



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Sunday 3rd March: Third Sunday of Lent: Mass 9.00 am

St Edmund's, Calne: Mass 11.00 am

6th March: - Morning Prayer 9.45; Mass at 10.00 am

Thursday 7th March: Adoration 10.00 am – 3.00 pm

Friday 8th March: Funeral Service Mrs Nina Orchard, R.I.P 10.00 am

Stations of the Cross 11.30 am, followed by soup lunch in the hall at 12.00 pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3.00 pm

Saturday 9th March: 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

Sunday 3rd March: Children's Liturgy of the Word

Refreshments after Mass on Sunday

Friday 8th March – Funeral Service for Mrs Nina Orchard, R.I.P 10.00 am.

Stations of the Cross this week will be at the later time of 11.30 am, followed by a Lent lunch in the hall at the usual time of 12.00 pm. Donations go to our parish charities.

Chrism Mass Transport: If you would like to join us on the coach to the Chrism Mass at Clifton Cathedral on Wednesday 27th March, please sign up **as soon as possible** on the sheet in the porch.

St Patrick's Day Cards are now available to purchase – please see Sheila Likely-Ayling.

CAFOD's Big Lent Walk: Hilary and Chris Clifton will be taking part in CAFOD's Big Lent Walk, the challenge to walk 200km over 40 days to help people overcome poverty; any donations will be gratefully received! If you would like to sponsor them, please use this link:

[Chris and Hilary Big Lent WalkRun is fundraising for CAFOD](#)

Melksham Foodbank are currently in need of donations of sugar, tinned rice pudding, tinned meat and squash. Items can be left in the basket in the

porch.

Also this week:

Monday 4th March: Mothers' Prayers in the Hall, 10.30 am.

Tuesday 5th March: "Move it or Lose It" keep fit exercises in the hall, 1.30 pm.

Wednesday 6th March: Breaking Open and Sharing the Word in the hall 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, Dawn Holt, Gay Harris, Fr Vincent, David Harris, Hilary McFall, Lijimol Chacko, Mirna Rodriguez, Mary Hardy. 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

DIOCESAN NEWS

Listening With the Heart Sessions: The department of Adult Education and Evangelisation are offering an opportunity for parishioners to develop the skills of [small group facilitation](#) in the context of parish groups. These short sessions will provide participants with a model for rooting decision making in prayer and discernment. The nearest venue to us is **Saturday 16th March, at St John’s, Bath (after 9.30am Mass)**. The Eventbrite link to register is <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/listening-with-the-heart-tickets-808837323207>

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2024 – 23rd to 30th August: The Clifton Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes is taking place this year in late August, with pilgrims coming from all over the Diocese to embark on this journey. Details are on the Diocesan website [Lourdes | Clifton Diocese](#) or contact lourdes@cliftondiocese.com or 0117 902 5590 for an information pack. Please be aware the **deadline for deposits is 31st March**, with payment in full by 31st May 2024.

OTHER NEWS

SJOG Homes for Ukraine acts as a matching, training, and support pathway for guests from Ukraine and hosts in the UK who are willing to provide much-needed support. Our programme operates collaboratively with Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN). At SJOG Homes for Ukraine, we offer a range of services to ensure fulfilling experience for both guests and hosts. These services include matching, training for hosts and guests, transportation assistance, and support during the placement. **More information on the project can be found at the following links**
Website: <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk>
E-mail: homesforukraine@sjog.org.uk
Facebook: [facebook.com/sjoghomesforukraine](https://www.facebook.com/sjoghomesforukraine)
YouTube: [youtube.com/@sjoghomesforukraine](https://www.youtube.com/@sjoghomesforukraine)

Dates for your diary
Wednesday 27th March: Chrism Mass, Clifton Cathedral, 11.00 am.
Saturday 25th May: Marriage Celebration, Clifton Cathedral, midday.

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 particularly needed – cans of meat, vegetables, fruit and rice pudding, squash, sugar. 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.

AND FINALLY –

Wordsearch: Third Sunday of Lent

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| DONKEY | MIRACLES | WITNESS |
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Eliminate only the words listed. The remaining letters describe Christ as the

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The words from last weeks (2nd Sunday Lent) were “HIS SON” (God's gift to us). Hilary Clifton

Did you know?
There’s no such thing as a straight line. Zoom in close enough to anything and you’ll spot irregularities. Even a laser light beam is slightly curved. BBC Science Focus

Sunday 3rd March
Third Sunday of Lent
Sunday Year B; Psalter 3, Proper of Season

Reading 1: Ex 20: 1-17

Psalm Refrain: You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

Reading 2: 1Cor 1: 22-25

Gospel: Jn 2: 13-25

Monday 4th March: Word: 2Kgs 5: 1-15; Ps 41;
Lk 4: 24-30 **Hours:** Psalter 3, Proper of Season

Tuesday 5th March: Word: Dn 3: 25, 34-43;
Ps 24; Mt 18: 21-35 **Hours:** Psalter 3, Proper of Season

Wednesday 6th March: Word: Dt 4: 1, 5-9;
Ps 147; Mt 5: 17-19 **Hours:** Psalter 3, Proper of Season

Thursday 7th March: Word: Jer 7: 23-28; Ps 94;
Lk 11: 14-23 **Hours:** Psalter 3, Proper of Season

Friday 8th March: Word: Hos 14: 2-10; Ps 80;
Mk 12: 28-34 **Hours:** Psalter 3, Proper of Season

Saturday 9th March: Word: Hos 5: 15- 6: 6;
Ps 50; Lk 18: 9-14 **Hours:** Psalter 3, Proper of Season



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