



# Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September: Twenty-Fifth Sunday: Mass 9.00am**

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

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September: Morning Prayer 9.45 am; Mass at 10.00 am**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August: Adoration 10.00 am – 3.00 pm**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September: Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3.00 pm**

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September: Mass at 10.00 am**

**St Edmund's Calne 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 24<sup>th</sup> September - Children's Liturgy of the Word**

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September – Baptism:** We are delighted to welcome Laura Zlobecka into our parish family on her Baptism today. Please pray for her and her family.

**St Augustine's Catholic College Open Evening**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 6.00 – 8.00 pm:** Do you have a child starting secondary school in September 2024 or 2025? Visit their inspiring College, chat to staff and students and tour the modern facilities. St Augustine's, Wingfield Rd, Trowbridge SB14 9EN.

[St Augustine's Catholic College \(st-augustines.wilts.sch.uk\)](http://st-augustines.wilts.sch.uk).

**Rosary in October:** During October, the Rosary will be said in church **every Tuesday at 9.30 am**. This year, Pope Francis has called for October to be dedicated to praying for peace in Ukraine.

**Parish Christmas Lunch: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 12.30pm for 1.00 pm, The Water Meadow, Melksham SN12 7GS.** If you are interested in coming to the parish Christmas lunch, please collect a menu from inside the church porch, or from Rebecca/John. Make your choices and return the menu to Rebecca/John, with payment in full by **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November**. Contact number 07872 058510

**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

**The St Edmund's and Harbour Project concert –**

**Notes of Hope:** The charity concert in aid of The Harbour Project and Calne Welfare Charities is **next Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> September** with a superb line-up of performers from Calne and across the world, followed by a drinks and delicious Indian nibbles. Tickets are £12.50 (£5 for under 18s) and are available after Mass and via the [Parish website](http://www.cliftondiocese.com). Please invite your family and friends. We would like to fill our spacious church.

**Don't Forget the Holy Spirit:** We have copies of Fr Matt Anscombe's book 'Don't Forget the Holy Spirit', £10.50 per book.

**Help in the Garden:** Anna Haynes will be pleased to provide paid gardening services. Contact Anna on **01225 705124** or a message will be passed to Anna via [admin.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:admin.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftondiocese.com) ;

**Also this week: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September: Mothers' Prayers** in the Hall, 10.30 am

**Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> September: “Move it or Lose It”** in the Church Hall at **1:30 pm – please note the change of time.** All these 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 our Church fund. Please feel free to call Jennifer on 07341 986569 if you have any questions.

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September:** Breaking Open and Sharing the Word 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, Val Stiles, Dawn Holt, Dave Disney, Gay Harris. 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**

**An Introduction to Small Group Facilitation:** The department of Adult Education and Evangelisation offers an opportunity for parishioners to develop skills for small group facilitation in Parish groups, e.g., Parish Pastoral Councils, RCIA, Prayer Groups, Confirmation Preparation, etc. Our nearest venue is (including Eventbrite link to register) **next Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> September, St John's, Trowbridge (2-4pm)** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/652920301197>

**Celebration of Marriage:** Join Bishop Declan for Mass in the Cathedral Bishop as we celebrate the gift of marriage **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October** at 12 noon. All are welcome. If you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year, newly married, or looking forward to marriage in 2023, contact [adult.education@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com) or 0117 902 5595 to receive a personal invitation from the bishop.

#### **OTHER NEWS**

**“Scrap the Cap”:** The Catholic Union is encouraging people to sign an open letter to the Education Secretary calling for the 50 percent cap on faith-based admissions to new free schools to be lifted. The cap is preventing the Catholic Church in England from taking part in the free schools' programme. The letter is available at [www.catholicunion.org.uk](http://www.catholicunion.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**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October:** Weekly Rosary in church begins

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October:** CAFOD Family Fast Day lunch in the hall, 12.00 noon

**8<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> October – Prisons week**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October :** “The Gift” a Life in the Spirit course – first sessions begin in the Church Hall 10.30 am, or 16 Sherwood Avenue, 7.00 pm

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October: Joint Healing Service** with St Edmund's at St Edmund's, Calne, 2.00 pm

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October: Catechist Formation Day, Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October, St John the Baptist, Trowbridge;** Sign up for the day via: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/668215439367>

#### **AND FINALLY –**

##### **Did you know?**

By the time we reach adulthood, our bodies have approximately 100,00 miles of blood vessels.

Readers' Digest

##### **Words of Wisdom**

Never bend your head. Always hold it high. Look the world straight in the eye.

Helen Keller

## Wordsearch: Twenty-Fifth Sunday

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I	A	A	Y	T	V	C	D	N	L	T	U
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ABOUNDING	HEAT	SALVATION
BLESS	HEAVENS	THIRD
CLOSE	HIRE	THOUGHTS
DILEMMA	IDLE	TURN
ENVOIOUS	KING	VINEYARD
FAIR WAGE	LANDOWNER	WAYS
FIRM	LORD	WENT OUT
FIRST	MAN	WORKERS
FOUND	ONE DENARIUS	
GOD	PAY	

Only eliminate the words given in the list. The remaining letters give another word from today's scriptures:

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The words from last week (24<sup>th</sup> Sunday) were  
"FORGIVING LORD" Hilary Clifton

## Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September

### Twenty Fifth Sunday

Sunday Year A; Psalter 1

Reading 1: Is 55: 6-9

**Psalm Refrain: The Lord is close to all who call him.**

Reading 2: Phil 1: 20-24, 27

Gospel: Mt 20: 1-16

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September: Word:** Ezr 1: 1-6;

Ps 125; Lk 8: 16-18 **Hours:** Psalter 1

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September: Word:** Ezra 6: 7, 12,

14-20; Ps 121; Lk 8: 19-21 **Hours:** Psalter 1

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September: Memorial of St Vincent de Paul, Priest**

**Word:** Ezra 9: 5-9; Tb 13; Lk 9: 1-6

**Hours:** Psalter 1, Proper of Memorial

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September: Word:** Hg 1: 1-8;

Ps 149; Lk 9: 7-9 **Hours:** Psalter 1

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September: Feast of Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels**

**Word:** Dn 7: 9-10, 13-14; Ps 137; Jn 1: 47-51

**Hours:** Proper of Feast

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September: Memorial of St Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church**

**Word:** Zec 2: 5-9, 14-15; Jer 31; Lk 9: 43-45

**Hours:** Psalter 1, Common of Doctors of the Church

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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