



## Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Thirteenth Sunday: Mass 9.00 am**

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June: Morning Prayer 9.45 am; Mass 10.00 am; Mass at St Edmund's, Calne, 7.00 pm**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July: Mass 10.00 am**

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.

*Readings at end of newsletter*

**Help our parish: Can you help Carolina and the team provide refreshments after Mass and other times? If you would like to be part of our fantastic and creative hospitality team, please contact Carolina**

**Help our community: Melksham Men's Shed**

is a place where men can get together, join in activities and talk about what's on their mind. It is a fully equipped workshop where skilled and unskilled men can share time with each other and work together on community projects. Men's Sheds is a charitable not-for-profit association.

**Retiring Collection this week – Peter's Pence**

### PARISH NEWS

**Michael Rooney - 40 Years a Catenian:** On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June, Michael Rooney was recognised by the



Catenians Association for 40 years of membership including two years as President of the Bath Circle and one year as President of Province 12 (West of England and South Wales). At a social event Michael was

presented with a scroll marking this achievement by Roger Lillie GB National President. Congratulations Michael, and many thanks to Mary for all the support she has given.

**Work on the Church:** Following on from the update on projects in the Church and Presbytery, the first small piece of work will be undertaken on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June. To allow work to install a new Disabled Access/Fire Door the radiator underneath the window between the Sacristy and the Confessional is being moved closer to the Confessional. Once this is completed, I can arrange for the new door to be installed and I will come back to you again when I have a date for this. Thanks, Paul Hughes.

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June – PPC Meeting** in the hall after Mass. Please give any items for discussion to a PPC member.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July – Friday Lunchtime Feast: with guest speaker Chris Pickett of Melksham Shed** in the hall at 12.00 noon, followed by a "bring and share" lunch; all welcome!

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Baptism:** We are pleased to welcome Aubrey into our parish family on her baptism today. Please pray for her and her family.

**St Edmund's Parish Barn Dance - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 7.00pm-10.30pm:** You are warmly invited to St Edmund's Parish Barn Dance; it will be held at Upper Farm, Cherhill; with The Chippenham Morris band & a caller, a delicious BBQ, tasty salads, freshly picked strawberries & cream, and more. Please contact

Gabrielle Pickford 0798 030 2934 for further information, or if you wish to offer help. Tickets available from Mary Rooney: £12.00 per adult, £6 for children/students, or £30.00 for a family ticket. Money raised will be donated to The Harbour Project.

**Mondays:** Mothers' Prayers 10.30 am in the hall.

**Wednesday:** Breaking Open and Sharing the Word after Mass.

**Thursdays** Eucharistic Adoration 10.00am - 3.00 pm.

**Fridays:** Divine Mercy Chaplet 3.00 pm

#### OUR PARISH FAMILY

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please pray for:** Geoff Blwyddin, Mrs Jeanette Allsop, Zofia Clarke, Chris Bate, Andrew 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, Martin Hughes. All who are suffering from coronavirus, 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 to receive Holy Communion, please telephone 01225 824039 and leave a message, or Email [ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net](mailto:ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net)***

#### DEANERY

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July, Mission Mass, St Patrick's Church, Corsham, 7.00pm:** Join us to celebrate Mission in the Diocese and the Beatification and legacy of the Blessed Pauline Jaricot. Mass will be followed by refreshments and a Missio/Mill Hill presentation. All are welcome.

#### CLIFTON DIOCESE

**Listening with the Heart' - Clifton Diocese Synodal Response:** On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, our diocesan family joyfully gathered at the cathedral. Bishop Declan invited every parish, school, and religious order to an Evening Liturgy and presented the Clifton Diocesan Synodal report. In his reflection, Bishop Declan focused on the overarching themes that emerged from the many responses that the Synod team received. He encouraged us all to see the Synodal journey as a new way to move forward and grow as a Church within Clifton Diocese. If you would like to read the Diocesan report, you can read it on the Diocesan website [Synodal-response-booklet.pdf \(cliftondiocese.com\)](#). We hope to be able to make copies of the report available locally soon. An updated prayer for the synod is below.

#### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Glastonbury –

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July:** We are pleased to confirm the Annual Pilgrimage to Glastonbury, led by Bishop Declan, is taking place again this year on the second Sunday in July; Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2022. The theme of this year's pilgrimage is 'Mary, Queen of Peace'. From 12 noon until 3.00pm, the Shrine Church will become a chapel of Exposition and Silent Adoration. Also from 12 noon until 3.00pm the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Private Healing Prayer will be offered. The Rosary procession will, start in the Abbey grounds at 2.15pm, and the pilgrimage Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Declan at 3.30pm

#### OTHER NEWS

**Monthly Zoom "Adore" Meetings:** Each month, Mini-Retreats are available via Zoom. Mass is always celebrated followed by a "Witness" and prayer and praising. It starts at 10.00am and finishes at 1.00pm. The three hours pass very quickly, and it is normally attended by people all over the UK. July's event will take place on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**, when the theme will be "Forgive Us As We Forgive". The speaker will be Peter Hobbs. Further information and details on how to register is available at [adore@alfonrenewal.com](mailto:adore@alfonrenewal.com)

**Churches Together – Unity in Diversity:** This month's issue of the Churches Together News contains a reflection from Archpriest Stephen Platt, NEO for the Russian Orthodox Church in Great Britain and Ireland. To read his insightful article, please go to [Unity in diversity – Churches Together in England \(cte.org.uk\)](#)

#### CHARITIES

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

**Our Parish Charities: We are re-evaluating our parish charities; more information to follow at a later date.**

If you would like to donate to **Wiltshire Air Ambulance**, please use the link:

<https://www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk/donate/>

**Mary's Meals:** have an internet "Giving Page": <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/donate>

**Melksham Food Bank Is being Called Upon More than ever:** They are grateful for the help from St Anthony's parishioners. A basket for donations is in the church porch, or you can use designated trollies in the Supermarkets, or deliver to the Baptist Church. 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:** This is for those who need emergency relief (items such as energy meter payments, uniform costs for school etc). If anyone would like to contribute to this, please contact Melksham Foodbank or Sharon (Parish office) for further information.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Celebration of Marriage,** Clifton Cathedral, to attend please email [adult.education@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com)

### AND FINALLY –

#### Wordsearch: Thirteenth Sunday

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AIR	KISS	PROPHET
BIRDS	LAW	REJOICES
CALLED	MEANT	SERVE
CLOAK	NEIGHBOUR	SHOUTS
CRY	OPPOSITE	SLAUGHTERED
ELIJAH	OXEN	SPIRIT
FIRM	PAUL	SUBMIT
FOLLOW	PIECES	
FOXES	PREPARATIONS	

Eliminate only the listed words. No word should be entirely inside another. The remaining letters give Elijah's successor:

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The completed phrase for Corpus Christi was The **PRIESTHOOD** of Melchizedek  
Hilary Clifton

### Prayer for the Synod

Come, Holy Spirit!  
you inspire new tongues  
and place words of life on our lips:  
keep us from becoming a “museum Church”;  
beautiful but mute,  
with much past and little future.

Come among us,  
so that in this synodal experience  
we will not lose our enthusiasm,  
dilute the power of prophecy,  
or descend into useless and unproductive  
discussions.

Come, Spirit of love,  
open our hearts to hear your voice!  
Come, Holy Spirit of holiness,  
renew the holy and faithful People of God!  
Come, Creator Spirit,  
renew the face of the earth!

Amen.



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## **Readings Ordinary Time week 13**

**Sunday Year C; Psalter 1**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Thirteenth Sunday**

**Reading 1** – 1 Kgs 19: 16, 19-21

**Psalm refrain: O Lord, it is you who are my portion.**

**Reading 2** – Gal 5: 1, 13-18

**Gospel** – Lk 9: 51-62

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June: Word:** Amos 2: 6-10, 13-16;  
Ps 49; Mt 8: 18-22 **Hours:** Psalter 1

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June: Memorial of St Irenaeus  
Bishop, Martyr**

**Word:** Amos 3: 1-8, 4: 11-12;

Ps 5; Mt 8: 23-27 **Hours:** Psalter 1

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June: Solemnity of Ss Peter  
and Paul, Apostles**

**Reading 1** – Acts 12: 1-11

**Psalm refrain: From all my terrors the Lord set me free.**

**Reading 2** – 2Tim 4: 6-8, 17-18

**Gospel** – Mt 16: 13-19

**Hours:** Proper of Solemnity

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> 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 1

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July: Memorial of Saint Oliver  
Plunkett, Bishop, Martyr**

**Word:** Am 8: 4-6, 9-12;

Ps 118; Mt 9: 9-13 **Hours:** Psalter 1

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July: Word:** Am 9: 11-15; Ps 84;  
Mt 9: 14-17 **Hours:** Psalter 1