



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Sunday 30th July: Seventeenth Sunday: Mass 9.00am

St Edmund's, Calne: Mass 11.00 am

Wednesday 2nd August: Morning Prayer 9.45 am, Mass 10.00 am

Thursday 3rd August: Adoration 10.00 am – 3.00 pm

Friday 4th August: Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3.00 pm

Saturday 5th August: Mass 10.00 am

St Edmund's Calne: Mass 6.00 pm

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

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

Baptism, Saturday 5th August: We are pleased to welcome Lorenzo Usman-Catibog into our parish family on his Baptism today. Please pray for Lorenzo and his family.

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

Diocesan Diaries and Directories 2024: If anyone would like a Diocesan Diary or Directory for 2024, please sign up on the sheet in the porch **before 18th August**, 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 including P&P.

Also this week:

Monday 31st July: Mothers' Prayers in the hall, 10.30am.

Tuesday, 1st August: No "Move it or Lose It" today – it will return as usual next week in the Church Hall at 2:30 pm. Please feel free to call Jennifer on 07341 986569 if you have any questions.

Wednesday 2nd 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 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

CLIFTON DIOCESE

Don't Forget the Holy Spirit: You are invited to come and pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit, followed by testimony, teaching, discussion and prayer with Fr Matt Anscombe. The dates around the diocese are:

Friday 28th July, 7.00 pm, starting with Mass, at St Peter, Swindon

Friday 1st September, 7.00 pm, starting with Mass, at St Osmund, Salisbury

Friday 8th September, 7.00 pm, starting with Mass, at Immaculate Conception, Stroud

Thursday 14th September, 7.00 pm, starting with Mass, at St George, Taunton

Friday 15th September, 7.00 pm, Praise & Worship Evening, at St Pius X, Bristol

Friday 22nd September, 7.00 pm, starting with Mass, at St Augustine, Bristol

Friday 29th September, 7.00 pm, starting with Mass, at Clifton Cathedral, Bristol

All are welcome!

Formation of Catechists: Clifton Diocese in partnership with 'Light of Truth' are offering a six-week course for the formation of catechists. The six sessions cover:

1. Introduction to catechesis – 21st September

2. Proclaiming the Good News: Jesus Christ at the heart of catechesis – 28th September

3. The Faith of the Church: Introduction to the Catechism – 5th October

4. Scriptural catechesis: introduction to the Bible – 12th October

5. Methods and Resources – 19th October

6. Preparing a Catechetical Session – 26th October

This training is for seasoned or new catechists working with children, young people or adults, for everyone involved in Children's Liturgy of the Word, and for anyone interested in passing on the faith. For parishioners to sign up for the series, please use the following link: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#) for a session to take place – no upper limit.

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 or bicycle 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 WHCT JustGiving page: [Log In - JustGiving](#)

Kherson Flooding, Ukraine: The Ukraine Catholic Church in Great Britain is appealing for our generosity and support those in Ukraine affected by the devastating flooding. With the help

of your donations, food parcels and hygiene products as well as other essential items will be provided to those in need. If you wish to help, please send cheques payable to the Ukrainian Catholic Church referencing "Kherson Flooding" to Finance Office, 21 Binney St, London W1K 5BQ. Alternatively, donations can be made online at their GoFundMe page: [Fundraiser by Ukrainian Catholic Church in GB : Nova Kakhovka - Fundraiser for Humanitarian Aid \(gofundme.com\)](#)

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 2nd September: March for Life UK, London. See [marchforlife.co.uk](#).

Saturday 9th September: Ride and Stride for Churches, for walkers, cyclists and horse-riders of all ages. For more info see [Home - Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust](#)

Saturday 30th September: Introduction to small group facilitation: **Sat 30th Sept, St John, Trowbridge** (2.00 - 4.00 pm); <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/652920301197> Please sign up for the event through the Eventbrite link.

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.

AND FINALLY –

Did you know?

Dolphins are known to intentionally chew on toxic Puffer fish to get intoxicated.

Words of Wisdom

You don't always need a plan. Sometimes you just need to breathe, trust, let go, and see what happens.

Mandy Hale

Wordsearch: Seventeenth Sunday

F	K	N	O	W	E	E	P	I	N	G
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R	J	U	D	G	E	M	E	N	T	O
N	S	R	N	C	L	A	E	N	W	R
A	E	L	E	D	P	M	A	N	T	Y
C	W	P	L	P	I	H	S	S	P	D
E	T	I	E	E	C	M	E	P	A	E
S	U	A	S	R	S	N	A	M	O	R
L	R	L	E	E	I	H	S	G	U	A
A	R	M	A	F	D	T	R	A	E	H
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APPEAR
DISCIPLE
ENEMIES
FALSE
FINEST
FOUND
FURNACE
GLORY

HAPPY
HEART
IMAGES
JUDGEMENT
KNOW
MERCHANT
OWNS
PEARLS

PRECEPTS
RESOLVED
ROMANS
SELLS
SHARED
VALUE
WEEPING
WISE

Eliminate only the listed words. The remaining letters describe the Kingdom of Heaven in the Gospel.

The completed phrase from last week (16th Sunday) was God, our "HELPER"

Hilary Clifton

Sunday 30th July

Seventeenth Sunday

Sunday Year A; Psalter 1

Reading 1: 1Kgs 3: 5, 7-12

Psalm Refrain: Lord, how I love your law!

Reading 2: Rom 8: 28-30

Gospel: Mt 13: 44-52

Monday 31st July: Memorial of St Ignatius Loyola, Priest

Word: Ex 35: 15-24, 30-34; Ps 105;

Mt 13: 31-35 **Hours:** Psalter 1

Tuesday 1st August: Memorial of St Alphonsus Mary Liguori, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Word: Ex 33: 7-11, 34: 5-9, 28; Ps 102;

Mt 13: 36-43 **Hours:** Psalter 1

Wednesday 2nd August: **Word:** Ex 34: 29-35; Ps 98; Mt 13: 44-46 **Hours:** Psalter 1

Thursday 3rd August: **Word:** Ex 40: 16-21, 34-38; Ps 83; Mt 13: 47-53 **Hours:** Psalter 1

Friday 4th August: Memorial of St John Mary Vianney, Priest

Word: Lv 23: 1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34-37; Ps 80;

Mt 13: 54-58 **Hours:** Psalter 1

Saturday 5th August: **Word:** Lv 25: 1, 8-17; Ps 66; Mt 14: 1-12 **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.

If you know any parishioners who do not have access to email, please print this newsletter for them.

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