



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Sunday 18th June: Eleventh Sunday: Mass 9.00am - St Anthony's Feast Day Celebratory Mass

Wednesday 21st June: Morning Prayer 9.45am, Mass at 10.00 am

Thursday 22nd June: Adoration 10.00 am – 3.00 pm

Friday 23rd June: Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3.00 pm

Saturday 24th June: 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

PARISH NEWS

Refreshments in the hall after Mass

This week there will be a retiring collection for Day for Life

Newsletters: Items for publication for the next 3 weeks should be received before the end of Tuesday 20th June.

Thanks to everyone who attended our quiz night last Friday – so far this has raised £146.40 for our parish project/charity. If you have any fundraising ideas or/and are willing to become involved in helping us raise much needed funds, please speak to Anne or Sharon or drop us a note!

Don't Forget the Holy Spirit: Fr Matt Anscombe of our diocese has written a book called 'Don't Forget the Holy Spirit'. He shares personal testimony and considers the difference the Holy Spirit makes in our lives of faith. 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 this week:

Monday 19th June: Mothers' Prayers in the hall, 10.30am.

Wednesday 21st June: 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

Clifton Cathedral – 50th Anniversary Mass: A Solemn Mass of thanksgiving will be held at Clifton Cathedral on **Friday 30th June at 11.00 am.** All are welcome to join Bishop Declan and Clifton priests, with Diocesan, Ecumenical and Civic guests. We have the special honour of a visit by members of the Royal family who will be joining us for this special celebration and after Mass they will take part in the unveiling of the

Commemorative Stone, followed by celebratory drinks on the Cathedral atria. Please reserve a place by contacting the Cathedral Office on **0117 973 8411** email: cathedral@cliftondiocese.com or booking via www.eventbrite.com/647994828977 Other events taking place as part of the celebrations include:

Celebrating the Sacraments: A Festival of Flowers 28th June – 3rd July;

Walking Pilgrimage: All welcome to join in the new walking pilgrimage to Glastonbury from Clifton Cathedral inspired by parishioners. The walk is from 7th - 9th July, beginning with Mass and Blessing of Pilgrims at Clifton Cathedral, on Friday 7th July at 9.30am;

Photographic Archive Exhibition: During the month of June, the Cathedral will be displaying archive photographs from the planning, building and opening of the Cathedral.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Glastonbury – Sunday 9th July 2023: We are pleased to confirm the annual pilgrimage to Glastonbury, led by Bishop Declan, is taking place. The theme this year is "Mary, Queen of Peace." Events begin at 11.30 with Rosary in St Mary's Shrine Church. The pilgrimage Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Declan at 3.30 pm. Further details available in the church porch.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

OTHER NEWS

A Message from CAFOD: Did you know that Church teaching says that we should not only support those in poverty but also **tackle the root causes of poverty**? Pope Benedict XVI said that "Love - caritas - is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace." For decades CAFOD has spoken out against injustice. To find out more and get involved in tackling the root causes of poverty, please go to cafod.org.uk/latestcampaigns

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine,

Ireland: £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia or Natali on **01268 762 278** or **07740 175557** or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

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**. 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?

A human baby has over 60 more bones than an adult. An unborn baby can taste what its mother is eating and develop a preference for the foods that she eats.

Words of Wisdom

God is Father and looks after you like a father. As the best of fathers, he does not look at the achievements you have not yet reached, but the fruits you can still bear. He does not keep track of your shortcomings but encourages your potential. He does not dwell on your past, but confidently bets on your future. This is because God is close to us. He is close with mercy and tenderness. In this way, God accompanies us: with closeness, mercy, and tenderness."

Pope Francis

Wordsearch: Eleventh Sunday

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| BELONG | HARVEST | PROCLAIM |
| CAST | HOUSE | RECONCILED |
| CLEANSE | ISRAELITES | RICH |
| CLOSE | JACOB | ROMANS |
| COUNT | LABOURERS | SAVE |
| CRY | LORD | SHEEP |
| CURE | LOST | TAX |
| DEATH | MOSES | VOICE |
| EASY | OBEY | WINGS |

Eliminate only the listed words. The remaining letters give someone mentioned in today's scriptures

The words from last week (Corpus Christi) were
 "BODY/AND/BLOOD" Hilary Clifton



**Sunday 18th June
 Eleventh Sunday
 Sunday Year A; Psalter 3**

Reading 1: Ex 19: 2-6

Psalm Refrain: We are his people, the sheep of his flock

Reading 2: Rom 5: 6-11

Gospel: Mt 9: 36 - 10: 8

Monday 19th June: Word: 2Cor 6: 1-10; Ps 997; Mt 5: 38-42 **Hours:** Psalter 3

Tuesday 20th June: Word: 2Cor 8: 1-9; Ps 145; Mt 5: 43-48 **Hours:** Psalter 3

Wednesday 21st June: Memorial of St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

Word: 2Cor 9: 6-11; Ps 111; Mt 6: 1-6, 16-18

Hours: Psalter 3 Common of Men Saints

Thursday 22nd June: Feast of Ss John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs

Word: 2Mc 6: 18, 21, 24-31; Ps 30; Mt 24: 4-13

Hours: Psalter 3 National Proper of Saints and Common of Several Martyrs

Friday 23rd June: Word: 2Cor 11: 18, 21-30;

Ps 33; Mt 6: 19-23 **Hours:** Psalter 3

Saturday 24th June: Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist

Word: Is 49: 1-6; Ps 138; Lk 1: 57-66, 80

Hours: Proper of Solemnity

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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