



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Sunday 21st May: Seventh Sunday of Easter: Mass 9.00am

Mass intention: Michael Rooney

Tuesday 23rd May – Rosary in the church 10.00 am

Wednesday 24th May: Morning Prayer 9.45am, Mass 10.00am

Thursday 25th May: Adoration 10.00 am – 3.00 pm

Friday 26th May: Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3.00 pm

Saturday 27th May: Mass 10.00am

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

Government advice is that face coverings/masks can help reduce the spread of Covid.

Daily readings at end of newsletter

During cold weather, we ask everyone to make sure they dress for warmth when they come to church.
We continue to keep windows open in the church to reduce the spread of virus – and due to increased utility costs, church heating cannot be set to as high a temperature as we would like. Thank you.

PARISH NEWS

Refreshments in the hall after Mass

This week: Retiring Collection for the Catholic Communications Network

Pentecost Novena –Copies of the novena are available in church for people to take home.

Wednesday 24th May – PPC Meeting in the hall after Mass. Please give any items for discussion to a PPC member or Sharon in the office.

Admissions to St Augustine's Catholic College 2023: St Augustine's are really looking forward to welcoming their new cohort this summer for their induction days, ready for September. A few spaces have unexpectedly become available, and the school would be delighted to consider further applications to join Year 7 this September. Please contact St Augustine's directly as soon as possible on **01225 350001 ext. 242** and admissions@sta.cc. You can also apply direct to Wiltshire Council.

Also this week:

Monday 22nd May: Mothers' Prayers in the hall, 10.30am.

We need Sunday help! We are still looking for volunteers to help in **welcoming, collecting the offertory and presenting the gifts**. The offertory and gifts particularly are an opportunity for families to become involved. Please speak with Sharon or complete and return the slip handed out in church.

Thank you!

Wednesday 24th May: Breaking Open and Sharing the Word after Mass.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please pray for: Geoff Blwyddin, Zofia Clarke, Chris Bate, Katja Lubina, Patrick Egan, Rebecca Matthews, Paul Hogg, Keith Healy, Tricia Rigg, Henie Dixon, Brian Hillhouse, Judith Curtis, 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. 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

Pastoral Ministry – Next Course: We are now inviting applications for the next course which begins in **September 2023**. The course is ideal for any parishioner seeking to develop their capacity to serve the parish in any way they think the Lord is calling them. If you are a catechist – this course is for you; if you are a minister in any form – this course is for you; if you are not involved in any way – but would like to be – this course is for you! Interested? Please do come to one of our information evenings taking place in June. You will hear in more detail about the two courses, including content, time commitment and costs. Dates and nearest venues for information sessions are below. Each session starts at 7.00pm. No need to book, just turn up on the evening.

Monday 12 June: St George, Warminster

Wednesday 14 June: St John the Evangelist, Bath

Thursday 15 June: St Peter, Swindon

"Come, follow me" We continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood for our own diocese. Please watch Fr Stephen Corrigan of St Peter's, Gloucester talk about vocation and his own call to priesthood, about being a seminarian and now being a priest in a parish, as well as the joy and fulfilment in his life and ministry as one of our newer priests: go to www.cliftondiocese.com/vocations

You can also catch up here with our other recent new videos, featuring Fr Thomas Lawes in Swindon and our two seminarians at Oscott Seminary.

OTHER NEWS

The latest edition of CTe-news is now available at [Churches Together in England \(cte.org.uk\)](http://Churches Together in England (cte.org.uk)) Churches Together in England is the national ecumenical body supporting and encouraging churches from a wide range of traditions to work together in unity.

Stella Maris seeks parish volunteers in preparation for Sea Sunday on 9th July. Whether it is volunteering to speak in church or helping the Sea Sunday preparation, you'll be helping to raise vital support for the people of the sea. Stella Maris will provide all the necessary materials; appeal script, gift aid envelopes and posters. If anyone would like to find out more about how you can help this Sea Sunday, please contact Roland Hayes on **07887 893763** or roland.hayes@stellamarismail.org

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 7th June: Prayer for Melksham
7.30 pm, That Meeting Place

Friday 9th June: Quiz night and fish and chip supper, in the hall 7.00 pm

Sunday 18th June: St Edmunds BBQ after the 11.00 am Mass

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

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?

St Aldhelm was a monk of Malmsbury. In c675 he became abbot and made foundations at Frome and Bradford-on-Avon. When the Wessex diocese was divided in 705, he became the first bishop of the western half, Sherborne. He died at Doulting in Somerset and was buried at Malmsbury.

One third of the Earth's land surface is partially or totally desert.

Wordsearch: Seventh Sunday of Easter

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| BODY | MOUNTAIN | TELL |
| ELEVEN | OLIVES | TIME |
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| FEET | RESTORE | |

Eliminate only the listed words. The remaining letters give a quotation of Jesus

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The words from last week were "SPIRIT OF TRUTH"
Hilary Clifton

Prayer for World Communication Day

O God,
whose word is truth
and in whose light we see light,
guide those who tell the story of our times through
word and image.
Make them seekers after truth
and advocates of human dignity.
Grant discernment to all who rely on their labours,
and, as we confront the pain and promise of this
world,
awaken in us a sense of wonder at your presence
and of longing for your peace.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.
Amen

Sunday 21st May

Seventh Sunday of Easter
Sunday Year A; Psalter 3, Proper of Season

Reading 1: Acts 1: 12-14

Psalm Refrain: I am sure I shall see the Lord's
goodness in the land of the living.

Reading 2: 1Pt 4: 13-16

Gospel: Jn 17: 1-11

Monday 22nd May: Word: Acts 19: 1-18; Ps 67;
Jn 16: 29-33 **Hours:** Psalter 3, Proper of Season

Tuesday 23rd May: Word: Acts 20: 17-27; Ps 67;
Jn 17: 1-11 **Hours:** Psalter 3, Proper of Season

**Wednesday 24th May: Memorial of St Aldhelm,
Bishop**

Word: Acts 20: 28-38; Ps 67; Jn 17: 11-19

Hours: Psalter 3, Proper of Season

**Thursday 25th May: Memorial of St Bede the
Venerable, Priest, Doctor of the Church**

Word: Acts 22: 30, 23: 6-11; Ps 15; Jn 17: 20-26

Hours: Psalter 3, Common of Doctors

**Friday 26th May: Memorial of St Philip Neri,
Priest**

Word: Acts 25: 13-21; Ps 102; Jn 21: 15-19

Hours: Psalter 3, Common of Pastors

**Saturday 20th May: Feast of St Augustine of
Canterbury, Bishop**

Word: 1Thes 2: 2-8; Ps 116; Lk 10: 1-9

Hours: Common of Pastors and Proper of
Feast

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 702128 and leave a message or put a note through
the Presbytery door. Thank you.

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access to email, please print this newsletter for
them.**

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