



# Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July: Thirteenth Sunday: Mass 9.00am**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July: Morning Prayer 10.00 am, NO MASS**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July: Adoration 10.00 am – 3.00 pm**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July: Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3.00 pm**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July: Mass at 10.00 am**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July: Fourteenth Sunday (Sea Sunday): Mass 9.00am**

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July: Morning Prayer 9.45 am, Mass at 10.00am**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July: Adoration 10.00 am – 3.00 pm**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July: Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3.00 pm**

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> 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*

**Retiring collections: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> July - Peter's Pence  
8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> July – Stella Maris**

**STELLA MARIS:** Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health. Sea Sunday is Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate) or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) to continue its important work - so please give generously. Thank you.

**Baptismal Courses:** Our next Baptismal course will take place on Saturdays 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> July. If you would like to attend and have not yet signed up, please email Mary Rooney on [maryarooney@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:maryarooney@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, 11<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July: Finance meeting**, after Mass in the church hall.

**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](http://www.dftholyspirit.com) - it is also available on Amazon, price £10.00 plus P&P.

**Also:**

**Mondays 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> July: Mothers' Prayers** in the hall, 10.30am.

**Wednesdays 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> July:** 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](mailto:ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net)

#### CLIFTON DIOCESE

**Diocesan Event :** You are invited to an online *Zoom* session with Sycamore on 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Glastonbury – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2023:** 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.

#### OTHER NEWS

**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

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July: Prayer for Melksham**  
7.30 pm, That Meeting Place

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September: Ride and Stride for Churches**, for walkers, cyclists and horse-rider of all ages

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?**

The first female jockey in England was Alicia Thornton, who rode at Knavesmire in Yorkshire.

#### Words of Wisdom

Keep your face towards the sunshine and the shadows will fall behind you

Walt Whitman

**Wordsearch: Thirteenth Sunday**

W	Y	P	P	A	H	D	H	A	N	D	S
E	O	U	C	T	T	E	A	O	O	F	S
L	C	R	U	D	A	A	S	G	O	Y	E
I	Y	O	D	V	E	D	H	L	E	D	M
S	M	O	E	S	D	T	L	F	I	S	O
H	T	N	S	U	I	O	L	S	A	M	C
A	S	R	S	W	W	S	C	A	I	C	L
E	V	L	E	W	T	I	Y	A	X	E	E
R	L	F	R	N	P	N	L	A	A	E	W
O	I	V	P	L	G	C	E	R	W	E	N
L	L	A	E	M	C	T	S	H	O	L	Y
D	E	S	I	A	R	I	H	S	M	R	A

ACCLAIM  
AGES  
ALWAYS  
ARMS  
CRY  
CUP  
DEAD TO SIN  
DEATH  
DISCIPLES  
ELISHA

EXALTED  
FACE  
FOLLOW  
HANDS  
HAPPY  
HEAVENS  
HOLY  
ISRAEL  
LIFE WITH GOD  
MEAL

MOUTH  
NEW  
PRESSED  
RAISED  
SON  
STRENGTH  
TWELVE  
WELCOMES  
WORDS

Eliminate only the listed words. The remaining give a phrase often used in these and other scriptures

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The word from last week was "PRESENCE"

**Wordsearch: Fourteenth Sunday**

P	C	O	F	K	N	O	W	S	M	D	R
A	R	O	N	G	N	E	B	P	D	E	E
U	A	A	I	O	H	G	E	E	A	N	V
L	H	E	I	T	O	P	S	E	Y	R	E
T	R	Z	T	S	H	S	E	T	R	A	A
U	A	A	P	R	E	D	I	A	I	E	L
O	M	E	A	O	E	S	N	A	C	L	M
H	L	I	P	E	S	H	T	R	A	E	Y
S	M	T	D	E	T	S	U	R	T	N	E
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BLESS  
BOWED  
DEAD  
DEEDS  
DONKEY  
EARTH  
ENDS  
ENTRUSTED  
EPHRAIM  
FOAL  
GOSPEL

KIND  
KNOWS  
LEARNED  
MATTHEW  
MERE  
NATIONS  
NECESSITY  
OBEY  
PAUL  
PEACE  
PRAISE

REIGN  
REPEAT  
REST  
REVEAL  
SAYS  
SHOUT  
SOULS  
SPEAK  
STRETCH  
THANK  
ZION

Eliminate only the listed words. The remaining letters describe God!

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**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**  
**Thirteenth Sunday**  
**Sunday Year A; Psalter 1**

**Reading 1:** 2Kgs 4: 8-11, 13-18

**Psalm Refrain:** You are my refuge, my portion  
in the land of the living.

**Reading 2:** Rom 6: 3-4,8-11

**Gospel:** Mt 10: 37-42

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July: Feast of St Thomas, Apostle**

**Word:** Eph 2: 19-22; Ps 116;

Jn 20: 24-29 **Hours:** Proper of Feast

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July: Word:** Gn 19: 15-29; Ps 25;

Mt 8: 23-27 **Hours:** Psalter 1

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July: Word:** Gen 21: 5, 8-20;

Ps 33; Mt 8: 28-34 **Hours:** Psalter 1

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July: Word:** Gn 22: 1-19; Ps 114;

Mt 9: 1-8 **Hours:** Psalter 1

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July: Word:** Gn 23: 1-4, 19, 24: 1-8, 62-

67; Ps 105; Mt 9: 9-13 **Hours:** Psalter 1

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July: Word:** Gn 27: 1-5, 15-29;

Ps 134; Mt 9: 14-17 **Hours:** Psalter 1

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July**  
**Fourteenth Sunday**  
**Sunday Year A; Psalter 2**

**Reading 1:** Zec 9: 9-10

**Psalm Refrain:** I shall praise you to the heights,  
God my King.

**Reading 2:** Rom 8: 9, 11-13

**Gospel:** Mt 11: 25-30

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July: Word:** Gn 28: 10-22; Ps 90;

Mt 9: 18-26 **Hours:** Psalter 2

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July: Feast of St benedict, Abbot,  
Patron of Europe**

**Word:** Prv 2: 1-9; Ps 33;

Mt 19: 27-29 **Hours:** Proper of Feast

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July: Word:** Gen 41: 55-57,

42: 5-7, 17-24; Ps 32; Mt 10: 1-7 **Hours:** Psalter 2

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July: Word:** Gen 44: 18-21, 23-29,

45: 1-5; Ps 104; Mt 10: 7-15 **Hours:** Psalter 2

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June: Word:** Gen 46: 1-7, 28-30;

Ps 36; Mt 10: 16-23 **Hours:** Psalter 2

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July: Memorial of St Bonaventure,  
Bishop, Doctor of the Church**

**Word:** Gn 49: 29-33, 50: 15-26; Ps 104;

Mt 10: 24-38

**Hours:** Psalter 2, 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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