



# Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October: Twenty-Sixth Sunday: Mass 9.00am**

**St Edmund's, Calne: Mass 11.00 am**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October: Rosary – 9.30 am; Mass 10.00 am**

**Mass intention Mary Bucci**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October: Morning Prayer 9.45 am; NO MASS**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October: Adoration 10.00 am – 3.00 pm**

**St Edmund's Calne: Liturgy for the Synod – 7.00 pm**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October: Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3.00 pm**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October: NO MASS**

**St Edmund's Calne 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 1<sup>st</sup> October - Children's Liturgy of the Word**

**Please note – there will be Mass next Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 10.00 am (after Rosary) instead of Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October**

**Next week – retiring collection for CAFOD: CAFOD Family Fast Day, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October.** Dr Nasha's mobile medical clinic gets life-saving help to where it's needed most, fast – so when her team arrived in Meera's village in Pakistan after it had been destroyed by flooding, Meera rushed to the clinic to get her children the treatment they needed. Donate to CAFOD so that more families can get the expert help they need. Use the envelope provided and give to the collection on Sunday October 8<sup>th</sup>. You can also donate online at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk).

**Rosary in October:** During October, the Rosary will be said in church **every Tuesday at 9.30 am**. This year, Pope Francis has called for October to be dedicated to praying for peace in Ukraine.

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October – Family Fast Day Lunch** in the hall at 12.00 pm. Please come and join us for a simple lunch; all proceeds go to CAFOD.

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October : "The Gift" a Life in the Spirit** 6-week course starting 10<sup>th</sup> October and running Tuesdays 17<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> October, and 7<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> November. Sessions will be held in the Church Hall at 10.30 am, or 16 Sherwood Avenue, 7.00 pm. Please sign up on the sheet in the porch if you wish to attend.

## 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.

**Parish Christmas Lunch: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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/John, with payment in full by **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>**

**November.** Contact number 07872 058510

**Don't Forget the Holy Spirit:** We have copies of Fr Matt Anscombe's book 'Don't Forget the Holy Spirit', £10.50 per book.

**Confirmations 2024:** We hoping to have confirmations in 2024 if we have sufficient numbers. If you are interested in being confirmed, please write to Fr Vincent to express your interest. Please note; **letters must come from candidates**, not parents or guardians, please

**Help in the Garden:** Anna Haynes will be pleased to provide paid gardening services. Contact Anna on **01225 705124** or a message will be passed to Anna via [admin.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:admin.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftondiocese.com);

**Also this week: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October: Mothers' Prayers** in the Hall, 10.30 am

**Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October: "Move it or Lose It"** keep fit exercises in the Church Hall at **1:30 pm – please note the new time.** Please feel free to call Jennifer on 07341 986569 if you have any questions.

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October:** 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 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](mailto:ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net)

#### CLIFTON DIOCESE

**Celebration of Marriage:** Join Bishop Declan for Mass in the Cathedral Bishop as we celebrate the gift of marriage **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October** at 12 noon. All are welcome. If you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year, newly married, or looking forward to marriage in 2023, contact [adult.education@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com) or 0117 902 5595 to receive a personal invitation from the bishop.

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

be followed sharing our enthusiasm and experiences of supporting the mission of the Church, including short presentations from Father Gary Brassington, the Diocesan Director for Missio, Brother Eddie Slawinski, the Diocesan Organiser, and Dave Wheat, the Missio Community Fundraiser for the South of England. All are welcome to these Masses.

**Time for Secondary School:** If you have a Year 6 child (born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012 and 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> October.

\*St Augustine's College, Trowbridge

\*St Bede's College, Bristol

\*St Bernadette's Secondary School, Bristol

\*St Gregory's College, Bath

#### 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** 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 the difference in neck length, there are more bones in the neck of a sloth than a giraffe. There are seven vertebrae in the neck of a giraffe, and in most mammals, but a sloth has 10.

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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

8<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> October – Prisons week  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October – PPC Meeting  
in the hall after Mass

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October: Catechist  
Formation Day, Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>  
October, St John the Baptist,  
Trowbridge; Sign up for the day via:  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/668215439367>

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November:  
Remembrance Mass, 10.00 am

**Wordsearch: Twenty-Sixth Sunday**

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CHIEF	GLORY	SAVIOUR
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CLING	HIMSELF	SHOWN
COLLECTORS	KNEE	TENDERNESS
COMMIT	MAKE	TRUE
CROSS	NOBODY	VINEYARD
DIES	PATTERN	WORK
ELDERS		

Eliminate only the listed words. The remaining letters  
give another word from today's scripture:

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The remaining word from last week (25<sup>th</sup> Sunday) was  
"GLORIFIED"  
Hilary Clifton

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October  
Twenty Sixth Sunday  
Sunday Year A; Psalter 2**

**Reading 1:** Ez 18: 25-28

**Psalm Refrain: Remember your mercy, Lord.**

**Reading 2:** Phil 2: 1-11

**Gospel:** Mt 21: 28-32

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October: Memorial of the Holy  
Guardian Angels**

**Word:** Zec 8: 1-8; Ps 101; Mt 18: 1-5,10

**Hours:** Proper of Memorial

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October: Word:** Zec 8: 20-23; Ps 86;  
Lk 9: 51-56 **Hours:** Psalter 2

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October: Memorial of  
St Francis of Assisi**

**Word:** Neh 2: 1-8; Ps 136; Lk 9: 57-62

**Hours:** Psalter 2, Proper of Memorial

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October: Word:** Neh 8: 1-12; Ps 18;  
Lk 10: 1-12 **Hours:** Psalter 2

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October: Word:** Bar 1: 15-22; Ps 78;  
Lk 10: 13-16 **Hours:** Psalter 2

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October: Memorial of Our Lady of  
the Rosary**

**Word:** Bar 4: 5-12, 27-29; Ps 68; Lk 10: 17-24

**Hours:** Proper of Memorial

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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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