



# Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May: Pentecost Sunday: Mass 9.00am**

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Rosary in the church 10.00 am**

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May: Morning Prayer 9.45am, Mass 10.00am**

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

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

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May: Mass 10.00am**

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: Retiring Collection for the Priests' Retirement Fund**

The Diocese currently pays out about £300,000 per year to support our sick and retired priests. Last year the second collections for this fund raised £29,226; clearly, a very significant shortfall. This collection was also over £30,000 down on the pre-pandemic year of 2019. Hence, the criticality of having this second collection in all our parishes and of supporting it.

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June: Quiz night and fish and chip supper**, in the hall 7.00 pm. Please sign up on the sheet in the porch if you would like to attend, so that food can be ordered in advance. Cost £12 adults, £10 children.

**Can you help?** A couple with 3 children is looking for accommodation in Melksham or surrounding areas. If anyone can help, or knows of someone who can assist, please contact the parish office. Thank you.

**Also this week:**

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May: Mothers' Prayers** in the hall, 10.30am.

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May: 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, Judith Curtis, 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](mailto:ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net)

**We need Sunday help!** We are still looking for volunteers to help in **welcoming, collecting the offertory and presenting the gifts**. The offertory and gifts particularly are an opportunity for families to become involved. Please speak with Sharon or complete and return the slip handed out in church.

Thank you!

## CLIFTON DIOCESE

**Pastoral Ministry – Next Course:** The Diocese invites applications for the next course which begins in **September 2023**. The course is ideal for any parishioner seeking to develop their capacity to serve the parish in any way they think the Lord is calling them. If you are a catechist – this course is for you; if you are a minister in any form – this course is for you; if you are not involved in any way – but would like to be – this course is for you! Interested? Please do come to one of our information evenings taking place in June. You will hear in more detail about the two courses, including content, time commitment and costs. Dates and nearest venues for information sessions are below. Each session starts at 7.00pm. No need to book, just turn up on the evening.

*Monday 12 June: St George, Warminster*

*Wednesday 14 June: St John the Evangelist, Bath*

*Thursday 15 June: St Peter, Swindon*

## OTHER NEWS

**The latest edition of CTe-news** is now available at [\*\*Churches Together in England \(cte.org.uk\)\*\*](http://Churches Together in England (cte.org.uk)) Churches Together in England is the national ecumenical body supporting and encouraging churches from a wide range of traditions to work together in unity.

**Stella Maris** seeks parish volunteers in preparation for Sea Sunday on 9<sup>th</sup> July. Whether it is volunteering to speak in church or helping the Sea Sunday preparation, you'll be helping to raise vital support for the people of the sea. Stella Maris will provide all the necessary materials; appeal script, gift aid envelopes and posters. If anyone would like to find out more about how you can help this Sea Sunday, please contact Roland Hayes on **07887 893763** or

[\*\*roland.hayes@stellamarismail.org\*\*](mailto:roland.hayes@stellamarismail.org)

**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/\*\*](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

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June: Prayer for Melksham**

7.30 pm, That Meeting Place

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June: St Edmunds BBQ** after the 11.00 am Mass

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July: Prayer for Melksham**

7.30 pm, That Meeting Place

## AND FINALLY –

### Did you know?

One billion people speak English – that is one in every 7 on earth.

Australia was inhabited by Indigenous people for about 50,000 years before the British arrived.

**Charles Lwanga and his companions were martyrs** of Uganda who died between 1885 and 1887. This group of 22 Africans reproached the ruler Mwanga for his debauchery and for murdering a Protestant missionary bishop. Mwanga, bitterly opposed to Christianity gathered all his pages together and Christians were ordered to separate themselves from the others. Fifteen – all under 25 years old – did so. They were later joined by 2 others already under arrest, and also 2 soldiers. They were killed on Mwanga's orders near Kampala.

### Words of Wisdom

“We are the dust of the earth, upon which God has poured out His heaven, the dust that contains His dreams. We are God's hope, His treasure, and His Glory.”

Pope Francis



**Wordsearch: Pentecost Sunday**

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| BEGINNING | LIGHTNING | ROME    |
| CLOTHED   | MEDES     | SERVICE |
| CLOUD     | NATIVE    | SHINAR  |
| DAYBREAK  | NOISE     | SINAI   |
| EGYPT     | OBEY      | SOLACE  |
| ELAMITES  | PARTHANS  | TOP     |
| GRAVES    | PEALS     | VALLEY  |
| HEAR      | PENTECOST |         |
| JOEL      | POWERFUL  |         |

Eliminate only the words from the list to leave the following important words of the day.....

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The words from last week (Ascension and 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter) were "I AM GLORIFIED" Hilary Clifton

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May  
Pentecost Sunday  
Sunday Year A; Psalter 4**

**Reading 1:** Acts 2: 1-11  
**Psalm Refrain:** Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

**Reading 2:** 1Cor 12: 3-7, 12-13

**Gospel:** Jn 20: 19-23

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May: Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**

**Word:** Gn 3: 9-15, 20; Jdt 13; Jn 19: 25-34

**Hours:** Psalter 4

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May: Word:** Ecclus 35: 1-12; Ps 49; Mk 10: 28-31 **Hours:** Psalter 4

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May: Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Word:** 1 Zeph 3: 14-18; Is 12; Lk 1: 39-56

**Hours:** Proper of Feast

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June: Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, The Eternal High Priest**

**Word:** Gn 22: 9-18; Ps 39; Mt 26: 36-42

**Hours:** Proper of Feast

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June: Word:** Ecclus 44: 1, 9-13; Ps 149; Mk 11: 11-26 **Hours:** Psalter 4

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June: Memorial of St Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs**

**Word:** Ecclus 51: 12-20; Ps 18; Mk 11: 27-33

**Hours:** Psalter 4, Common of Several Martyrs and Proper of Memorial

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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