

Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Sunday 25th June: Twelfth Sunday: Mass 9.00am

Wednesday 28th June: Morning Prayer 10.00 am - NO MASS

Thursday 29th June: Solemnity of Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles – Mass at 10.00 am

St Edmund's Calne – Mass at 7.00 pm

Adoration 10.00 am – 3.00 pm

Friday 30th June: Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3.00 pm

Saturday 1st July: Mass at 10.00 am

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

Next week there will be a retiring collection for Peter's pence

Newsletters: Next week's newsletter will cover the 2 weeks 2nd and 9th July inclusive. Please ensure you retain it for reference.

Baptismal Courses: Our next Baptismal course will take place on Saturdays 15th, 22nd and 29th July. If you would like to attend and have not yet signed up, please email Mary Rooney on maryrooney@blueyonder.co.uk

Confirmations 2024: We hoping to have confirmations in 2024 if we have sufficient numbers. If you are interested, you are invited to write to Fr Vincent to express your interest.

"Move it or Lose It" Jennifer Botham is providing a free "Move it or Lose It" exercise session in the church hall on Tuesday, 11th July at 2:30 pm. These exercise classes have been developed by experts to help improve flexibility, aerobic health, balance and strength. All our keep fit exercises can be done seated or standing, depending on your ability – perfect for seniors. The initial session on 11th July will be free for people to come and try. Every week thereafter, it will

be £5 per member 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.

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 - it is also available on Amazon, price £10.00 plus P&P.

Also this week:

Monday 26th June: Mothers' Prayers in the hall, 10.30am.

Wednesday 28th June: 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

CLIFTON DIOCESE

Clifton Cathedral – 50th Anniversary Mass: A Solemn Mass of thanksgiving will be held at Clifton Cathedral on **Friday 30th June at 11.00 am**. All are welcome to join Bishop Declan and Clifton priests, with Diocesan, Ecumenical and Civic guests. We have the special honour of a visit by members of the Royal family who will be joining us for this special celebration and after Mass they will take part in the unveiling of the Commemorative Stone, followed by celebratory drinks on the Cathedral atria. Please reserve a place by contacting the Cathedral Office on **0117 973 8411** email: cathedral@cliftondiocese.com or booking via www.eventbrite.com/647994828977 Other events taking place as part of the celebrations include:

Celebrating the Sacraments: A Festival of Flowers 28th June – 3rd July;

Walking Pilgrimage: All welcome to join in the new walking pilgrimage to Glastonbury from Clifton Cathedral inspired by parishioners. The walk is from 7th - 9th July, beginning with Mass and Blessing of Pilgrims at Clifton Cathedral, on Friday 7th July at 9.30am;

Photographic Archive Exhibition: During the month of June, the Cathedral will be displaying archive photographs from the planning, building and opening of the Cathedral.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Glastonbury – Sunday 9th July 2023: We are pleased to confirm the annual pilgrimage to Glastonbury, led by Bishop Declan, is taking place. The theme this year is "Mary, Queen of Peace." Events begin at 11.30 with Rosary in St Mary's Shrine Church. The pilgrimage Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Declan at 3.30 pm. Further details available in the church porch.

Diocesan Event : You are invited to an online Zoom session with Sycamore on 5th July at 7.00 pm. Sycamore offers informal courses about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today. It gives people the space to meet other people, share ideas, explore beliefs, and think about questions that really matter. During this session, the Sycamore team will help us to understand better how we can run groups in our parishes using the high-quality video material that they have created. We encourage anyone interested in using the material for sacramental preparation, RCIA and general faith exploration groups to join us. You can sign up using the Eventbrite link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/652663232297> for this online session.

OTHER NEWS

Middlefields House, Chippenham: Middlefields House is part of the Pilgrims' Friend Society

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

family of care homes and housing schemes. We are holding our first Summer Fete on Friday, 30th June from 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm and you are all warmly invited to come and join us. We have various stalls, events, interactive displays, bouncy castle, games, food and singing. Much of which has been kindly donated by local businesses surrounding us here in Chippenham, making this very much a community-involved event and it would be lovely to see you there! For more information, contact 0300 303 8470 or email middlefields@pilgrimsfriend.org.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.

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?

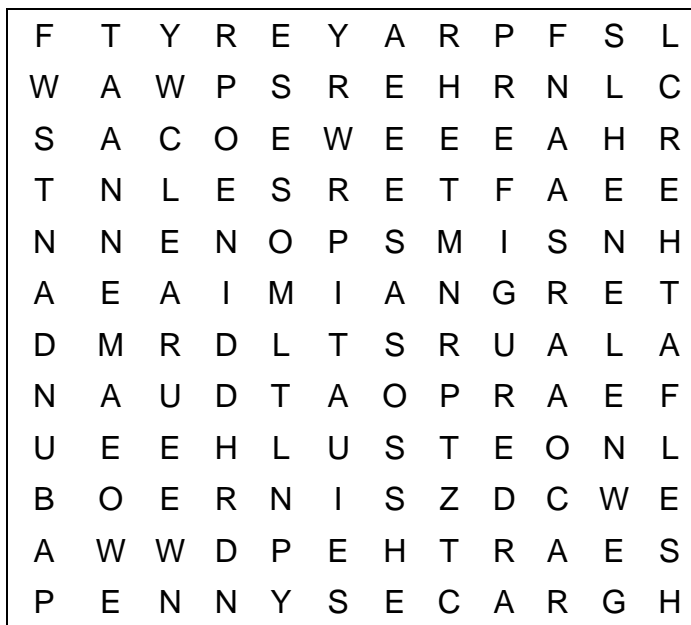
A tiger's stripes are not only found on their fur, but also on their skin.

Words of Wisdom

Not in doing what you like, in but liking what you do is the secret of happiness.

J M Barrie

Wordsearch: Twelfth Sunday



ABUNDANT	FREE	OWN
ALIEN	GRACE	PENNY
ANSWER	GROUND	PRAYER
CHAINS	HEARTS	PREFIGURED
CHILDREN	HERO	SAY
DUE	LAW	SPREAD
EARTH	LISTENS	SPURN
FACE	MATTHEW	TWO SPARROWS
FALL	MEN	ZEAL
FATHER	MOSES	
FLESH	NEEDY	

Eliminate only the listed words. The remaining letters give another word from the readings

 The word from last week (11th Sunday) was
 "THADDEUS" Hilary Clifton



Sunday 25th June

Twelfth Sunday

Sunday Year A; Psalter 4

Reading 1: Jer 20: 10-13

Psalm Refrain: In your great love, answer me,
O Lord.

Reading 2: Rom 5:12-15

Gospel: Mt 10: 26-33

Monday 26th June: Word: Gn 12: 1-9; Ps 32;
Mt 7: 1-5 Hours: Psalter 4

Tuesday 27th June: Word: Gn 13: 2, 5-18; Ps 14;
Mt 7: 6, 12-14 Hours: Psalter 4

Wednesday 28th June: Memorial of St Irenaeus
Bishop, Martyr

Word: Gen 15: 1-12, 17-18; Ps 104; Mt 7: 15-20
Hours: Psalter 4 Proper of Memorial

Thursday 29th June: Solemnity of Ss Peter and
Paul, Apostles

Reading 1: Acts 12: 1-11

Psalm Refrain: Their word goes forth through all
the earth.

Reading 2: 2Tm 4:6-8, 17-18

Gospel: Mt 16: 13-19

Friday 30th June: Dedication of the Cathedral
Church of Ss Peter and Paul

Word: Ez 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12

Ps 45; Jn 2: 13-22 Hours: Psalter 4 Common of
Dedication of a Church

Saturday 1st July: Memorial of St Oliver
Plunkett, Bishop, Martyr

Word: Gn 18: 1-15; Lk 1; Mt 8 5-17

Hours: Psalter 4, Common of One Martyr

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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