



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Sunday 7th April: Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday: Mass 9.00 am

St Edmund's, Calne: Mass 11.00 am

Wednesday 10th April: Morning Prayer 9.30; Mass at 09.45 am

Thursday 11th April: Adoration 10.00 am – 3.00 pm

Friday 12th April: Divine Mercy Chaplet – 3.00 pm

Saturday 13th April: Mass 10.00 am

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 Easter Break – recommences Sunday 21st April

Refreshments after Mass on Sunday

Next Week – Mission Appeal

Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour will take place at St Edmund's, Calne from 3.00 to 4.00 pm. Come and join us!

Fr Malcolm Ferrier, R.I.P: The Requiem Mass for Fr Malcolm Ferrier will take place this Wednesday, 10th April at 12 noon at St George's, Warminster.

Please note the earlier time of Morning Prayer and Mass on Wednesday (as above), to enable attendance at Fr Malcolm's Requiem Mass.

A Message from Missio: The work of the Red Box is changing people's lives; please accept heartfelt thanks for your parish gift of £159.12 towards the work of Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. The full letter is on display in the hall. If you would like a Red Box, please contact the Parish Office.

A Message from CAFOD: Thank you to everyone at St Anthony of Padua for your generous support this year and your latest donation on £379.00. Thank you so much for being there for our global family. The full letter is on display in the hall.

Also this week:

Monday 8th April: Mothers' Prayers in the Hall, 10.30 am

Tuesday 9th April: "Move it or Lose It" keep fit exercises in the hall, – please check with Jenny

Wednesday 10th April: 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, 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 and Alan McFall, Lijimol Chacko, Mirna Rodriguez, Mary Hardy, Charlie Bowman-Davies. 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 tel. 01225 824039 to leave a message, or email ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net

DIOCESAN NEWS

Words of Faith - Finding the best words to witness to our Faith and answer tough

questions: Clifton Diocese in partnership with 'Light of

Truth' are offering a short online course to find the best words to give an account of our faith and answer the hard questions Catholics can be asked about God, Jesus, the Church, morality and Catholic practices. The six sessions begin at 7.30pm on a Tuesday evening:

1. **God - Creator and Revealer – 9th April**
2. Jesus Christ - God in History – 16th April
3. The Church - Service and Authority – 23rd April
4. The Human Person - Body and Soul – 30th April
5. Christian Morality - Grace and Happiness – 7th May
6. Catholic Practices - Weird and Wonderful – 14th May

There will be opportunities for you to ask your own questions as well. To sign up for the series, please click on the Zoom link: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcsde2gpi8pHdyrbP7SUuDUr2YMMN4yRVn#/registration)

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Essential Online Training for Catechists: Clifton Diocese in partnership with '[Light of Truth](#)' are offering an introduction to the fundamental aspects of catechesis. 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. The six sessions begin at 7.30pm on a Thursday evening:

11th April: What is catechesis? An introduction to the ministry of catechesis

18th April: Proclaiming the Good News: Jesus Christ at the heart of catechesis

25th April: The Faith of the Church: discovering the sources of our faith

2nd May: The Word of God: opening the treasure of Scriptures

9th May: Methods and Resources: a joyful work of charity

16th May: Preparing a Catechetical Session
To sign up for the series, please click on the Zoom link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYqcuqrzgjGN37LSeebdWnINfmSvURJRVk#/registration>

Celebration Mass for Marriage and Family Life:

The bishop is celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on **Saturday 25th May (12 noon)** and invites all families to join him to celebrate the joys & challenges of family life. We will also celebrate those couples celebrating their marriage or a significant anniversary 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 65th, or 70th during 2024. If you are one of these couples (engaged or anniversary) please email adult.education@cliftondiocese.com with your name and address so that a personal invitation can be sent from the bishop.

OTHER NEWS

A Message from SPUC – Two Important Dates to

Speak Up for Life: An extreme abortion amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill has been put forward, which would decriminalise abortion in England and Wales and means women could use abortion pills up to the time of the baby's birth without sanction. This Bill will be debated after 15th April; for more information and to lobby your MP to vote against this amendment go to [Oppose the latest extreme abortion amendments | SPUC](#)

A debate on assisted suicide will take place on Monday 29th April at 4.30 pm. For a briefing on the case against assisted suicide, stories opposing any change in the law and an online tool to contact your MP, please go to

[Lives Worth Living | SPUC's campaign against assisted suicide](#)

SJOG Homes for Ukraine So far, the Catholic community in England and Wales have responded very generously, with many Ukrainian people now living here, miles away from the war zone. As of March 2024, our project has successfully matched 139 guests, and this will rise with the approval of more visas in the next few weeks. However, the need is still great; the number of families still waiting to find a home is over 2000. Hosting displaced people is a great way to learn about different cultures and build new friendships. To read about just one family that have benefitted enormously from their UK hosts' generosity go to [SJOG: A New Beginning in the UK -](#) .If there is any possibility that you may be able to offer an empty room in your home, please get in contact with us at homesforukraine@SJOG.org.uk or visit the project website at <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/>.

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 – UHT milk, dried pasta, pasta sauce, and tinned tomatoes. 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 financially to this or to Foodbank, please

contact Sharon (Parish office) for details.

AND FINALLY –

Did you know?

Giraffes hum to communicate with each other. It's thought that the low-frequency humming could be a form of 'contact call' between individuals who have been separated from their herd, helping them to find each other in the dark. Some researchers think they sleep talk too. BBC Science Focus

Wordsearch: Divine Mercy Sunday

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| AMONG | ISRAEL | RETAIN |
| BLOOD | LOVE | ROOM |
| BUILDERS | MARVEL | SEEN |
| CORNERSTONE | MEMBERS | SELL |
| DEEDS | NAILS | SIGNS |
| DEEMED | NAME | STOOD |
| DOORS | OTHER | THOMAS |
| FEAR | PEACE | UNITED |
| FORGIVEN | POWER | WATER |
| HELD | REFUSE | |
| HOLES | RESURRECTION | |

Eliminate only the words given in the list
The remaining letters give a famous exclamation

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The word from Palm Sunday was "GETHSEMANE"

The word from Easter Sunday was "VICTORIOUS"

Hilary Clifton

Sunday 7th April
Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday Year B; Psalter 2, Proper of Season

Reading 1: Acts 4: 32-35

Psalm Refrain: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Reading 2: 1Jn 5: 1-6

Gospel: Jn 20: 19-31

Monday 8th April: Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Reading 1: Is 7: 10-14, 8: 10

Psalm Refrain: Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

Reading 2: Heb 10: 4-10

Gospel: Lk 1: 26-38

Hours: Proper of Solemnity

Tuesday 9th April: Word: Acts 4: 32-37; Ps 91; Jn 3: 7-15 **Hours:** Psalter 2, Proper of Season

Wednesday 10th April: Word: Acts 5: 17-26; Ps 33; Jn 3: 16-21 **Hours:** Psalter 2, Proper of Season

Thursday 11th April: Memorial of St Stanislaus, Bishop, Martyr

Word: Acts 5: 27-33; Ps 33;

Jn 3: 31-36 **Hours:** Psalter 2, Common of One Martyr

Friday 12th April: Word: Acts 5: 34-42; Ps 26; Jn 6: 1-15 **Hours:** Psalter 2, Proper of Season

Saturday 13th April: Word: Acts 6: 1-7; Ps 32; Jn 6: 16-21 **Hours:** Psalter 2, Proper of Season



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