



# Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February: Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time: Mass 9.00am**

*Racial Justice Day*

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February: Morning Prayer 9.40 am, Mass 10.00am**

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February: Adoration in the hall 10.00am - 3.00pm**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February: Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3.00 pm**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February: Mass 10.00am**

**Reconciliation after Mass on Saturdays, or by arrangement with Fr Vincent**

**Government advice is that face coverings/masks can help reduce the spread of Covid.**

***Readings at end of newsletter***

## PARISH NEWS

**Jeanette Allsop R.I.P.** We are sad to announce the death of Jeanette Allsop. Please pray for her and her family.

**Our Music Ministry:** Can you help us with our music in church? If anyone plays any kind of musical instrument and would be willing to use this talent to help us celebrate Mass and enhance our liturgy – even if you can only commit to an occasional Sunday - we would love to hear from you. We also welcome new members to our choir. Please speak with Anne or contact Sharon in the parish office if you would like to become involved.

**Rise Theatre** will be performing 'Faithful Companions' at St Edmund's church on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 7.00pm. "Faithful Companions" is based on the inspirational true story of Marie Madeleine d'Houët, foundress of an international society of Catholic sisters called the Faithful Companions of Jesus. Tickets are £10 per adult; £25 per family, and can be purchased online via our parish website [RISE Theatre "Faithful Companions" | Saint Edmund's Catholic Church. Calne \(saintedmundscalne.org.uk\)](https://www.risetheatre.org.uk), or from Mary Rooney.

**This week:**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February:** Mothers' prayers in the hall at

**During the cold weather, we ask everyone to make sure they dress for warmth when they come to church.** We continue to keep windows open in the church to reduce the spread of virus – at the same time due to increased utility costs that we all face, church heating cannot be set to as high a temperature as we would like. Thank you.

10.30 am.

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February:** Breaking Open and Sharing the Word After Mass.

## OUR PARISH FAMILY

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please pray for:** Geoff Blwyddin, Zofia Clarke, Chris Bate, Katja Lubina, 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. 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 to receive 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

**Liturgies of Reconciliation:** Bishop Declan will celebrate Liturgies of Reconciliation during the Season of Lent at four venues across the diocese. **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March** (Sacred Heart, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol), **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March** (St Catharine of Alexandria, Frome), **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** (St Mary, Swindon), **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March** (Corpus Christi Weston-Super-Mare). Each Liturgy will start at 7pm; except for Sacred Heart, Westbury-on-Trym, which will start at 6pm. Building upon the beautiful gatherings during Lent he is, once again, inviting our diocesan community to gather with him in celebration of God's merciful love as part of our Lenten journey. There will be priests available at each venue to celebrate sacramental reconciliation.

**Walsingham Pilgrimage:** If any parishioners didn't take part in the Walsingham pilgrimage last July and would like to go this year, please contact Chris Menzies at Sacred Heart parish as soon as possible on **0117 973 0132**, mobile **07967 711043** or email [chris\\_menzies57@hotmail.com](mailto:chris_menzies57@hotmail.com)

## OTHER NEWS

**Clifton Mercy Group:** The Mercy Group is a non-professional group offering talking and listening support for those who need it especially when professional help is not readily available. Practical support can also be given in relation to accommodation, benefit applications, assistance finding paid or voluntary work etc. The group meets every Wednesday at 7pm in the James Room at Clifton Cathedral. In addition to the group and one to one meetings **telephone support is offered Monday to Friday up until 10pm**. If you are in need of someone to talk to or for more information, contact Robert von Hawrylak on **07767 706 163**, email: [mercygroup@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:mercygroup@cliftondiocese.com)

**Confidentiality is assured at all times.**

**“Answering God’s Call”, A Vocations Discernment Retreat for Young Catholic Adults for Lent.** This Lent, we are running a vocations discernment retreat in the diocese aimed at young Catholic men and women, aged 18 to 35. The retreat takes place from **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2023**, at Brownhill monastery, near Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL6 8AL. The cost is £90 for full board. For more information, please contact Rina at [rina@youngcatholicadultnetwork.uk](mailto:rina@youngcatholicadultnetwork.uk)

**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. StreetLink will provide the council with details so officers can talk to the rough sleeper, help them find a warm place to stay and offer ongoing

support. People are also encouraged to donate to local charities in Wiltshire, which directly help those in need. 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**.

**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** is grateful for the help from St Anthony's parishioners. A basket for donations is in the church porch, or you can use designated trollies in the Supermarkets, or deliver to the Baptist Church. 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 relief. This fund is seeing increased demand; if you would like to contribute, please contact Melksham Foodbank or Sharon (Parish office) for further information.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**February 24<sup>th</sup> – Stations of the Cross,**  
6.00pm.

**March 3<sup>rd</sup> - World Day of Prayer** hosted by  
Melksham Baptist Church, 10.30am

**March 15<sup>th</sup> – RISE Theatre** at St Edmund's,  
7.00pm

## AND FINALLY –

### Did you know?

Only 1% of the world's water is drinkable.

Small creatures, such as flies and hummingbirds experience time slower than humans.



## Wordsearch: Fifth Sunday



BELONG	DAWN	PRAISE
BREAD	GENEROUS	SALT
CALL	HIDDEN	SHINES
CHILDREN	INTEGRITY	SIMPLY
CLAIMED	LAMP	SPEECHES
CLENCHED	LENDS	THANK
CLOTHE	NOTHING	THIRSTY
CRY	OPENHANDED	THROWN
DARKNESS	POWER	WAVER

Eliminate only the listed words. No word should be entirely inside another. The remaining letters give another word from today's readings:

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The word from last week (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday) was "HUMILITY".  
Hilary Clifton

### A Prayer for Racial Justice

*All are included in the mission of Christ and His Church. Let us walk together, pray together and work together".*

God of our past, present and future,  
you created each one of us in your image and  
likeness,

help us to recognise you in each person.  
As we pray for an end to suffering caused by  
racism

lead us this day to walk with one another,  
pray with one another and work together,  
so that we create a future based on justice and  
healing,

where all can fulfil the hope you have for all  
peoples. We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and  
Wales

## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time Sunday Year A; Psalter 1

**Reading 1:** Is 58: 7-10

**Psalm Refrain:** The good man is a light in the  
darkness for the upright.

**Reading 2:** 1Cor 2: 1-5

**Gospel:** Mt 5: 13-16

### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February: Memorial of Ss Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

**Word:** Gn 1: 1-19

Ps 103; Mk 6: 53-56 **Hours:** Psalter 1

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February: Word:** Gn 1: 20 – 2: 4;  
Ps 8; Mk 7: 1-13 **Hours:** Psalter 1

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February: Word:** Gn 2: 4-9,  
15-17; Ps 103; Mk 7: 14-23 **Hours:** Psalter 1

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February: Word:** Gn 2: 18-25;  
Ps 127; Mk 7: 24-30 **Hours:** Psalter 1

### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February: February: Memorial of St Scholastica, Virgin

**Word:** Gn 3: 1-8; Ps 31; Mk 7: 31-37

**Hours:** Psalter 1

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February: Word:** Gen 3: 9-24;  
Ps 89; Mk 8: 1-10 **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 702128** and leave a message or put a note through the Presbytery door. Thank you.

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