



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Sunday 5th May: Sixth Sunday of Easter: Mass 9.00 am

St Edmund's, Calne: Mass 11.00 am

Tuesday 7th May – Rosary in the church 10.00 am

Wednesday 8th May: Morning Prayer 10.00 am; NO MASS

Thursday 9th May: Solemnity of the ascension of the Lord Mass at 10.00 am, followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 10.00 pm

Night Prayer 10.00 pm

Friday 10th May: Divine Mercy Chaplet – 3.00 pm

Saturday 11th May: 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

PARISH NEWS

Children's Liturgy of the Word, Sunday 5th May

Refreshments after Mass on Sunday

This week – retiring collection for Bishop Declan's retirement

Next Week – retiring collection for the Catholic Communications Network

This Friday, 10th May: Fundraising Quiz night in the hall, 7.00 pm; bring your own drinks and snacks. £5 adults, maximum £15 per family, pay on the door. Maximum 6 per team, please. Please sign up on the sheet in the porch if you would like to attend. There will also be a half-time raffle, and there are boxes in the porch and hall for raffle prize donations

Bishop Declan's Retirement Collection: For anyone who would like to contribute towards a retirement collection for Bishop Declan, Clifton Diocese has set up an online donation button on the Diocesan website under Finance and the Dona page, which can be accessed here: [Dona \(mydona.com\)](http://Dona(mydona.com)). Those who

prefer to donate cash may do so at our retiring collections this weekend

Tuesday 7th May – PPC Meeting in the hall 7.00pm.

Pentecost Prayer Vigil: We will be holding a 12-hour Eucharistic Adoration on Ascension Thursday, 9th May 2024, starting with Mass at 10.00am and ending with Night Prayer at 10.00pm. Please sign up to spend one hour before the Blessed Sacrament, praying for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit on us, our parish, families and friends and for vocations to the priesthood at Pentecost.

The Rosary will be said in church every Tuesday during May, starting this Tuesday, 7th May, at 10.00am.

Nine Day Prayer in preparation for Pentecost: From the 10th – 18th May, please join us in prayer as we prepare to welcome the Holy Spirit anew at Pentecost. Leaflets available at the back of church for home prayer.

Emergency in Sudan: Thank you to everyone who contributed to the retiring collection last weekend for the people of Sudan. If you would like to gift aid your contribution retrospectively, please collect an envelope at church and complete the details. It is not too late to donate at church, or if you would like to donate online [Sudan Crisis Appeal \(cafod.org.uk\)](http://SudanCrisisAppeal(cafod.org.uk))

Wednesday 8th May: Prayer for Melksham, 7.30 pm, That Meeting Space, Market Place – all welcome!

Matthew Pearce, former altar server at St Anthony's, is running for Cancer Research in the Cardiff 10k on Sunday 19th May. If you would like to sponsor him, there is a form in the hall, or please visit

[Matthew Pearce is fundraising for Cancer Research Wales \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/Matthew-Pearce-is-fundraising-for-Cancer-Research-Wales). Thank you.

Please note - Everyone is advised to take care in the car park whilst scaffolding is in place.

Also this week:

Monday 6th May: Mothers' Prayers in the Hall, 10.30 am

Tuesday 7th May: "Move it or Lose It" keep fit exercises – **please check with Jenny**

Wednesday 8th May: Breaking Open and Sharing the Word after Morning Prayer

OUR PARISH FAMILY

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please pray for: Jerry Allan, Carolina Andrews, Isaac Anderson, Francis Ballinger, Chris Bate, Geoff Blwyddin, Kelvin Boorer, Charlie Bowman-Davies, Michael Bramwell, Lijimol Chacko, Zofia Clarke, June Carey, Henie Dixon, Anne Doyle, Shireen Doyle, Patrick Egan, Mary Hardy, David Harris, Gay Harris, Keith Healy, Paul Hogg, Dawn Holt, Jean Hughes, Bowie Hutchison, Tess Jones, Sheila Likely-Ayling, Hilary and Alan McFall, Liz McGrane, Rebecca Matthews, Anne O'Mahony, Fr John O'Toole, Lorraine Pavey, Vivian Predergast, Tricia Rigg, Mirna Rodriguez, Maureen Westlake, Russell Wilcox and Marie Wilcox, Fr Vincent. 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

Encounter – Day of Renewal: Fr Matt Anscombe will be hosting a special day of renewal at St Bonaventure's, Bristol from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm starting with Mass on **Saturday 25th May**. Fr Matt and Caroline Sadd will unpack the themes of Fr Matt's book 'Don't Forget the Holy Spirit'. Mass, uplifting worship, inspiring teaching and testimonies. Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available and prayer for baptism in the Holy Spirit. Childrens' stream available too. Refreshments provided but bring a packed lunch. To give us an idea of numbers for the day, we ask you to book a free ticket for all members of your party here: www.dftholyspirit.com/encounter-may-2024

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. We will also celebrate those couples who celebrate 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 (or write to Sharon in the parish office) to so that a personal invitation can be sent from the bishop.

OTHER NEWS

Ask your MP to stop abortion up to birth being introduced: Diana Johnson and Stella Creasy have tabled amendments to the Criminal Justice Bill that would make extreme changes to our abortion laws. Both amendments would make it more likely that babies are aborted at home for any reason, up to birth. **Take action:** To oppose the abortion up to birth amendments, email your MP via this link: www.righttolife.org.uk/uptobirth

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. However, the need is still great; the number of families still waiting to find a home is over 2000. To read about just one family that have benefitted enormously from their UK hosts' generosity go to [SJOG: A New Beginning in the UK -](https://www.sjog.org.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/>.

Dates for your diary

Saturday 18th May: Living the Common Good - discerning challenges and responses; 10.00am – 4.00pm St Brendan's Sixth Form College Brislington
[cliftonlivingthecommongood.eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.cliftonlivingthecommongood.eventbrite.co.uk)

Sunday 2nd June: First Holy Communion

Sunday 16th June: St Edmund's BBQ after Mass, to celebrate Fr Vincent's 35th anniversary;

Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust 70th Anniversary Ecumenical Service, 6.00 pm, Malmsbury Abbey.

Friday 5th July: St Edmund's Barn Dance (details to follow).

Sunday 14th July: Diocesan Pilgrimage to Glastonbury

[Diocesan Pilgrimage to Glastonbury – Sunday 14th July](https://www.diocesanpilgrimage.org.uk)
[| Clifton Diocese](https://www.cliftondiocese.org.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 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 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 –

Wordsearch: Sixth Sunday of Easter

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ABIDE	HAND	RIGHT
ACCEPTABLE	JESUS	SEND
ANYBODY	JOY	SHOUT
ARM	LOVE	SOUND
ASK	MEET	SPEAKING
BAPTISED	NAME	STAY
COMMANDMENTS	ORDERS	STRANGE
COMPLETE	PROSTRATED	TRUTH
DAYS	REALISE	WONDERS
GOD	REMAIN	YOU

Eliminate only the words given in the list. The remaining letters describe what God does *not* have

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Last week's words were "THE TRUE VINE"
Hilary Clifton

Sunday 5th May
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Sunday Year B; Psalter 2, Proper of Season

Reading 1: Acts 10: 25-26, 34, 35, 44-48
Psalm Refrain: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.
Reading 2: 1Jn 4: 7-10
Gospel: Jn 15: 9-17

Monday 6th May: Word: Acts 16: 11-15; Ps 149; Jn 15: 26 – 16: 4 **Hours:** Psalter 2, Proper of Season

Tuesday 7th May: Word: Acts 16: 22-34; Ps 137; Jn 16: 5-11 **Hours:** Psalter 2, Proper of Season

Wednesday 8th May: Word: Acts 17: 15, 22-18: 1; Ps 148; Jn 16: 12-15 **Hours:** Psalter 2, Proper of Season

Thursday 9th May: Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Reading 1: Acts 1: 1-11
Psalm Refrain: God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Reading 2: Eph 1: 17-23
Gospel: Mk 16: 15-20: 9-17
Hours: Proper of Solemnity

Friday 10th May: Word: Acts 18: 9-18; Ps 46; Jn 16: 20-23 **Hours:** Psalter 2, Proper of Season

Saturday 11th May: Word: Acts 18: 23-28; Ps 46; Jn 16: 23-28 **Hours:** Psalter 2, Proper of Season



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