



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Sunday 8th October: Twenty-Seventh Sunday: Mass 9.00am

St Edmund's, Calne: Mass 11.00 am

Tuesday 10th October: Rosary – 9.30 am

Wednesday 11th October: Morning Prayer 9.45 am; Mass at 10.00 am

Thursday 12th October: Adoration 10.00 am – 3.00 pm

Friday 13th October: Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3.00 pm

Saturday 14th October: Mass at 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 8th October - Children's Liturgy of the Word

Day of prayer for prisoners and their dependants. Prisons week 2023 runs from 8th – 15th October.

**This week: Retiring collection for CAFOD –
Proceeds of Family Fast Day**

Thank you to everyone who sponsored Matthew Pearce run the Cardiff Half Marathon last Sunday; pictures and a message from Matthew are in the porch and hall. Please give your sponsorship money to Sharon or pop it in an envelope marked "Matthew" with your name on and put it through the presbytery door. Thanks to you, Matthew's total donations are £650 - he is very grateful!

The Rosary will be said in church every Tuesday at 9.30 am during October. This year, Pope Francis has called for October to be dedicated to praying for peace in Ukraine.

Tuesday 10th October : "The Gift" a Life in the Spirit 6-week course starting this Tuesday, 10th October and running Tuesdays 17th & 31st October, and 7th 14th & 21st November. Sessions will be held in the Church Hall at 10.30 am, or 16 Sherwood Avenue, 7.00 pm. Please sign up on the sheet in the porch if you wish to attend.

First Holy Communion

Parents of children in primary school year 3 and above whose children would like to receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion are invited to put their contact details and names of children on the sheet in the porch. Regular church attendance at Mass is required. First Communion classes will begin in January following an initial meeting with parents and children.

Wednesday 11th October - Finance Committee Meeting in the hall after Mass.

Friday 3rd November "Don't Forget the Holy Spirit" evening with Fr Matt Anscombe, 7.00-9.00 pm. The evening starts with Mass at 7.00 pm, followed by tea and coffee in the hall, then a time of teaching, testimony and prayer in the church again. We have copies of Fr Matt Anscombe's book 'Don't Forget the Holy Spirit', £10.50 per book.

Help in the Garden: Anna Haynes will be pleased to provide paid gardening services. Contact Anna on **01225 705124** or a message will be passed to Anna via admin.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftondiocese.com ;

Parish Christmas Lunch: Wednesday 6th December 12.30pm for 1.00 pm, The Water Meadow, Melksham SN12 7GS. If you are interested in coming to the parish Christmas lunch, please collect a menu from inside the church porch, or from Rebecca/John. Make your choices and return the menu to Rebecca or John, with payment in full by **Sunday 19th November**. Contact number 07872 058510

St Augustine's Catholic College – Admissions Policy Consultation: St Augustine's has now released their Consultation Document on Admission Arrangements for 2025/2026. This can be found at [St Augustine's Catholic College - Apply to Lower School \(st-augustines.wilts.sch.uk\)](https://www.st-augustines.wilts.sch.uk) until 23rd November. The Parish of St Patrick's, Corsham has now been included in the Policy.

Also this week: Monday 9th October: Mothers' Prayers in the Hall, 10.30 am

Tuesday, 10th October: "Move it or Lose It" keep fit exercises in the Church Hall at **1:30 pm**. Please feel free to call Jennifer on 07341 986569 if you have any questions.

Wednesday 11th October: Breaking Open and Sharing the Word in the church after Mass.

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

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, Dawn Holt, Dave Disney, Gay Harris. 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

Celebration of Marriage: Join Bishop Declan for Mass in the Cathedral Bishop as we celebrate the gift of marriage **next Saturday 14th 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 or 0117 902

5595 to receive a personal invitation from the bishop.

Missio/Mill Hill Masses are taking place in our Diocese during October; one on Tuesday 24th October at the Immaculate Conception, Stroud; and the other on Thursday 26th October at Corpus Christi, Weston-Super-Mare. Both Masses will be at 7:00pm and will be followed by sharing our enthusiasm and experiences of supporting the mission of the Church. All are welcome to these Masses.

Time for Secondary School: If you have a Year 6 child (born between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013), then **now** is the time to apply for their secondary school place for September 2024. To make your application **you must complete the secondary transfer application form provided by your home Local Authority (available on the LA website) by 31st October**, and if you are applying for a baptised child for any of the Catholic secondary schools listed below*, you should **also** additionally complete their Supplementary Information Form (available on the **school's** website) and provide the school with a copy of your child's baptism certificate, **also by 31st October**.

*St Augustine's College, Trowbridge

*St Bede's College, Bristol

*St Bernadette's Secondary School, Bristol

*St Gregory's College, Bath

OTHER NEWS

Catholic Youth Ministry Internships: Castlerigg Manor (The Lancaster Diocese Retreat Centre) is looking for young Catholics aged 18-25 to join their internship programme. The scheme lasts for one or two years and gives participants wide ranging experience, skills, training, and qualifications as well as the opportunity to work with a fantastic team based in the English Lake District. For more information contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 18th October – PPC Meeting in the hall after Mass

Saturday 28th October: Catechist Formation Day, Saturday 28th

October, St John the Baptist, Trowbridge; Sign up for the day via:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/668215439367>

Saturday 11th November: Mass of Remembrance, 10.00 am

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 2/3 allocated to Presbytery repairs, and 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 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: Twenty-Seventh Sunday

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BRIAR	LANDOWNER	THORN
CHIEF	NEED	THREW
CHOSEN	NEVER	UNDERSTAND
DONE	PURE	VINES
DOWN	REJECTED	WALLS
DROVE	RESPECT	WASTE
FILL	SAVED	WHO
GRAZED	SEEN	WONDERFUL
HAND	SHINE	
HEIR	SING	

Eliminate only the listed words. The remaining letters describe the kingdom of heaven.

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The word from last week (26th Sunday) was
"OBEDIENT" Hilary Clifton

Did you know...

The first commercial passenger flight was in Florida, in 1914, and lasted 23 minutes, flying between St Petersburg and Tampa. Readers Digest

Sunday 8th October Twenty Seventh Sunday Sunday Year A; Psalter 3

Reading 1: Is 5: 1-7

Psalm Refrain: The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Reading 2: Phil 4: 6-9

Gospel: Mt 21: 33-43

Monday 9th October: Feast of St John Henry Newman

Word: 1Cor 2: 10-16; Ps 144; Mt 13: 47-52

Hours: Proper of Feast

Tuesday 10th October: Word: Jon 3: 1-10; Ps 129; Lk 10: 38-42 **Hours:** Psalter 3

Wednesday 11th October: Word: Jon 4: 1-11; Ps 85; Lk 11: 1-4 **Hours:** Psalter 3

Thursday 12th October: Word: Mal 3: 13-20; Ps 1; Lk 11: 5-13 **Hours:** Psalter 3

Friday 13th October: Word: Jl 1: 13-15, 2: 1-2; Ps 9; Lk 11: 15-26 **Hours:** Psalter 3

Saturday 14th Word Jl 4: 12-21; Ps 96; Lk 11: 27-28 **Hours:** Psalter 3

Words of Wisdom

"Human justice says to "give each to his own according to what he deserves", while God's justice does not measure love on the scales of our returns, our performances, our failures: God just loves us, He loves us because we are his children, and He does so with an unconditional love, a freely given love."

Pope Francis

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.

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