



# Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Mass 9.00 am**  
St Edmund's, Calne: Mass 11.00 am

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January: Morning Prayer 10.00 am; NO MASS today**

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February: Adoration 10.00 am – 3.00 pm**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February - Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3.00 pm**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February: Mass 10.00 am – Intention Kath Burbidge**

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 28<sup>th</sup> January - Children's Liturgy of the Word**

**Refreshments after Mass on Sunday**

**Wiltshire Air Ambulance** have written to thank us for our donation of £182.80 – their letter is on display in the hall for you to read.

**Lent Course - Tuesdays from 20<sup>th</sup> February to 19<sup>th</sup> March:** Pope Francis has named **2024 the Year of Prayer**, a year spent in preparation for the **2025 Jubilee Year**. He has called on all Catholics to spend this year deepening their prayer lives. Our Lent Course this year is "**We Dare to Say**" a Clifton Diocese resource enabling us in faith sharing groups to explore together the prayer our Saviour gave us, The Our Father. We will be running two Lent groups every Tuesday from 20<sup>th</sup> February to 19<sup>th</sup> March; 10.30 am in the Hall, and 7.00 pm at 16, Sherwood Avenue. All welcome – please sign up on the sheet in the porch.

**Liturgy of Reconciliation, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February:** We are delighted that Bishop Declan will visit St Anthony of Padua for one of this year's Diocesan Penitentiary Services. The service will start at 7.00 pm, and there will be priests available to celebrate sacramental reconciliation.

**Also this week:**

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January: Mothers' Prayers** in the Hall,

10.30 am.

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January "Move it or Lose It"** keep fit exercises in the hall, 1.30 pm.

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January:** Breaking Open and Sharing the Word in the hall 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 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 McFall, Lijimol Chacko, Mirna Rodriguez. 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)

## DIOCESAN NEWS

**Head Teacher Vacancy:** St George's Catholic Primary

School in Warminster is seeking to appoint a new headteacher as soon as possible. For further information, please contact the school on 01985 218284. Website: [St-Georges \(st-georgesrc.wilts.sch.uk\)](http://St-Georges(st-georgesrc.wilts.sch.uk))

**Pilgrims of Hope:** The Department for Adult Education and Evangelisation is hosting a webinar, **Pilgrims of Hope: The 2025 Jubilee in Clifton on 1<sup>st</sup> February 19:30-20:45**. It will explore the background for jubilees, as well as providing information about jubilees in the Church. It will conclude with an examination of the 2025 Jubilee theme, Pilgrims of Hope, and how Clifton Diocese aims to journey together towards and through this great celebration. You can register at [www.cliftondiocese.com/jubilee](http://www.cliftondiocese.com/jubilee)

**The Rite of Election of Catechumens**, and the Call to Continuing Conversion will be celebrated by Bishop Declan in **Clifton Cathedral** on the first Saturday of Lent, Saturday 17 February, at 11.00am. All are most welcome to the cathedral, so please do join this celebration.

### Lenten Retreat – Online Sessions

**“Transformed by Love”:** Clifton Diocese in partnership with ‘Light of Truth’ are offering a **Lenten retreat: ‘Transformed by Love’** in six online sessions, contemplating God’s grace at work in the lives of six persons, through scripture and artworks. The six sessions begin at 7.30pm on a Tuesday evening: 20<sup>th</sup> February, 27<sup>th</sup> February, 5<sup>th</sup> March, 12<sup>th</sup> March, 19<sup>th</sup> March and 26<sup>th</sup> March. To sign up for the series, click on the Zoom link: [Meeting Registration](#) or go to the [diocesan website](#).

**2024 – Year of Prayer:** Pope Francis has given us the Year of Prayer in 2024, in preparation for the Holy Year of 2025. St John the Evangelist, Bath, is hosting a series of sessions to draw us into the school of prayer, so that we might grow closer to the Lord. **The next session is Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00 pm, when Fr Dermot Power will speak on the theme “The Prayer of Jesus”.** All are welcome.

### OTHER NEWS

**Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages, April – October 2024:** Apartment B&B 7 nights from €273 per person sharing. Airport transfer on request, Contact them for details. Tel 020 3239 8662 or go to [reservations@med-irishcentre.com](mailto:reservations@med-irishcentre.com)

**Retrouvaille – Do you need help in your marriage?** Retrouvaille has helped many couples find new hope, nourishment and growth in their marriages. If you want to uncover or reawaken the love, trust and commitment that brought you together and

work through difficult times in your marriage contact Retrouvaille confidentially for more information about our 2024 programmes. There is no group therapy or group work. Our next programme commences with a Virtual weekend on 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024, or there is a Face-to-Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> June 2024. Call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443, email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) - or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.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

**Every Friday during Lent – Stations of the Cross, 11.00am followed by Lenten lunch in the hall, 12.00 noon.**

### AND FINALLY –

#### Did you know?

Hippos can’t swim. Hippos really do have big bones, so big and dense, in fact, that they’re barely buoyant at all. They don’t swim and instead perform a slow-motion gallop on the riverbed or on the sea floor. In fact, hippos can even sleep underwater, thanks to a built-in reflex that allows them to bob up, take a breath, and sink back down without waking.

BBC Science Focus

#### Words of wisdom

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6:8

**Wordsearch: Fourth Sunday**

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| DESTROY     | PEOPLE   | TWO        |
| FACE        | PLEASING | VOICE      |
| GATHER      | PROPHET  | YOURSELVES |
| GIVES       | SERVANT  |            |
| HALTER      | SHINE    |            |

Eliminate only the listed words. The remaining letters tell us what we should listen to

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The letters from last week made "RIGHT PATH"

Hilary Clifton

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January**  
**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Sunday Year B; Psalter 4**

**Reading 1:** Dt 18: 15-20

**Psalm Refrain:** O that today you would listen to his voice! "Harden not your hearts."

**Reading 2:** 1Cor 7: 32-35

**Gospel:** Mk 1: 21-28

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January: Word:** 2Sm 15: 13-14, 30, 16: 5-13; Ps 3; Mk 5: 1-20 **Hours:** Psalter 4

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January: Word:** 2Sm 18: 9-10, 14, 24-25, 30-19: 3; Ps 85; Mk 5: 21-43

**Hours:** Psalter 4

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January: Memorial of St John Bosco, Priest**

**Word:** 2Sm 24: 2, 91-17; Ps 31; Mk 6: 1-6

**Hours:** Psalter 4, Common of Pastors

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February: Word:** 1Kgs 2: 1-4, 10-12; 1Chr: 29; Mk 6: 7-13 **Hours:** Psalter 4

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February: Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**

**Word:** Mal 3: 1-4; Ps 23; Lk 2: 22-40

**Hours:** Proper of Feast

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February: Word:** 1Kgs 3: 4-13; Ps 118; Mk 6: 30-34 **Hours:** Psalter 4

Please send any comments or items for the newsletter to the email address below 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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