



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Sunday 16th July: Fifteenth Sunday: Mass 9.00am

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

Thursday 20th July: Adoration 10.00 am – 3.00 pm

Friday 21st July: Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3.00 pm

Saturday 22nd July: Mass at 10.00 am

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

Next week - retiring collection for the Bishop's Charitable Fund

Welcome! This weekend we are pleased to welcome the Zlobecki family on **Saturday 15th July**, who start their preparation for their daughter Laura's baptism, and the Usman-Catibog family on **Sunday 16th July**, as they begin their preparation for their son Lorenzo's baptism on the 5th August. Please pray for these families and the catechists helping in their preparation.

Baptismal Courses: Our next Baptismal course will take place on Saturdays 15th, 22nd and 29th July. If you would like to attend and have not yet signed up, please email Mary Rooney on

maryrooney@blueyonder.co.uk

Confirmations 2024: We hoping to have confirmations in 2024 if we have sufficient numbers. If you are interested, you are invited to write to Fr Vincent to express your interest.

Tuesday, 18th July at 2:30 pm. "Move it or Lose It" in the **Church Hall** These exercise classes have been developed by experts to help improve flexibility, aerobic health, balance and strength. All our 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 the Church fund.

Come along and have a go! Please feel free to call **Jennifer** on **07341 986569** if you have any questions.

Tuesday 18th July – Prayer for Melksham 7.30 pm, That Meeting Place

Wednesday 19th July: PPC meeting, after Mass in the church hall. If there is a topic you would like discussed, please inform a PPC member before Wednesday.

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 including P&P. Further details and recommendations and a link to buy the book online if you prefer can be found on his website www.dftholyspirit.com - it is also available on Amazon, price £10.00 plus P&P.

Also:

Mondays 3rd and 10th July: Mothers' Prayers in the hall, 10.30am.

Wednesdays 5th and 12th July: Breaking Open and Sharing the Word after Morning Prayer.

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 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,

Michael Bramwell. 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

Formation of Catechists: Clifton Diocese in partnership with 'Light of Truth' are offering a six-week course for the formation of catechists. The six sessions cover:

1. Introduction to catechesis – 21st September
2. Proclaiming the Good News: Jesus Christ at the heart of catechesis – 28th September
3. The Faith of the Church: Introduction to the Catechism – 5th October
4. Scriptural catechesis: introduction to the Bible – 12th October
5. Methods and Resources – 19th October
6. Preparing a Catechetical Session – 26th October

This training is for seasoned or new catechists working with children, young people or adults, for everyone involved in Children's Liturgy of the Word, and for anyone interested in passing on the faith. For parishioners to sign up for the series, please use the following link: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

An Introduction to Small Group Facilitation: As part of our commitment to growing as a Synodal Church, the department of Adult Education & Evangelisation is offering an opportunity for parishioners to develop the skills of small group facilitation in the context of Parish Pastoral Councils, RCIA, Prayer Groups, Confirmation Preparation, and any other parish groups. This short session will help us to develop an attitude of listening with the heart and sharing with generosity. It will provide participants with a model for rooting decision making in prayer and discernment and the tools necessary for effective facilitation. Our nearest date and venue (including Eventbrite link to register) is **Sat 30th Sept: St John, Trowbridge** (2.00 - 4.00 pm); <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/652920301197>

Please sign up for any of the events on offer through the Eventbrite link. A minimum of five people is required for a session to take place – no upper limit.

Newman Catholic Educational Trust – Vacancy for Lead Governance Professional 5 hours per week. A Full job description and person specification are available on the Newman Catholic Trust website: www.newmancatholictrust.com, or can be requested from enquiries@newmancatholictrust.com Closing Date: 19th July 2023 at 4.00 pm.

OTHER NEWS

MARCH FOR LIFE: March for Life UK happens in London on Saturday 2nd September. Many are concerned about restrictions on freedom but it's often not until these restrictions affect us most personally that we speak up. Abortion destroys

the most fundamental freedom to live and leaves so many women and men deeply hurting. Join thousands of others at this family-friendly event to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves. Full details can be found at marchforlife.co.uk.

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

Saturday 9th September: Ride and Stride for Churches, for walkers, cyclists and horse-rider of all ages

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 –

Did you know?

The Bible is considered to be the best-selling book of all time, with estimated total sales of over 5 billion copies.

Words of Wisdom

Let us ask ourselves: Do I allow myself to marvel like a child at the good that silently changes the world? Have I lost the capacity to be amazed? And do I thank the Father each day for his works?
Pope Francis

Wordsearch: Fifteenth Sunday

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ABBEY	GERARD	OSTROBAMA
ADHELM	GREAT	PAUL
ALPHEGE	HOLY	PETER
ANGELS	REDEEMER	PIUS
ASSISI	HOLY ROOD	QUEEN
BERNADETTE	IMMACULATE	SACRED
BVM	JAMES	HEART
CHRIST THE KING	JESUS	SHEPHERD
DOMINIC	JOHN THE BAPTIST	TERESA
DUNSTAN	KENELM	THOMAS
EDMUND	LOURDES	MORE
GEORGE	MARY	TOLENTINO
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Eliminate only the listed words. The remaining letters give another two local parishes:

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The word from week thirteen was "YOUR LOVE"
 Hilary Clifton

Sunday 16th July Fifteenth Sunday Sunday Year A; Psalter 3

Reading 1: Is 55: 10-11

Psalm Refrain: Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.

Reading 2: Rom 8: 18-23

Gospel: Mt 13: 1-23

Monday 17th July: Word: Ex 1: 8-14, 22; Ps 123; Mt 10: 34-11: 1 **Hours:** Psalter 3

Tuesday 18th July: Word: Ex 2: 1-15; Ps 68; Mt 11: 20-24 **Hours:** Psalter 3

Wednesday 19th July: Word: Ex 3: 1-6, 9-12; Ps 102; Mt 11: 25-27 **Hours:** Psalter 3

Thursday 20th July: Word: Ex 3: 13-20; Ps 104; Mt 11: 28-30 **Hours:** Psalter 3

Friday 21st July: Word: Ex 11: 10-12: 14; Ps 115; Mt 12: 1-8 **Hours:** Psalter 3

Saturday 22nd July: Feast of St Mary Magdalene

Word: Sg 3: 1-4; Ps 62; Jn 20: 1-2, 11-18
Hours: Proper of Feast

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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