



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Sunday 24th March: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord: Mass 9.00 am
St Edmund's, Calne: Mass 11.00 am

27th March: Chrism Mass, Clifton Cathedral, 11.00 am

Thursday 28th March: Holy (Maundy) Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00 pm
Followed by Vigil and Night Prayer until 10.00 pm

Friday 29th March: Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)
Office of Readings and Morning Prayer 10.00 am
The Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3.00 pm

Saturday 30th March: Holy Saturday - Office of Readings and Morning Prayer 10.00 am
The Easter Vigil 7.30 pm

Sunday 31st March: Sunday of the Resurrection: Mass 9.00 am

Wednesday 3rd April: Morning Prayer 9.45; Mass at 10.00 am

Friday 5th April: Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3.00 pm

Saturday 6th April: Mass 10.00 am

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 24th March: Children's Liturgy of the Word
Children's Liturgy will then take a break for Easter and recommence on Sunday 21st April

Refreshments after Mass on Sunday 24th
No refreshments Sunday 31st March

Retiring Collections

Sunday 24th March – retiring collection for Easter flowers

Holy Thursday – We invite you donate an item of food for Melksham Foodbank (*leave in basket in the porch*)

Good Friday – Holy Places and Christian Communities in the Holy Land

Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday – Fr Vincent

We welcome Canon Kenneth Noakes who celebrates the Triduum with us

Easter cards still available to purchase – please see Sheila Likely-Ayling.

CAFOD's Big Lent Walk: Hilary and Chris Clifton will be taking part in CAFOD's Big Lent Walk, the challenge to walk 200km over 40 days to help people overcome poverty; any donations will be gratefully received! If you would like to sponsor them, please use this link: [Chris and Hilary Big Lent WalkRun is fundraising for CAFOD](#)

Wednesday 27th March - Prayer for Melksham, 7.30pm in "that meeting space", 31a Market Place, Melksham. Please do come and join local Christians pray for Melksham and our surrounding villages.

The Bereavement Journey: The next Bereavement Journey course begins on **April 5th (10:00 am - noon)**

at that meeting space. This course is ideally suited to those who have suffered bereavement in the last year or two who have found it difficult to find the way forward with their lives, especially after the initial wave of sympathy has passed and they feel like everyone else is expecting them to 'just move on'. If there is anyone that you would think could benefit from the course, please get them to contact John Firth through that meeting space - 07389 866714

thatmeetingspace@gmail.com. Demand for this course is always high, and registration closes on 28th March.

Easter Break: Please note the following changes to our normal programme of events over the Easter period:

Children's Liturgy: Easter break 31st March – 14th April inclusive.

Mothers' Prayers: NO Mothers' Prayers on Monday 1st April; recommencing 8th April

Adoration: NO Eucharistic Adoration on Holy Thursday or Thursday 4th April. To recommence Thursday 11th April.

Divine Mercy Chaplet: NO Divine Mercy Chaplet on Good Friday. To resume Friday 5th April

Also this week:

Monday 25th March: Mothers' Prayers in the Hall, 10.30 am (see above for 1st April)

Tuesday 26th March: "Move it or Lose It" keep fit exercises in the hall, 1.30 pm – please check Easter week session with Jenny.

Wednesday 27th March: NO Breaking Open and Sharing the Word today.

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 and Alan McFall, Lijimol Chacko, Mirna Rodriguez, Mary Hardy. 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

Melksham Foodbank is currently in need of donations of UHT milk, dried pasta, pasta sauce, and tinned tomatoes. Items can be left in the basket in the porch.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2024 – 23rd to 30th August: There is still time to book, to join us on the Pilgrimage. For information of the hotels we use, and the Bristol to Toulouse Flight please contact

Lourdes@cliftondiocese.com. For assisted pilgrims, you can book via the Catholic Association, **Catholic Association – Assisted**

Pilgrims www.catholicassociation.co.uk/assisted-pilgrims. Flights for assisted pilgrims are available from Birmingham and London Stansted. The Catholic Association are also looking for volunteer helpers, doctors/nurses, young helpers (17-25), musicians, fund raisers; subsidies available. For more information please complete the online form at **CA Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024 - Expression of Interest** (jotform.com) www.catholicassociation.co.uk/stage

OTHER NEWS

SJOG Homes for Ukraine acts as a matching, training, and support pathway for guests from Ukraine and hosts in the UK. We offer a range of services including matching, training for hosts and guests, transportation assistance, and support during the placement. **More information on the project can be found at the following links**

Website: <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk>

E-mail: homesforukraine@sjog.org.uk

Facebook: facebook.com/sjoghomesforukraine

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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 2/3 allocated to Presbytery repairs, and 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, please contact Melksham Foodbank or Sharon (Parish office) for further information.

AND FINALLY –

Wordsearch: Palm Sunday

S	A	C	R	I	F	I	C	E	D	G	B
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M	T	E	K	T	R	T	B	O	S	B	B
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Wordsearch: Easter Sunday

G	R	E	D	E	E	M	E	D	C	V	N
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D	O	T	E	O	A	T	F	C	R	T	R
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| ABBA FATHER | FLINT | PREPARATIONS | CANDLE | GAIN | RANSOM |
| ALAS | HOLES | REPLY | CARE | GOD | REDEEMED |
| BARABBAS | ISAIAH | SACRIFICED | CHRIST | HANDS | RESTORES |
| BEARD | JAR | SALOME | DAY | HOLY | SALVATION |
| BODY | LAMB | SAVE | DOMAIN | LIGHT | SANCTIFYING |
| BREAD | MARY | SOLEMNLY | EARTH | LOVE | SLAVERY |
| CHEEKS | MEMBER | SONS | FALLEN | NECESSARY SIN | WAX |
| COUNT | NUMBER | STAY | FIRE | OFFERING | WORLD |
| CUP | PALACE | TEARS | FLAME | PAID | |
| EYES | PASSERS BY | | FRIENDS | POWER | |
| FEET | PASSOVER | | | | |

Eliminate only the words listed. The remaining letters give a well-known place in the story of the Passion

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The word from last week (5th Sunday Lent) was “SCRUTINIES”

The words all come from the Exsultet, the great proclamation at the Easter Vigil. The remaining letters give an adjective of Christ at this feast

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Hilary Clifton

Did you know?

You can yo-yo in space. In 2012, NASA astronaut Don Pettit took a yo-yo on board the International Space Station and demonstrated several tricks. It works because a yo-yo mainly relies on the laws of conservation of angular momentum to perform tricks, which, provided you keep the string taut, apply in microgravity too.



**Sunday 24th March
Palm Sunday**



Sunday Year B; Psalter 2, Proper of Season

Reading 1: Is 50: 4-7

Psalm Refrain: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Reading 2: Phil 2: 6-11

Gospel: Mt 26: 14 – 27:66

Monday 25th March: Word: Is 42: 1-7; Ps 26;
Jn 12: 1-11 **Hours:** Psalter 2, Monday of Holy Week

Tuesday 26th March: Word: Is 49: 1-6; Ps 70;
Jn 13: 21-33, 36-38 **Hours:** Psalter 2, Tuesday of Holy Week

Wednesday 27th March: Word: Is 50: 4-9; Ps 68;
Mt 26: 14-25 **Hours:** Psalter 2,
Wednesday of Holy Week

Holy Thursday 28th March: Maundy Thursday

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Reading 1: Ex 12: 1-8, 11-14

Psalm Refrain: The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ.

Reading 2: 1Cor 11: 23-26

Gospel: Jn 13: 1-15

Hours: Psalter 2, Proper of Season

Good Friday 29th March: The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

Reading 1: Is 52: 13 – 53: 12

Psalm Refrain: Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

Reading 2: Heb 4: 14-16, 5: 7-9

Gospel: Jn 18: 1- 19: 42

Hours: Proper of Season

Holy Saturday 8th April: The Easter Vigil

Reading 1 - Gen 1: 1- 2:2;

Psalm refrain: Send forth your spirit, O Lord and renew the face of the earth.

Reading 2 – Gen 22: 1-18

Psalm refrain: Preserve me, God, I take refuge in You.

Reading 3 – Ex 14: 15 – 15:1

Psalm refrain: I will sing to the Lord, glorious His triumph

Reading 4 – Rom 6: 3-11

Psalm refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel – Mt 28: 1-10

Sunday 31st March

Sunday of the Resurrection

Sunday Year A; Proper of Season



Reading 1: Acts 10: 34, 37-43

Psalm Refrain: This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

Reading 2: Col 3: 1-4

Gospel: Jn 20: 1-9



Monday 1st April: Word: Acts 2: 14, 22-33;
Ps 15; Mt 28: 8-15 **Hours:** Proper of Season

Tuesday 2nd April: Word: Acts 2: 36-41;
Ps 32; Jn 20: 11-18 **Hours:** Proper of Season

Wednesday 3rd April: Word: Acts 3: 1-10;
Ps 104; Lk 24: 13-35 **Hours:** Proper of Season

Thursday 4th April: Word: Acts 3: 11-26; Ps 8;
Lk 24: 35-48 **Hours:** Proper of Season

Friday 5th April: Word: Acts 4: 1-12; Ps 117;
Jn 21: 1-14 **Hours:** Proper of Season

Saturday 6th April: Word: Acts 4: 13-21; Ps 117;
Mk 16: 9-15 **Hours:** Proper of Season



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