



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Catholic Bishops' Conference for England and Wales statement – “In response to the Coronavirus pandemic, so many aspects of our lives must change. It is very clear that, following official advice and in order to keep each other safe, save lives and support the NHS, at this time we must not gather for public acts of worship in our churches. This will begin from Friday evening, 20th March 2020, until further notice”.

Our church will be open for private prayer every day. Please pray for scientists, doctors, nurses and health care workers

Message from Fr Vincent: “You are all very much in my thoughts at this difficult time. I shall continue to say Mass at Calne in private on a daily basis, and you will be remembered. I will be praying for you all, and for an early end to this unhappy situation”.

Daily Readings

Sunday 22nd March: Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

Word: 1Sam 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13. Psalm 22; Eph 5: 8-14; Jn 9: 1-41.

Hours: Psalter 4 and Proper of Season.

Monday 23rd March: Word: Is 65: 17-21; Psalm 29; Jn 4: 43-54.

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Tuesday 24th March: Word: Ez 47: 1-9, 12; Psalm 45; Jn 5: 1-3, 5-16.

Hours: Psalter 4 and Proper of Season. Evening Prayer 1 of the Annunciation.

Wednesday 25th March: Solemnity of the Annunciation of The Lord

Word: Is 7: 10-14, 8: 10; Psalm 39; Heb 10: 4-10; Lk 1: 26-38.

Hours: Proper of Solemnity

Thursday 26th March: Word: Ex 32: 7-14; Psalm 105; Jn 5: 31-47

Hours: Psalter 4 and Proper of Season.

Friday 27th March: Word: Wis 2:1, 12-22; Psalm 33; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Hours: Psalter 4 and Proper of Season.

Saturday 28th March: Word: Jer 11: 18-20; Psalm 7; Jn 7: 40-52

Hours: Psalter 4 and Proper of Season.

Mass on the Internet

As the virus situation deepens, Parishioners may wish to know that the celebration of mass can be followed on smart TV, laptops, iPads and mobile phones, using the following links:

<https://churchservices.tv/salisbury> (St Osmund's Church Salisbury) or

<https://www.churchservices.tv/churches/> or <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/cameras>

Collections: Sunday 15th March £99.95. CAFOD received an additional contribution of 60.00.

Parish charities: Due to the Coronavirus COVID-19 we are unable to do any fundraising to support Wiltshire Air Ambulance and Mary's Meals. It was suggested at the last PPC meeting that a good way of supporting our two charities would be to donate our Lenten almsgiving to them. There will be a retiring collection later in the year for this purpose.

Please pray for the following: Mrs. Rosa Menghini, Vilma D'Sousa, Don d'Cruz, Mrs Kathleen Murphy, John Doyle, Mrs Marian Frawley, Geoff Blwyddin, Mrs Jean Irwin, Mrs Jeanette Allsop, Mrs Bridie Liddle, Zofia Clarke, Chris Bate, David Coughlin, Katja Lubina, Mrs Audrey Tickner, Patrick Egan, Mrs Jonasz. Deacon David Wakefield, Rebecca Matthews, Paul Hogg, Keith Healy, Alan Glass, Fr Richard Northey, Tricia Rigg, Henie Dixon, Brian Hillhouse, June Carey. All those suffering from coronavirus, and those finding isolation 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.

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