lives of our children and so be involved in the mission of the Church, please step forward and apply to be a Foundation Governor. Please complete a nomination form

<https://schools.cliftondiocese.com/form-2> as soon as possible. If you have any queries or would like more details, please contact Bill McEntee, Governance Officer at Clifton Diocese via bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com or 07710 094976; he would be delighted to hear from you!

Gift Aid: Many thanks to everyone who has signed up to Gift Aid their donations to the church. If you would like to pay your donation by standing order, there is a simple form to fill in and return to Tricia Hoy or Sharon. Please remember, if your circumstances change and you no longer pay sufficient income Tax to cover your donation, again contact Tricia or Sharon.

We all know that costs are rising, it is the same for the church. Have you considered increasing your standing order? This can be achieved through your bank, or Tricia can help with this as well.

Message from Missio: Fr Tony Chantry has written to thank parishioners for the gift of £174.09 collected for Missio. The full letter is on display in the hall.

Monday 17th April: Mothers' prayers in the hall 10.30 am.

Wednesday 19th April: 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, Liz McGrane, Chris Harvey, 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

Clifton Diocese in partnership with 'Light of Truth' are offering a five-week course on how we talk about our Catholic Faith with other adults, young people and children – do join if you can. The programme is as follows:

1. How to talk about God – April 20th
2. How to talk about Jesus Christ – April 27th
3. How to talk about Salvation (and the problem of evil) - May 4th
4. How to talk about the human person - May 11th
5. 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>

Walk This Way! Green Pilgrims Progress: A new collection of Catholic walking pilgrimage routes in England and Wales can now be found online. 'Hearts in Search of God' is a three-year project to encourage people of all faiths and none to experience a pilgrimage walk in their own locality. The Ways start at each of the 22 Catholic Cathedrals in England and Wales and strike out through town and countryside to one or more local Shrines. The shortest distance is just 10 miles, and the new routes are greener too. Walking to some of Christendom's holiest sites can mean beginning or ending the journey with an inter-continental flight – but local pilgrims leave much smaller carbon footprints. Visit their website for details: [Pilgrim Ways | Places of Pilgrimage in the UK](#)

OTHER NEWS

Easter Organ Concert: Friday 21st April, 7.00 pm at Our Lady and St Alphege, Bath BA2 3NR. Tickets on the door; £10 adults, £5 concessions. Refreshments in the church hall afterwards.

Prayers for the King: The Presidents of Churches Together in England invite all Christians to join together in a period of daily prayer for both the King and the nation, from Easter Day to 6th May. The Church of England is publishing a book of Daily Prayers for the Coronation of King Charles III, which can be used as a guide to reflection, and can be ordered via [Coronation Prayers \(chpublishing.co.uk\)](http://CoronationPrayers.chpublishing.co.uk). The Presidents comment that "The Coronation will be a time to celebrate community, faith and service – values that are reflected in these prayers."

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.

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: 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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 21st April – Organ Concert, 7.00 pm
St Alphege, Bath

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

AND FINALLY –

Did you know?

Quasimodo Sunday – How the Hunchback Got His Name

The fourth Sunday of Lent and third of Advent are sometimes referred to as Laetare and Gaudete Sundays, taken from the beginnings of the Entrance Antiphons in Latin. The second Sunday of Easter can also be called Quasimodo for the same reason as the antiphon starts "Quasi modo genitii infants..." or "Like new-born infants..."

It is also the origin of the name that Victor Hugo chose for his Hunchback of Notre Dame, as this poor ugly child was abandoned inside Notre Dame Cathedral, a place where orphans and unwanted children were left. He had this happen on the second Sunday of Easter.

Wordsearch: Divine Mercy Sunday

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| AMONG | HOLES | SEE |
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| BREAD | JESUS | STONE |
| BREAKING | JOHN | STOOD |
| BREATHED | JOY | THOMAS |
| BROTHERHOOD | MILK | TIME |
| DEEP | MIRACLES | TOGETHER |
| END | PRAISED | TRIALS |

Eliminate only the listed words. The remaining letters give a word which was very important in the lift of the early church:

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The word from Palm Sunday was “PASSOVER” and last week, Easter Sunday’s, words were “ETERNAL LIFE”

Hilary Clifton

Sunday 16th April

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Sunday Year A; Psalter 2, Proper of Season

Reading 1: Acts 2: 42-47

Psalm Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia!

Reading 2: 1Pt 1: 3-9

Gospel: Jn 20: 19-31

Monday 17th April: Word: Acts 4: 23-31; Ps 2; Jn 3: 1-8 **Hours:** Psalter 2, Proper of Season

Tuesday 18th April: Word: Acts 4: 32-37; Ps 91; Jn 3: 7-15 **Hours:** Psalter 2, Proper of Season

Wednesday 19th April: Memorial of St Alphege, Bishop, Martyr

Word: Acts 5: 17-26; Ps 33; Jn 3: 16-21

Hours: Psalter 2, Common of One Martyr

Thursday 20th April: Word: Acts 5: 27-33; Ps 33; Jn 3: 31-36 **Hours:** Psalter 2, Proper of Season

Friday 21st April: Word: Acts 5: 35-42; Ps 26; Jn 6: 1-15 **Hours:** Psalter 2, Proper of Season

Saturday 22nd April: Word: Acts 6: 1-7; Ps 32; Jn 6: 16-21 **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.

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