



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Sunday 20th August: Twentieth Sunday: Mass 9.00am

St Edmund's, Calne: Mass 11.00 am

Wednesday 23rd August: Morning Prayer 9.45 am, Mass 10.00 am

Thursday 24th August: Adoration 10.00 am – 1.00 pm

Requiem Mass Mrs Linda Ross 2.00 pm

Friday 25th August: Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3.00 pm

Saturday 26th August: Mass 10.00 am

St Edmund's Calne: Mass 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

Refreshments in the hall after Mass

Children's Liturgy of the Word is now on summer break, returning in the autumn

Please note: Adoration on Thursday will end earlier than usual at 1.00 pm

R.I.P Mrs Linda Ross: Requiem Mass at St Anthony of Padua, Thursday 24th August, 2.00 pm.

CAFOD – Fix the Food System: If we want a sustainable food system, then we must stand in solidarity with small-scale farmers and join CAFOD in demanding that the World Bank end all policies that restrict farmers' freedoms to choose which seeds they use to grow food. Visit [Stand in solidarity with small-scale farmers | CAFOD](#). There will be an opportunity to sign a petition in church this Sunday, 20th August.

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

The St Edmund's and Harbour Project concert -

Notes of Hope: A concert celebrating talent and diversity on **29th September in St Edmund's Church, Calne**, with a superb line-up of performers from Calne and across the world in aid of The Harbour Project and Calne Welfare Charities. Tickets £12.50 (£5 for under 18s) available online or after Mass. Tickets include drinks and refreshments. For further information, please email victoria@cadenham.com

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 per book.

Mothers' Prayers: No Mothers' Prayers in August - restarts Monday 11th September.

Also this week:

Tuesday, 22nd August: "Move it or Lose It" in the Church Hall at 2:30 pm. All these 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 our Church fund.

Please feel free to call Jennifer on 07341 986569 if you have any questions.

Wednesday 23rd August: Breaking Open and Sharing the Word after Mass.

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. 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

Education Sunday 10th September is when we commemorate our predecessors of the 19th century, many of whom lived in poverty, who paid for our schools to be built. Our parishioner forebears and their Bishops rightly saw education as the principal means of handing on the faith and improving the spiritual, moral, social and cultural lives of children and young people. Their sacrifices helped re-establish the 2,175 Catholic schools and four universities. Established by the Bishops in 1848, Education Sunday is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in the liturgical calendar of England and Wales. Catholic schools continue to be true to their mission: they educate more pupils from the most deprived backgrounds; outperform national GCSE English and Maths averages by five percentage points; and are more ethnically diverse than other state-funded schools. For this success to continue, however, the help of the whole Catholic community remains essential. As ever, all Catholics need to be prepared to support, promote and defend Catholic education. **You can do this by becoming a school Foundation governor or Trust Director.** Contact Bill McEntee at Clifton Diocese via bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com or on 07710 094976 if you would like to be a governor or director. In this way, we can hand on to the next generation the great educational legacy of those poor and immigrant Catholic communities of the Victorian era who built our schools and universities.

Heart Speaks to Heart: On **Saturday 25th September**, catechists from around our diocese and those involved in formation and evangelisation, are offered an opportunity for conversation and formation, focusing on family catechesis. David Wells and Ingrid La Trobe will facilitate. The event will take place at **St. John the Baptist parish centre, Trowbridge**, starting at 11.00 am and finish around 4.00 pm. Refreshments will be provided from 10.30am, please bring a packed lunch. **Numbers will be limited for the day so please register early.** Register for the day at the Adult Education email: adult.education@cliftondiocese.com

OTHER NEWS

Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust – Ride and Stride 2023 Sponsored challenge will take place on **Saturday 9th September** from 10.00 am to 6.00 pm. People are encouraged to do a sponsored walk, bicycle or horse ride between churches on a pre-planned route. Half of all sponsorship money collected will be returned to the walker's/rider's church. Why not join in this year? Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust is a charity and provides grants to churches to fund repairs, improvements and reconstruction. Please visit [Welcome to Wiltshire Ride & Stride - Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust](#) If you would like to make a donation, visit the JustGiving page: [Log In - JustGiving](#)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 1st September: Don't Forget the Holy Spirit 7.00 pm, St Osmund, Salisbury, with Fr Matt Anscombe.

Saturday 2nd September: March for Life UK, London. See marchforlife.co.uk.

Saturday 9th September: Ride and Stride for Wiltshire Historic Churches. For info: [Home - Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust](#)

Thursday 21st September: Formation of Catechists online course, introduction to catechesis: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

Friday 29th September: "Notes of Hope" concert, St Edmund's Church, Calne

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 continent of Africa spans all four hemispheres and covers nearly 12 million square miles.

There are around 255 pyramids in Sudan – by comparison, only 138 pyramids have been discovered in Egypt.

Wordsearch: Twentieth Sunday

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BELONG	INTEGRITY	REDEMPTION
BETTER	ISRAEL	REGION
BLESS	JUSTICE	REJECTION
CANAANITE	LORD	SCRAPS
CHANGED	LOST	SHED
DAY	MEAN	SHEEP
FACE	MERCY	SIDON
FALL	PITY	TABLE
HELP	PRAISE	WORLD
HOUSE	PROFANING	

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

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The phrase from last week (19th Sunday) was "DO NOT BE AFRAID"
Hilary Clifton

Sunday 20th August Twentieth Sunday Sunday Year A; Psalter 4

Reading 1: Is 56: 1, 6-7

Psalm Refrain: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Reading 2: Rom 1: 13-15, 29-32

Gospel: Mt 15: 21-28

Monday 21st August: Memorial of St Pius X, Pope

Word: Jgs 6: 11-19; Ps 105; Mt 19: 16-22

Hours: Psalter 4

Tuesday 22nd August: Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Word: Jgs 6: 11-24; Ps 84; Mt 19: 23-30

Hours: Psalter 4, Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Proper of Memorial

Wednesday 23rd August: Word: Jgs 9: 6-15; Ps 20; Mt 20: 1-16 **Hours:** Psalter 4

Thursday 24th August: Feast of St Bartholomew, Apostle

Word: Apoc 21: 9-14; Ps 144;

Jn 1: 45-51 **Hours:** Common of Apostles

Friday 25th August: Word: Ru 1: 1, 3-6, 14-16, 22; Ps 145; Mt 22: 34-40 **Hours:** Psalter 4

Saturday 26th August: Word: Ru 2: 1-3, 8-11; Ps 127; Mt 23: 1-12 **Hours:** Psalter 4

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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