



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Sunday 27th August: Twenty-First Sunday: Mass 9.00am

St Edmund's, Calne: Mass 11.00 am

Wednesday 30th August: Morning Prayer 9.45 am, Mass 10.00 am

Thursday 31st August: Adoration 10.00 am – 3.00 pm

Friday 1st September: Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3.00 pm

Saturday 2nd September: 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

Refreshments in the hall after Mass

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

The St Edmund's and Harbour Project concert - Notes of Hope: A concert celebrating talent and diversity on **29th September in St Edmund's Church, Calne**, with a superb line-up of performers from Calne and across the world in aid of The Harbour Project and Calne Welfare Charities. Tickets £12.50 (£5 for under 18s) available online or after Mass. Tickets include drinks and refreshments. For further information, please email victoria@cadenham.com

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 per book.

Mothers' Prayers: No Mothers' Prayers in August - restarts Monday 11th September.

Also this week:

Tuesday, 29th August: "Move it or Lose It" in the Church Hall at 2:30 pm. 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 30th August: 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, Kerrie Porter. 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

Education Sunday 10th September is when we commemorate our predecessors of the 19th century, many of whom lived in poverty, who paid for our schools to be built. Our parishioner forebears and their Bishops rightly saw education as the principal means of handing on the faith and improving the spiritual, moral, social and cultural lives of children and young people. Their sacrifices helped re-establish the 2,175 Catholic schools and four universities. Established by the Bishops in 1848, Education Sunday is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in the liturgical calendar of England and Wales. Catholic schools continue to be true to their mission: they educate more pupils from the most deprived backgrounds; outperform national GCSE English and Maths averages by five percentage points; and are more ethnically diverse than other state-funded schools. For this success to continue, however, the help of the whole Catholic community remains essential. As ever, all Catholics need to be prepared to support, promote and defend Catholic education. **You can do this by becoming a school Foundation governor or Trust Director.** Contact Bill McEntee at Clifton Diocese via bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com or on 07710 094976 if you would like to be a governor or director. In this way, we can hand on to the next generation the great educational legacy of those poor and immigrant Catholic communities of the Victorian era who built our schools and universities.

OTHER NEWS

Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust – Ride and Stride 2023 Sponsored challenge will take place on **Saturday 9th September** from 10.00 am to 6.00 pm. People are encouraged to do a sponsored walk, bicycle or horse ride between churches on a pre-planned route. Half of all sponsorship money collected will be returned to the walker's/rider's church. Why not join in this year? Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust is a charity and provides grants to churches to fund repairs, improvements and reconstruction. Please visit [Welcome to Wiltshire Ride & Stride - Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust](#) If you would like to make a donation, visit the JustGiving page: [Log In - JustGiving](#)

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 1st September: Don't Forget the Holy Spirit 7.00 pm, St Osmund, Salisbury, with Fr Matt Anscombe.

Saturday 2nd September: March for Life UK, London. See marchforlife.co.uk.

Saturday 9th September: Ride and Stride for Wiltshire Historic Churches. For info: [Home - Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust](#)

Thursday 21st September: Formation of Catechists online course, introduction to catechesis: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

Friday 29th September: "Notes of Hope" concert, St Edmund's Church, Calne

AND FINALLY –

Did you know?

The world's oldest wooden wheel was found in 2002, approximately 12 miles south of Ljubljana, the capital of Slovenia. Radiocarbon dating was used to determine the wheel's age, which is somewhere between 5,100 and 5,350 years old. Reader's Digest

Words of Wisdom

"How good it is to live in gratitude and blessing instead of regrets and complaints, to raise our gaze upwards instead of wearing a long face! Love alone extinguishes hatred. Love alone ultimately triumphs over injustice. Love alone makes room for others.

Love alone is the path towards full communion among us. May our Mother, assumed into Heaven, help us to climb higher each day through service and praise."

Pope Francis

~@Pontifex - August 14th, 2023

Wordsearch: Twenty-First Sunday

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BAPTIST	HAPPY	ROCK
BIND	KEYS	SHOULDER
BREAD	LEND	SOME
BUILD	LOWLY	SON OF MAN
COUNSELLOR	MATTHEW	STRENGTH
DEEP	NEWS	TRUSTS
EAR	OPEN	WISDOM
FAITHFULNESS	PEG	WORDS
FATHER	PHILIPPI	
FLESH	QUESTION	

Eliminate only the listed words. The remaining letters give the name of a very important person today:

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The word from last week, 19th Sunday, was
 "SALVATION" Hilary Clifton

Sunday 27th August Twenty First Sunday Sunday Year A; Psalter 1

Reading 1: Is 22: 19-23

Psalm Refrain: Your love, O Lord, is eternal;
 discard not the work of your hands.

Reading 2: Rom 11: 33-36

Gospel: Mt 16: 13-20

Monday 28th August: Memorial of St Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Word: 1 Thes 1: 1-5, 8-10; Ps 149; Mt 23: 13-22

Hours: Psalter 1

Tuesday 29th August: Memorial of the Passion of St John the Baptist

Word: 1 Thes 2: 1-8; Ps 138; Mk 6: 17-29

Hours: Psalter 1, Proper of Memorial

Wednesday 30th August: Word: 1Thes 2: 9-13;
 Ps 138; Mt 23: 27-31 **Hours:** Psalter 1

Thursday 31st August: Word: 1Thes 3: 7-13;
 Ps 189; Mt 24: 42-51 **Hours:** Psalter 1

Friday 1st September: Word: 1Thes 4: 1-8; Ps 96;
 Mt 25: 1-13 **Hours:** Psalter 1

Saturday 2nd September: Word 1Thes 4: 9-11;
 Ps 97; Mt 25: 14-30 **Hours:** Psalter 1

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.

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