



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Sunday 21st April: Fourth Sunday of Easter – Good Shepherd Sunday: Mass 9.00 am

St Edmund's, Calne: Mass 11.00 am

Wednesday 24th April: Morning Prayer 10.00 am NO MASS

Thursday 25th April: Adoration 10.00 am – 3.00 pm

Friday 26th April: Divine Mercy Chaplet – 3.00 pm

Saturday 27th April: Mass 10.00 am

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word, Sunday, 21st April

Refreshments after Mass on Sunday

This Week – Retiring collection for the Clergy Training Fund

Friday 10th May: Fundraising Quiz night in the hall, 7.00 pm; bring your own drinks and snacks. £5 adults, maximum £15 per family, pay on the door. Maximum 6 per team, please. Please sign up on the sheet in the porch if you would like to attend. There will also be a half-time raffle, and there are boxes in the porch and hall for raffle prize donations Thank you.

Pentecost Prayer Vigil: We will be holding a 12-hour Eucharistic Adoration on Ascension Thursday, 9th May 2024, starting with Mass at 10.00am and ending with Night Prayer at 10.00pm. Please sign up to spend one hour before the Blessed Sacrament, praying for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit on us, our families and friends at Pentecost.

A Message from Hilary and Chris Clifton: A big thank you to everyone who sponsored us. We raised £465 with our 472km walks and runs, twice the money and distance targets. Please be assured that your

donations will be put to great use where they are needed the most.

Prayers for the Sick We are obliged to have the consent of the person (or that of a close family member) before publishing names in the newsletter. We are reviewing our prayer list to ensure it continues to be relevant and that consent is up to date. If you (or close member of your family) wish to remain on our prayer list please renew your consent by notifying Sharon in the Parish Office by letter or email to comms.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftondiocese.com Sadly, we will need to remove names if consent is not received by 30th April. Thank you.

Please note - Everyone is advised to take care in the car park whilst the scaffolding is in place.

Also this week:

Monday 22nd April: Mothers' Prayers in the Hall, 10.30 am

Tuesday 23rd April: "Move it or Lose It" keep fit exercises in the hall 1.30 pm

Wednesday 24th April: 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, 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, Dawn Holt, Gay Harris, Fr Vincent, David Harris, Hilary and Alan McFall, Lijimol Chacko, Mirna Rodriguez, Mary Hardy, Charlie Bowman-Davies. 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 tel. 01225 824039 to leave a message, or email ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net

DIOCESAN NEWS

Clifton Diocese, Finance and Property Support

Officer: Clifton Diocese Curia offices are recruiting a Finance and Property Support Officer. The role is a part-time, 2-year fixed term contract, worked over 25 hours per week based at Alexander House, Bristol. The successful applicant will need to have a comprehensive knowledge of Microsoft Office, good communication and organisational skills, to include time management and working on various tasks simultaneously. Previous administrative experience and a can-do flexible attitude are essential. For further information please go to [Working for us | Clifton Diocese](#) or contact Simon Hussey, Head of Finance on 0117 902 5591. The closing date for receipt of applications is Friday 10th May 2024.

Celebration Mass for Marriage and Family Life:

The bishop is celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on **Saturday 25th May (12 noon)** and invites all families to join him. We will also celebrate those couples who celebrate their marriage or a significant anniversary 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 65th, or 70th during 2024. If you are one of these couples (engaged or anniversary) please email adult.education@cliftondiocese.com with your name and address (or write to Sharon in the parish office) to so that a personal invitation can be sent from the bishop.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 8th May: Prayer for Melksham,

7.30pm, that meeting space, 31a Market Place.

Sunday 16th June: St Edmund's BBQ after Mass, to celebrate Fr Vincent's 35th anniversary;

Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust 70th Anniversary Ecumenical Service, 6.00 pm, Malmsbury Abbey.

Friday 5th July: St Edmund's Barn Dance (details to follow).

OTHER NEWS

A Message from SPUC – Speak Up for Life: A debate on assisted suicide will take place on

Monday 29th April at 4.30 pm. For a briefing on the case against assisted suicide, stories opposing any change in the law and an online tool to contact your MP, please go to the webpage [Lives Worth Living | SPUC's campaign against assisted suicide](#)

SJOG Homes for Ukraine So far, the Catholic community in England and Wales have responded very generously, with many Ukrainian people now living here, miles away from the war zone. As of March 2024, our project has successfully matched 139 guests, and this will rise with the approval of more visas in the next few weeks. However, the need is still great; the number of families still waiting to find a home is over 2000. Hosting displaced people is a great way to learn about different cultures and build new friendships. To read about just one family that have benefitted enormously from their UK hosts' generosity go to [SJOG: A New Beginning in the UK -](#) .If there is any possibility that you may be able to offer an empty room in your home, please get in contact with us at homesforukraine@SJOG.org.uk or visit the project website at <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/>.

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 particularly needed – UHT milk, dried pasta, pasta sauce, and tinned tomatoes. 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 financially to this or to Foodbank, please contact Sharon (Parish office) for details.

AND FINALLY –

Did you know? Hippos can't swim. Hippos really do have big bones, so big and dense, in fact, that they're barely buoyant at all. They don't swim and instead perform a slow-motion gallop on the riverbed or on the sea floor. In fact, hippos can even sleep underwater, thanks to a built-in reflex that allows them to bob up, take a breath, and sink back down without waking.

BBC Science Focus

Words of Wisdom

“Happiness is not something already made; it comes from your own actions.”

Dali Lama

Wordsearch: Fourth Sunday of Easter

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ABLE	FREE	MARVEL
ACKNOWLEDGE	FUTURE	RAISED
ALLELUIA	GLAD	RUNS
ASKING	HEALED	SAVED
COMMAND	HIRED	SAVIOUR
CRUCIFIED	HOUSE	SHEEP
DEAD	KEYSTONE	THINK
DEAR	KINDNESS	WHOLE
DIED	LAVISHED	WILL
EARTH	LAY	WORK
FLOCK	LIKE	

Eliminate only the listed words. The remaining letters describe Christ as

the Good _ _ _ _ _

The word from last week (3rd Sunday Easter) was
“ADVOCATE” Hilary Clifton

Sunday 21st April Fourth Sunday of Easter Sunday Year B; Psalter 4, Proper of Season

Reading 1: Acts 4: 8-12

Psalm Refrain: **The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.**

Reading 2: 1Jn 3: 1-2

Gospel: Jn 10: 11-18

Monday 22nd April: Word: Acts 11: 1-18; Pss 41, 42; Jn 10: 1-10 **Hours:** Psalter 4, Proper of Season

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

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

Hours: Common of One Martyr

Wednesday 24th April: Word: Acts 12: 24- 13: 5; Ps 66; Jn 12: 44-50 **Hours:** Psalter 4, Proper of Season

Thursday 25th April: Feast of St Mark, Evangelist

Word: 1Pt 5: 5-14; Ps 88; Mk 16: 15-20

Hours: Proper of Saint

Friday 26th April: Word: Acts 13: 26-33; Ps 2; Jn 14: 1-6 **Hours:** Psalter 4, Proper of Season

Saturday 27th April: Word: Acts 13: 44-52 Ps 97; Jn 14: 7-14 **Hours:** Psalter 4, Proper of Season



Please send any comments or items for the newsletter to the email address below or put a note through the Presbytery door. Thank you.

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