



# Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September: Twenty-Second Sunday: Mass 9.00am**

St Edmund's, Calne: Mass 11.00 am

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September: Morning Prayer 10.00 am, NO MASS**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August: Adoration 10.00 am – 3.00 pm**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September: Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3.00 pm**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September: NO MASS**

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word is on summer break

For the next two Sundays (10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> September), we welcome Fr Tibor Szende who will celebrate Mass with us.

*Next week there will be a retiring collection for the Catholic Education Service*

**Ride and Stride for St Anthony's:** Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust Sponsored challenge 2023 will take place next **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September** from 10.00 am. Tricia and her dog will be representing St Anthony's to raise funds, and you can sponsor her by signing up on the sheet in the porch (or the hall). **Sadly, Jenny has had to withdraw from taking part in Ride and Stride. Could somebody/bodies take over from her as many people have generously sponsored her?**

**Please see Anne Doyle for details.** You may donate online via the JustGiving page: [Log In - JustGiving](#)

**Help in the Garden:** Do you need help in the garden with weeding, pruning, planting, etc? Anna Haynes will be pleased to provide paid gardening services. Contact Anna on **01225 705124** or email a message via [admin.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:admin.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftondiocese.com); your message will be passed to Anna.

**The St Edmund's and Harbour Project concert - Notes of Hope:** The charity concert in aid of The Harbour Project and Calne Welfare Charities is on 29<sup>th</sup> September with a superb line-up of performers

from Calne and across the world, followed by a drinks and delicious Indian nibbles. Tickets are £12.50 (£5 for under 18s) and are available after Mass and via the [Parish website](#). Please invite your family and friends. We have sold 40 tickets so far and would like to fill our spacious church with another 60 at least. Thanks to everyone who has offered to help with planning, setting up, selling tickets and waiting.

**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**

**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 per book.

**Mothers' Prayers:** Mothers' Prayers restarts next week, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September.

**Also this week:**

**Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> September: "Move it or Lose It"** in the Church Hall at 2:30 pm. All these keep fit exercises can be done seated or standing, depending on your ability – perfect for seniors. £5 per person with £1 deducted from each fee to go towards our Church

fund. Please feel free to call Jennifer on 07341 986569 if you have any questions.

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September:** 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 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, Val Stiles, Kerrie Porter, Dawn Holt. 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

**Education Sunday – next Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> September:** Education Sunday is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in the liturgical calendar of England and Wales. Catholic schools continue to be true to their mission: they educate more pupils from the most deprived backgrounds; outperform national GCSE English and Maths averages by five percentage points; and are more ethnically diverse than other state-funded schools. For this success to continue, however, the help of the whole Catholic community remains essential. All Catholics need to be prepared to support, promote and defend Catholic education. **You can do this by becoming a school Foundation governor or Trust Director.** Contact Bill McEntee at Clifton Diocese via [bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com) or on 07710 094976 if you would like to be a governor or director.

**We are the People of God – Journeying Together from Vision into Action:** Linking with the first Session of the Synod on Synodality in Rome (October 2023), Clifton Diocese will be exploring the same themes through a series of webinars (7.30-9.00pm) through September and October. For the series we are delighted to welcome:

**Bishop John Arnold (Salford Diocese) – 21<sup>st</sup> September** [Click here to register](#)

**Dr Gemma Simmonds CJ, – 4<sup>th</sup> October; 'For a Synodal Church - an integral experience' -** [Click here to register](#)

**Dr Greg Ryan – 10<sup>th</sup> October; 'A Communion that Radiates'** [Click here to register](#)

**Jenny Sinclair- 19<sup>th</sup> October; 'Co-responsibility in Mission - How can we better share gifts and tasks in the service of the Gospel?'** [Click here to register](#)

**Canon Christopher Thomas – 24<sup>th</sup> October (to be confirmed); 'Participation, governance**

**and authority in a synodal Church'** [Click here to register](#)

Each webinar will focus on a different element of the work of the Synod. To book, a session, please use the relevant link to register for your chosen speaker; this will then give you the link for the webinar session to use on the day (the link may automatically go into your email calendar). We advise downloading the *Microsoft Teams* app to your device beforehand and closing down all other apps that are open. For the presentation, your camera and speaker will be off, but you'll be able to ask questions through the Q&A facility.

**Celebration of Marriage:** Join Bishop Declan for Mass in the Cathedral Bishop as we celebrate the gift of marriage **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October** at 12 noon. All are welcome. If you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year, newly married, or looking forward to marriage in 2023, contact [adult.education@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com) or 0117 902 5595 to receive a personal invitation from the bishop.

#### OTHER NEWS

**Concert by Chippenham Male Voice Choir:** Melksham United Church, 16<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm. Tickets £5, all welcome!

#### 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.

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September: Male Voice Choir,** United Church, 7.30 pm

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October: Celebration of Marriage,** Clifton Cathedral, 12 noon

## AND FINALLY –

### Did you know?

The world's smallest mammal is the Bumblebee Bat, weighing from 0.05 – 0.07 ounces, a head-to-body length of between 1.14 and 1.29 inches and a wingspan of 5.1 – 5.7 inches.

### Wordsearch: Twenty-Second Sunday

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

BANQUET	GAIN	PATH
BEAR	HEART	PAUL
BEGAN	INSULT	PLEASING
BEHAVIOUR	JESUS	RUIN
BROTHERS	LIPS	SACRIFICE
CHIEF	MODEL	SCRIBES
PRIESTS	MOUTH	WORLD
CLINGS	OFFERING	WORSHIP
EFFORT	OVERPOWERED	WORTHY
EYES		

Only eliminate the words given in the list. The remaining letters give a request to us by Jesus

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The words from last week (21<sup>st</sup> Sunday) were: "SIMON PETER"  
Hilary Clifton

## Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

## Twenty Second Sunday

### Sunday Year A; Psalter 2

Reading 1: Jer 20: 7-9

Psalm Refrain: For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.

Reading 2: Rom 12: 1-2

Gospel: Mt 16: 21-27

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September: Word: 1 Thes 4: 13-18; Ps 95; Lk 4: 16-30 Hours: Psalter 2

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September: Word: 1 Thes 5: 1-6, 9-11; Ps 26; Lk 4: 31-37 Hours: Psalter 2

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September: Word: Col 1: 1-8; Ps 51; Lk 4: 38-44 Hours: Psalter 2

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September: Word: Col 1: 9-14; Ps 97; Lk 5: 1-11 Hours: Psalter 2

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September: Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Word: Mi 5: 1-4; Ps 12; Mt 1: 1-16

Hours: Proper of Feast

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September: Word Col 1: 21-23; Ps 53; Lk 6: 1-5 Hours: Psalter 2

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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