



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Sunday 21st January: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: Mass 9.00 am
St Edmund's, Calne: Mass 11.00 am

Wednesday 24th January: Morning Prayer 9.45 am; Mass at 10.00 am

Thursday 25th January: Adoration 10.00 am – 3.00 pm

Friday 26th January - Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3.00 pm

Saturday 27th January: NO MASS

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

Sunday 21st January - Children's Liturgy of the Word

Refreshments after Mass on Sunday

First Holy Communion Classes: There will be a meeting for parents/guardians and the children who are taking First Holy Communion this year on **Saturday 27th January at 10.30 am in the hall**. First Holy Communion lessons will begin on Monday 5th February at 6.00 pm.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WoPCU) 2024: The WoPCU continues to 25th January. This year's theme is 'You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself,' based on the parable of the Good Samaritan, and materials have been prepared by the churches of Burkino Faso. Prayers for each day can be found in church. Please join with us in prayer. More information can be found at [Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024 \(ctbi.org.uk\)](http://Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024 (ctbi.org.uk))

St Edmund's is hosting an Ecumenical Service to mark WoPCU today (Sunday, 21st January) at 6.00pm – all are welcome to attend.

Also this week:

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

Tuesday 23rd January "Move it or Lose It" keep fit exercises resume in the hall, 1.30 pm.

Wednesday 24th January: Breaking Open and Sharing the Word in the hall 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, Dawn Holt, Gay Harris, Fr Vincent, David Harris, Hilary McFall, Lijimol Chacko. 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

DIOCESAN NEWS

Head Teacher Vacancy: St George's Catholic Primary School in Warminster is seeking to appoint a new headteacher as soon as possible. For further information, please contact the school on 01985

218284. Website: [St-Georges \(st-georgesrc.wilts.sch.uk\)](http://St-Georges (st-georgesrc.wilts.sch.uk))

Listening with the Heart – Small Group Facilitation:

The department of Adult Education and Evangelisation are offering an opportunity for parishioners to develop the skills of small group facilitation in the context of Parish Pastoral Councils, RCIA, Prayer Groups, Lenten Groups, Confirmation Preparation, and any other parish groups. These short sessions will provide participants with a model for rooting decision making in prayer and discernment and the tools necessary for effective facilitation. The closest venue to St Anthony's is St John's, Bath, next Saturday 27th January, 9.30-11.30am. Eventbrite link to register:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/listening-with-the-heart-tickets-779973330227>

Pilgrims of Hope: The Department for Adult Education and Evangelisation is hosting a webinar, **Pilgrims of Hope: The 2025 Jubilee in Clifton on 1st February 19:30-20:45**. It will explore the background for jubilees, as well as providing information about jubilees in the Church. It will conclude with an examination of the 2025 Jubilee theme, Pilgrims of Hope, and how Clifton Diocese aims to journey together towards and through this great celebration. You can register at

www.cliftondiocese.com/jubilee

Lenten Retreat – Transformed by Love: Clifton Diocese in partnership with 'Light of Truth' are offering a **Lenten retreat: 'Transformed by Love'** in six online sessions, contemplating God's grace at work in the lives of six persons, through scripture and artworks. The six sessions begin at 7.30pm on a Tuesday evening: 20th February, 27th February, 5th March, 12th March, 19th March, 26th March. To sign up for the series, click on the Zoom link: [Meeting Registration](#) or go to the [diocesan website](#). A suggested donation of £5 per person per session is recommended for any of the 'Light of Truth' courses.

OTHER NEWS

Retrouvaille – Do you need help in your marriage?

Retrouvaille has helped many couples find new hope, nourishment and growth in their marriages. If you want to uncover or reawaken the love, trust and commitment that brought you together and work through difficult times in your marriage contact Retrouvaille confidentially for more information about our 2024 programmes. There is no group therapy or group work. Our next programme commences with a Virtual weekend on 8th – 11th February 2024, or there is a Face-to-Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 14th-16th June 2024. Call or text 07887 296983 or 07973

380443, email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.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 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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Every Tuesday from 20th February to Tuesday 19th March – Lent Course "Dare to Say", 10.30 am in the Hall, and 7.00 pm at 16, Sherwood Avenue

Every Friday during Lent – Stations of the Cross, 11.00am followed by Lenten lunch in the hall, 12.00 noon.

AND FINALLY –

Did you know?

Football teams wearing red kits play better. The colour of your clothes can affect how you're perceived by others and change how you feel. A review of football matches in the last 55 years, for example, showed that teams wearing a red kit consistently played better in home matches than teams in any other colour.

BBC Science Focus

Wordsearch: Third Sunday

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| JAMES | PRESENCE | WORD |
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Eliminate only the listed words. The remaining letters tell us what we should follow

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The Words from the grid last week were "HERE I AM"
Hilary Clifton

**Sunday 21st January
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sunday Year B; Psalter 3

Reading 1: Jon 3: 1-5, 10

Psalm Refrain: Lord, make me know your ways.

Reading 2: 1Cor 7: 29-31

Gospel: Mk 1: 14-20

Monday 22nd January: Word: 2Sm 5: 1-7,10
Ps 88; Mk 3: 22-30 Psalter 3

Tuesday 23rd January: Word: 2Sm 6: 12-15,
17-19; Ps 23; Mk 3: 31-35 **Hours:** Psalter 3

Wednesday 24th January: Memorial of St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Word: 2Sm 7: 4-17; Ps 88; Mk 4: 1-20

Hours: Psalter 3, Common of Pastors

Thursday 25th January: Feast of the Conversion of St Paul, Apostle

Word: Acts 22: 3-16; Ps 116; Mk 16: 15-18

Hours: Proper of Feast

Friday 26th January: Memorial of Ss Timothy and Titus, Bishops

Word: 2Tim 1: 1-8; Ps 95; Mk 4: 26-34

Hours: Psalter 3, Common of Pastors and Proper of Memorial

Saturday 27th January: Word: 2Sm 12: 1-7,
10-17; Ps 50; Mk 4: 35-41 **Hours:** Psalter 3

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

If you know any parishioners who do not have access to email, please print this newsletter for them.

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