



# Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July: Sixteenth Sunday: Mass 9.00am**

**St Edmund's, Calne: Mass 11.00 am**

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July: Morning Prayer 10.00 am, NO MASS**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July: Adoration 10.00 am – 3.00 pm**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July: Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3.00 pm**

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July: NO MASS**

**St Edmund's Calne: Mass 6.00 pm**

At the sign of peace, if you wish, you are welcome to shake hands with those next to you

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*

**This week - retiring collection for the Bishop's Charitable Fund**

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

**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

**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 including P&P. Further details and recommendations and a link to buy the book online if you prefer can be found on his website

[www.dftholyspirit.com](http://www.dftholyspirit.com) - it is also available on Amazon, price £10.00 plus P&P.

**Also:**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July: Mothers' Prayers** in the hall, 10.30am.

**Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> July at 2:30 pm. "Move it or Lose It"** in the Church Hall All our 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 the Church fund.

Come along and have a go! Please feel free to call Jennifer on **07341 986569** if you have any questions.

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July:** 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, 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, Michael Bramwell. 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](mailto:ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net)

## CLIFTON DIOCESE

**Formation of Catechists:** Clifton Diocese in partnership with 'Light of Truth' are offering a six-week course for the formation of catechists. The six sessions cover:

1. Introduction to catechesis – 21<sup>st</sup> September
2. Proclaiming the Good News: Jesus Christ at the heart of catechesis – 28<sup>th</sup> September
3. The Faith of the Church: Introduction to the Catechism – 5<sup>th</sup> October
4. Scriptural catechesis: introduction to the Bible – 12<sup>th</sup> October
5. Methods and Resources – 19<sup>th</sup> October
6. Preparing a Catechetical Session – 26<sup>th</sup> October

This training is for seasoned or new catechists working with children, young people or adults, for everyone involved in Children's Liturgy of the Word, and for anyone interested in passing on the faith. For parishioners to sign up for the series, please use the following link: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

**An Introduction to Small Group Facilitation:** The department of Adult Education & Evangelisation is offering an opportunity for parishioners to develop skills for small group facilitation in the context of Parish Pastoral Councils, RCIA, Prayer Groups, Confirmation Preparation, etc. This short session will help us to develop an attitude of listening with the heart and sharing with generosity. It will provide participants with a model for rooting decision making in prayer and discernment and the tools necessary for effective facilitation. Our nearest date and venue (including Eventbrite link to register) is **Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Sept: St John, Trowbridge** (2.00 - 4.00 pm); <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/652920301197>  
Please sign up for any of the events on offer through the Eventbrite link. A minimum of five people is required for a session to take place – no upper limit.

## OTHER NEWS

**Kherson Flooding, Ukraine:** The Ukraine Catholic Church in Great Britain is appealing for our generosity and support those in Ukraine affected by the devastating flooding. With the help of your donations, food parcels and hygiene products as well as other essential items will be provided to those in need. If you wish to help, please send cheques payable to the Ukrainian Catholic Church referencing "Kherson Flooding" to Finance Office, 21 Binney St, London W1K 5BQ. Alternatively, donations can be made online at their GoFundMe page: [Fundraiser by Ukrainian Catholic Church in GB : Nova Kakhovka - Fundraiser for Humanitarian Aid \(gofundme.com\)](#)

**March for life:** March for Life UK happens in London on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Many are concerned about restrictions on freedom but it's often not until these restrictions affect us most personally that we speak up. Abortion destroys the most fundamental freedom to live and leaves

so many women and men deeply hurting. Join thousands of others at this family-friendly event to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves. Full details can be found at [marchforlife.co.uk](http://marchforlife.co.uk).

**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

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September: Ride and Stride for Churches**, for walkers, cyclists and horse-rider of all ages

## 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?

From bottom to top, Mauna Kea, an active volcano in Hawaii, is about 3,280 ft taller than Mount Everest.

### Words of Wisdom

A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows.  
St Francis of Assisi

## Wordsearch: Sixteenth Sunday

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S	O	E	S	E	D	U	I	D	R	P	S
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AIR	HARVEST	SAINTS
BARN	HEAVEN	SHRUB
BRANCHES	INSOLENCE	SOVEREIGN
BURNT	JUDGEMENT	TAUGHT
COLLECT	KINDLY	TEETH
DARNEL	MUSTARD	TURN
EARS	NEVER	WEAKNESS
ENEMY	NEW	WHEAT
EXPRESSES	PARABLE	YEAST

Only eliminate the words in the list .Any other words are coincidental and should not be used. The remaining letters describe God in today's reading " our -----"

The word from week fourteen was "COMPASSION"  
Hilary Clifton

### Grandparents and the Elderly Day Prayer

Dear Lord,

We thank you for grandparents and elderly relatives throughout the world, their lives and their vocation.

We are grateful for their love, care and the advice that they give to each of us.

Protect them dear Lord, in all that they do, as we continue to be blessed

by their wisdom in our communities.

Guide them in their earthly pilgrimage and

always keep them close to your heart,

so that they continue to generously respond to your call.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

Amen.

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## Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

### Sixteenth Sunday

Sunday Year A; Psalter 4

Reading 1: Wis 12: 13, 16-19

**Psalm Refrain: O Lord, you are good and forgiving.**

Reading 2: Rom 8: 26-27

**Gospel: Mt 13: 24-43**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July: Word:** Ex 14: 5-18; Ex 15; Mt 12: 38-42 **Hours:** Psalter 4

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July: Feast of St James, Apostle**  
**Word:** 2Cor 4: 7-15; Ps 125;

Mt 20: 20-28 **Hours:** Proper of Feast

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July: Memorial of Ss Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Word:** Ex 16: 1-5, 9-15; Ps 77; Mt 13: 1-9

**Hours:** Psalter 4, Proper of Memorial

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July: Word:** Ex 19: 1-2, 9-11, 16-20; Dan 3; Mt 13: 10-17 **Hours:** Psalter 4

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July: Word:** Ex 20: 1-17; Ps 18; Mt 13: 18-23 **Hours:** Psalter 4

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July: Memorial of Ss Martha, Mary and Lazarus**

**Word:** Ex 24: 3-8; Ps 49; Jn 11: 19-27

**Hours:** Psalter 4, Proper of Memorial

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.

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

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