

# SAINT EDMUND'S PARISH – CALNE

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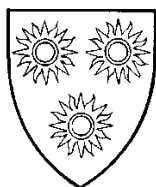
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## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – 14<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2024

Church Cleaning: Week 2

Divine Office: PSALTER 3, PROPER of SEASON

SATURDAY	EVE of the THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER	Mass at 6.00 pm
	St Anthony of Padua, Melksham, Mass at 10.00 am	
SUNDAY	THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER	Mass at 11.00 am
TUESDAY	Weekday of Easter	Mass at 10.00 am
WEDNESDAY	Weekday of Easter	
	St Anthony of Padua, Melksham, Mass at 10.00 am	
THURSDAY	Weekday of Easter	Mass at 10.00 am
FRIDAY	Memorial of St Alphege, Bishop, Martyr	Mass at 10.00 am
SATURDAY	EVE of the FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER	Mass at 6.00 pm
	St Anthony of Padua, Melksham, Mass at 10.00 am	
	Confessions by arrangement with Fr Vincent	

**To restrict the spread of virus, you may wish to continue to wear a face covering. Please sanitise your hands on entering the Church.**

**This weekend – Mission Appeal**

**Next weekend – retiring collection for the Clergy Training Fund**

**SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MAY:** Please join the Quinn family on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May, after the 11 o'clock Mass, for cake and drinks to celebrate Teresa's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. Everyone welcome - please come!

**SAVE TWO DATES:** The annual **St Edmund's BBQ will be on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June** after mass. We will celebrate Fr Vincent's 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of becoming a priest. Details to follow. The second date is a **Barn Dance on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July** at the Pickford's home. Details to follow.

**St EDMUND'S PRIMARY SCHOOL GARDENERS?** Cari Depla and Victoria Nye, both Governors of St Edmund's Catholic Primary School, wondered if any parishioners would be interested in coming to the school one Saturday morning or afternoon to help tidy up the garden around the school? There are some delightful, small, raised beds that were created and tended by a grandparent who is now unable to garden. The children really enjoyed seeing what he was growing there. Please message Victoria on 07860 498668 for further details.

**NEW PARISHIONERS** are asked to please complete a registration form (available in the porch) and hand to Fr Vincent. If you have never filled in a form, please take one for completion and return to Fr Vincent.

**LIVING THE COMMON GOOD – DISCERNING CHALLENGES AND RESPONSES** will take place on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2024 from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm at St Brendan's Sixth Form College, Brislington, Bristol. It will be a day of formation and community, bringing people together in prayer to discern the practical ways to live the common good. There is no cost to attend. Please register at [cliftonlivingthecommongood.eventbrite.co.uk](http://cliftonlivingthecommongood.eventbrite.co.uk)

**LIGHT OF TRUTH: CERTIFICATE IN CATECHESIS:** This certificate is offered by the [Dominican Sisters of St Joseph, UK](http://Dominican Sisters of St Joseph, UK), whose teaching is the fruit of their 25 years of experience in catechesis. The [Light of Truth Certificate in Catechesis](http://Light of Truth Certificate in Catechesis) is designed for new or experienced catechists who wish to gain a greater understanding of their mission in the Church and of the mysteries of faith which they transmit to others in a changing cultural context. It equips them to share their faith with confidence, passion, and in faithfulness to the Catholic tradition, using the sources of catechesis. Those applying would include catechists, children's liturgy leaders, parents, and everyone passionate about passing on the Catholic faith to others. No previous qualification is required to sign up for the programme.

**CELEBRATION MASS FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE:** The bishop is celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May (12 noon)** and invites all families to join him to celebrate the joys & challenges of family life. In addition, we will celebrate those couples celebrating their marriage or a significant anniversary 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, 65<sup>th</sup>, or 70<sup>th</sup> during 2024. If you are one of these couples – engaged or anniversary – please email

your name and address to [adult.education@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com) or speak to Fr Vincent so that a personal invitation can be sent from the bishop.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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](#)

**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 shortly set to rise with the approval of more visas in the next few weeks. We have also indirectly supported more than 300 people through webinars and offline events. 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](mailto:homesforukraine@SJOG.org.uk) or visit <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/>.

**COMMUNION AT HOME:** If any house bound parishioners unable to get to Mass would like Holy Communion brought to them at home, please contact Father Vincent, who will arrange a visit by a Minister of the Eucharist. Thank you.

**NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS:** Please submit items for publication in the newsletters before Wednesday of each week. Contact details; please email [calne.stedmund@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:calne.stedmund@cliftondiocese.com) or speak to Fr Vincent. Thank you.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** all who are unwell or housebound, especially those members of our parish, including Florence Bampton, Theresa Bowyer, Clifford Browne and family, Teresa Collar, Kathleen Drury, Margaret Heard, Michael McNiff, Maggie Murray, Heather Smith, Marie Sawyer, Helen Davies, Carol and Gemma, Laurence Davies, Mary Hardy. Please inform Fr Vincent if you know a parishioner is unwell or housebound.