



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Sunday 23rd April: Third Sunday of Easter: Mass 9.00am

Wednesday 26th April: Morning Prayer 9.45 am, Mass 10.00am

Thursday 27th April: Adoration in the hall 10.00 am – 3.00 pm

Friday 28th April: Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3.00 pm

Saturday 29th April: NO MASS

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.

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word recommences today
Sunday 23rd April

Please note – the parish office telephone number 01225 702128 no longer works. A new number will be available and published soon for office use/enquiries only and should not be used to contact the church in emergencies.

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Corsham, Our Parish School: [Home | St Patrick's Catholic Primary School \(stpatricks-wilts.co.uk\)](http://stpatricks-wilts.co.uk) St Patrick's School's

governing body has vacancies for Foundation Governors and needs new people to join them to help lead the school for future generations of Catholic, and other, children. If you would like to help shape the lives of our children and so be involved in the mission of the Church, please step forward and apply to be a Foundation Governor. You can contact the school on **01249 713125** or email admin@st-patricks.wilts.sch.uk

Please complete a nomination form <https://schools.cliftondiocese.com/form-2> as soon as possible. If you have any queries or would like more details, please contact Bill McEntee, Governance

more details, please contact Bill McEntee, Clifton Diocese via bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com or **07710 094976**; he would be delighted to hear from you!

Gift Aid: Many thanks to everyone who has signed up to Gift Aid their donations to the church. If you would like to pay your donation by standing order, there is a simple form to fill in and return to Tricia Hoy or Sharon. Please remember, if your circumstances change and you no longer pay sufficient income Tax to cover your donation, again contact Tricia or Sharon.

We all know that costs are rising, it is the same for the church. Have you considered increasing your standing order? This can be achieved through your bank, or Tricia can help with this as well.

Volunteers – We are still looking for volunteers to help at Mass, particularly for the offertory and in welcoming. Please speak with Sharon or complete and return the slip handed out in church. Thank you!

Monday 24th April: Mothers' prayers in the hall 10.30 am.

Wednesday 26th April: 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, Chris Harvey, 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

DEANERY NEWS

Coronation Event, St Catharine's, Frome: St Catharine's, Frome is running a Coronation Flower Festival, Saturday 29th April – Monday 1st May, 11.00 am – 5.00 pm daily, free entry

CLIFTON DIOCESE

Prayers for Our Young People: In August, a group of 30 young people will travel on pilgrimage to Portugal to represent our diocese at World Youth Day. Please pray that the Holy Spirit blesses them with the gifts of faith, hope, and love, and that the encounter with Christ they seek to find transforms them for the mission to which God calls them. As sisters and brothers in Christ, we humbly ask for your intercession. These young people are not only going as individuals, but as representatives of our diocese. We ask for your prayer intentions, so that during our formation sessions, and during the pilgrimage to Portugal itself, the young people can pray on behalf of the individuals, families, parishes, and communities that make up our diocese. Please send your intentions to wyd2023@cliftondiocese.com.

Clifton Diocese in partnership with 'Light of Truth' are offering a five-week course on how we talk about our Catholic Faith with other adults, young people and children – do join if you can. The programme is as follows:

- How to talk about Jesus Christ – April 27th
- How to talk about Salvation (and the problem of evil) - May 4th
- How to talk about the human person - May 11th
- How to talk about the Church – May 18th

Sign on: <https://www.lightoftruth.uk/event-details/further-training-for-catechists-2023-04-20-19-30>

OTHER NEWS

Prayers for the King: The Presidents of Churches Together in England invite all Christians to join together in a period of daily prayer for both the King and the nation, from Easter Day to 6th May. The Church of England is publishing a book of Daily Prayers for the

Coronation of King Charles III, which can be used as a guide to reflection, and can be ordered via [Coronation Prayers \(chpublishing.co.uk\)](http://chpublishing.co.uk) The Presidents comment that “The Coronation will be a time to celebrate community, faith and service – values that are reflected in these prayers.”

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.

CHARITIES and PARISH PROJECT

Gift Aid: Your Parish Gift Aid contact is Tricia Hoy, phone number 01225 704805.

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 2nd May and each Tuesday in

May: Rosary in the church, 10.00 am

Thursday 18th May: Ascension Mass 10.00am, followed by Adoration in the Church until 10.00 pm.

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

AND FINALLY –

Did you know?

The largest recorded earthquake in the USA was a magnitude 9.2 that struck Prince William Sound Alaska in 1964.

There are more life forms living on your skin than there are people on the planet.

Wordsearch: Third Sunday of Easter

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| COMPANIONS | MEN | SLOW |
| CORRUPTIBLE | MIRACLES | TABLE |
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The remaining word from last week (Divine Mercy Sunday) was "COMMUNITY."

Hilary Clifton

Words of Wisdom

"Our hope is called Jesus. He is alive and evil has no more power over Him. Failure cannot prevent us from beginning again, and death becomes the passage to the beginning of new life. The wounds of the risen Jesus are the signs of the Love that overcomes hatred, of the Pardon that disarms revenge, of the Life that conquers death."

Pope Francis



Sunday 23rd April

Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday Year A; Psalter 3, Proper of Season

Reading 1: Acts 2: 14, 22-33

Psalm Refrain: Preserve me God, I take refuge in you.

Reading 2: 1Pt 1: 17-21

Gospel: Lk 24: 13-35

Monday 24th April: Solemnity of St George, Martyr, Patron of England

Word: Apoc 12: 10-12; Ps 125;

Jn 15: 18-21 **Hours:** National Proper of the Saint and Common of One Martyr (Eastertide)

Tuesday 25th April: Feast of St Mark, Evangelist

Word: 1Pt 5: 5-14; Ps 88;

Mk 16: 15-20 **Hours:** Proper of Saint

Wednesday 26th April: Word: Acts 8: 1-8; Ps 65;

Jn 6: 35-40 **Hours:** Psalter 3, Proper of Season

Thursday 27th April: Word: Acts 8: 26-40; Ps 65;

Jn 6: 44-51 **Hours:** Psalter 3, Proper of Season

Friday 28th April: Word: Acts 9: 1-20; Ps 116;

Jn 6: 52 -59 **Hours:** Psalter 3, Proper of Season

Saturday 29th April: Feast of St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe

Word: 1Jn 1: 5 – 2: 2; Ps 102; Mt 11: 25-30

Hours: Proper of Saint

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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