



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Mass will be celebrated Wednesday 21st April at 10.00 am, Sunday 25th April at 9.00 am.

Please do not arrive at church hoping to attend Mass if you have not booked in advance.

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday is currently suspended.

It is mandatory for face coverings/masks to be worn in places of worship unless you have an exemption from wearing one (Children under 11, illness, disability, etc.)

Please note that Covid regulations require young children to be supervised by an adult, remaining with them at all times in and around the Church. Thank you.

To pre-book your attendance at Mass, contact Anne Doyle telephone 01225 707486 or email anne.doyle16@blueyonder.co.uk on the following days:

Monday, Tuesday or Thursday of each week

Please note: Toilet facilities will remain closed; please remember this when planning your visit. Heartfelt thanks to all our volunteer stewards and cleaners who make reopening possible.

Sunday 18th April - Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday Year B; Psalter week 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 – Luke 24: 35-48

Prayers of the Faithful, Third Sunday of Easter

Peter tells the crowd: "Out of ignorance you put to death the Author of Life". Let us pray that we recognise Christ in others, that we always bring life, not death, to others.

Let us pray for all those suffering in mind, heart body or spirit, those that are fearful, lonely and feel forgotten.

We pray for our parish and the parish of St Edmund's, that we will always be a united outward looking family.

We pray for the Core Church, the Food Bank and Crisis care and give thanks for the service they provide. We pray for our children and young people that the upset of lockdown will not affect their learning and future.

Heavenly Father, help us to be witnesses by our lives to the real presence of Christ in our world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anne Doyle

Monday 19th April: Memorial of St Alphege, Bishop

Word: Acts 6: 8-15; Ps 118; Jn 6: 22-29

Hours: Psalter 3, Proper of Season

Tuesday 20th April: Word: Acts 7: 51- 8:1; Ps 30; Jn 6: 30-35

Hours: Psalter 3, Proper of Season

Wednesday 21st April: Word: Acts 8: 1-8; Ps 65; Jn 6: 35-40

Hours: Psalter 3, Proper of Season

Thursday 22nd April: Word: Acts 8: 26-40; Ps 65; Jn 6: 44-51

Hours: Psalter 3, Proper of Season

Friday 23rd April: Solemnity of St George, Martyr, Patron of England

Word: Apoc 12: 10-12; Ps 125; Jn 15: 18-21

Hours: Psalter 3, Proper of Season

Saturday 24th April: Word: Acts 9: 31-42; Ps 115; Jn 6: 60-69

Hours: Psalter 3, Proper of Season

Gift Aid: Giving envelopes are available at church. Please start using these envelopes now and dispose of any of the old envelopes you hold. Many thanks for Gift Aiding your donations. Your Gift Aid contact is Tricia Hoy, phone number **01225 704805**.

CAFOD's Big Walk for Water: Tricia Hoy joined CAFOD's Big Walk for Water this Lent to raise money to provide clean, safe water in Ethiopia. A big thank you to all the people sponsoring her through the Just Giving link: Tricia | Walk for Water | CAFOD - <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/tricia2022> which will stay open but if you would prefer, a basket will still be available at the back of the church for you to put an envelope containing your donation addressed to Tricia. Thank you.

Parish Charities: If you would like to make a donation to **Wiltshire Air Ambulance**, please use the following link: <https://www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk/donate/> **Mary's Meals** also has an internet "Giving Page": <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/donate>

St Mary's Catholic Primary School in Bath is seeking a deputy head teacher for September 2021. Full information can be downloaded from the 'Our Community' section of their website <http://www.st-marys.bathnes.sch.uk> Closing date is Sunday, 2nd May with interviews on 12th and 13th May.

The Sanctuary of Lourdes – We have heard from the Rector of the sanctuary that due to the unfortunate new lockdown in France, they are still not able to accept pilgrimages. So, until visitors from outside the local area are allowed, the chaplains will be offering Masses and Rosaries throughout the day which can be viewed either on their website <https://www.lourdes-france.org/en/tv-lourdes/> or on their You Tube channel <https://www.youtube.com/user/LourdesWebTV> or on your smart TV You Tube app. The rector invites our intentions and petitions which can be requested through their website <https://www.lourdes-france.org/en/>. This is a difficult time for all of us, but please pray for the local people of Lourdes, along with the Chaplains and those who serve at the shrine. The Rector assures us of his prayers.

Melksham Food Bank: There has been a huge rise in the number needing the Food Bank. To donate food items, please use either the designated trollies in the Supermarkets or deliver to the Baptist Church. 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: Melksham Family of Churches also supports those who need emergency relief help (non-food items such as energy meter payments, etc.). If anyone would like to contribute to this, please contact Sharon (email as at foot of newsletter) for further information.

The Young Christian Climate Network (YCCN) are an action-focused community of Christians in the UK aged 18-30, choosing to follow Jesus in the pursuit of climate justice. They are organising a 750-mile Relay to COP26, walking from Cornwall to Glasgow to raise awareness of COP26 and spark conversations around climate and creation care theology within local churches and communities across the UK. Along the way, church leaders will hold services and events at key cities and join in praying for climate justice. The symbol of the Relay is a boat, a representation of our hope that we would #RiseToTheMoment and set sail towards a just future. For more information visit [Young Christian Climate Network \(YCCN\)](#), or [@YCCNetwork](#).

Please pray for the following: Don d'Cruz, John Doyle, Geoff Blwyddin, Mrs Jeanette Allsop, Zofia Clarke, Chris Bate, Andrew Bate, Katja Lubina, Patrick Egan. Deacon David Wakefield, Rebecca Matthews, Paul Hogg, Keith Healy, Alan Glass, Tricia Rigg, Henie Dixon, Brian Hillhouse, June Carey, Janet Ruddick, Judith Curtis, Janice Kuranlu, Alan McFall, Alistair Strudwick, David Elliot, Callum Ford, Dennis Andrews. All who are suffering from coronavirus, and those finding isolation 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 to receive Holy Communion, please telephone 01225 824039 and leave a message, or email: ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net

Could you be a School Foundation Governor? St Edmund's school in Calne, urgently needs more governors. If you might be willing to help by becoming a school governor, and would like to find out more about what is involved, please contact the Chair of governors at St Edmunds, Ross Swan, either by email at rswan@st-edmunds-pri.wilts.sch.uk or by phone on **07906 918373**.

Our parish school, St Patrick's in Corsham also requires Governors; contact Clerk to the Governors Sharon Gilbert, **01249 713125**, email admin@st-patricks.wilts.sch.uk. Alternatively contact Bill McEntee at Clifton Diocese bill.mcentee@clifftondiocese.com **07710 094976** for more information – he would be delighted to hear from you.

Just a thought.... What excuse did Adam give to his children about leaving the Garden of Eden? "Your mother ate us out of house and home."
Holy Joke

Words of Wisdom:

Christ has no hands but our hands to do his work today;
Christ has no feet but our feet to lead us in his way;
Christ has no lips but our lips to tell people why he died;
Christ has no love but our love to win people to his side.

Anon

Wordsearch – Third Sunday of Easter

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| ACCUSED | GHOST | RELEASED |
| ALARM | HANDED | REPENTANCE |
| CALL | HEARTS | REPRIEVE |
| CRY | HIM | SAFETY |
| DISCIPLES | ISAAC | SCRIPTURES |
| DOUBTS | OBEY | SLEEP |
| EXPLAIN | PEACE | STATE |
| EYES | PIECE | SURE |
| FACE | PILATE | TAKES |
| FEET | PROPHETS | |
| FORGIVENESS | RAISED | |

Eliminate only the words given in the list .No word should be entirely inside another.
The remaining letters describe what Jesus is for us to God: Our _ _ _ _ _

The words from last week's wordsearch for the Feast of Divine Mercy were "MY LORD" and "MY GOD"
Hilary Clifton

Any Comments? *Is there anything you would particularly like to see included in the weekly newsletter? Please send any comments 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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