



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Sunday 12th November: Thirty Second Sunday (Remembrance Sunday): Mass 9.00am

St Edmund's, Calne: Mass 11.00 am

Wednesday 15th November: Morning Prayer 10.00 am; NO MASS

Thursday 16th November: Adoration 10.00 am – 3.00 pm

Friday 17th November: Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3.00 pm

Saturday 18th November: 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

Daily readings at end of newsletter

PARISH NEWS

Sunday 12th November - Children's Liturgy of the Word

Please note – there will be NO refreshments after Mass this Sunday, to enable you to attend the town Remembrance Service

There will be tea and coffee after our Parish Remembrance Mass on Saturday 11th November

Fr John O'Brien, R.I.P. We are sad to announce that Fr John passed away on Tuesday 7th November. A Requiem Mass will be said for him at St Patrick's in the coming week; details can be found on their website [St Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, Corsham - The Catholic Churches of Saint Patrick, Corsham & Our Lady of the Assumption, Chippenham \(chippenham-and-corsham-catholics.org.uk\)](http://www.stpatrickscorsham.org.uk)

Remembrance Tree: Our Remembrance Tree in the church is in memory of all those who have died. To remember someone, please take a blank leaf/leaf from the tray in the porch, write their name(s) on the leaf and put it in the relevant tray, for display on the tree.

Holy Souls' Envelopes are available during November for Masses for your deceased loved ones.

Starting School? If you have a child born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020, then **now** is the time to apply for a place at a primary school for admission from **September 2024** onwards. You must complete an application form that is available from the

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.

school admissions team of the **Wiltshire** Council. If your child has been baptised and you are applying for a Catholic school, you **must** also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to the school. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of **15th January 2024**.

CAFOD Israel-Palestinian Crisis Appeal: Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers.

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 **next Sunday 19th November**. Contact number 07872 058510

Also this week: Monday 13th November: Mothers' Prayers in the Hall, 10.30 am

Tuesday 14th November "The Gift" Course: The final session takes place in the hall at 10.30, and at 7.00 pm at 16 Sherwood Ave.

"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 15th November: Breaking Open and Sharing the Word in the church 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, 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, Fr Vincent, David 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

DEANERY

Seen/Sent – Next Saturday 18th November: **"Seen // Sent"** We invite 14-17-year-olds (Year 10-12) to come and join us at St John's Parish Hall in Trowbridge on 18th November from 10.00am – 4.00pm for an opportunity to encounter Christ in, through, and with those around them. The day will focus on developing our personal and communal view of Jesus, through shared personal experiences and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. There is a limit of 50 participants, so please register ASAP to secure a place. Lunch will be provided. To register, or to ask questions, please email youth@cliftondiocese.com or call **0117 902 5595**.

SYNOD UPDATE

The Synthesis Report at the conclusion of the 16th General Assembly of the Synod on Synodality is now published. Looking ahead to the second session in 2024, the text offers reflections and proposals on topics such as the role of women and the laity, the

ministry of bishops, priesthood and the diaconate, the importance of the poor and migrants, digital mission, ecumenism, and abuse. This report can be found at <https://www.synod.va/en/news/a-synodal-church-in-mission.html>

OTHER

Homes for Ukraine: SJOG and Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) are part of the Community Sponsorship movement in the UK offering a matching, training and support service to sponsors and guests under the Homes for Ukraine Scheme. We work to help the generous people willing to open up their homes as sponsors and match them with people displaced by the war in Ukraine. We aim to support people on their journey and provide opportunities to integrate into our community in the UK. If you would like to be considered as a sponsor, or be sponsored, please use the links below to register your interest. We will work as quickly as possible to contact every applicant and to start the matching process. Visit [Homes for Ukraine \(sjog-homesforukraine.uk\)](https://www.sjog-homesforukraine.uk) for further information

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 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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 19th November – Fair Trade Stall
in the hall after Mass

AND FINALLY –

Did you know?

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Wordsearch: Thirty Second Sunday

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The words from last week (31st Sunday) were
 "ETERNAL LOVE" Hilary Clifton

**Sunday 12th November
 Thirty Second Sunday
 Sunday Year A; Psalter 4**

Reading 1: Wis 6: 12-16

Psalm Refrain: For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

Reading 2: 1Thes 4: 13-18

Gospel: Mt 25: 1-13

Monday 13th November: Word: Wis 1: 1-7;
 Ps 138; Lk 17: 1-6 **Hours:** Psalter 4

**Tuesday 14th November: Memorial of the
 Beatified Martyrs of the Diocese**

Word: Wis 2: 23- 3: 9; Ps 33; Lk 17: 7-10

Hours: Psalter 4, Common of Several Martyrs

Wednesday 15th November: Word: Wis 6: 1-11;
 Ps 81; Lk 17: 11-19 **Hours:** Psalter 4

**Thursday 16th November: Memorial of St
 Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop**

Word: Wis 7: 22-8:1; Ps 118; Lk 17: 20-25

Hours: Psalter 4 Common of Pastors

**Friday 17th November: Memorial of St Hugh of
 Lincoln, Bishop**

Word: Wis 13: 1-9; Ps 187; Lk 17: 26-37

Hours: Psalter 4 Common of Pastors

Saturday 18th November: Word Wis 18: 14-16,
 19: 6-9; Ps 104; Lk 18: 1-8 **Hours:** Psalter 4

Please send any comments or items for the newsletter to the email address below or put a note through the Presbytery door. Thank you.

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