



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Sunday 14th January: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Peace Day): Mass 9.00 am
St Edmund's, Calne: Mass 11.00 am

Wednesday 17th January: Morning Prayer 9.45 am; Mass at 10.00 am

Thursday 18th January: Adoration 10.00 am – 3.00 pm

Friday 19th January - Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3.00 pm

Saturday 20th January: 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 14th January - Children's Liturgy of the Word

Refreshments after Mass on Sunday

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WoPCU) 2024:

The WoPCU runs from 18th to 25th January. This year's theme is 'You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself,' based on the parable of the Good Samaritan, and materials have been prepared by the churches of Burkino Faso. Prayers for each day can be found in church. Please join with us in prayer.

More information can be found at [Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024 \(ctbi.org.uk\)](http://Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024 (ctbi.org.uk))

St Edmund's will be hosting an Ecumenical Service to mark WoPCU next Sunday, 21st January at 6.00pm – all are welcome to attend.

World Mission Sunday - A Message From Missio:

"Thank you very much for the gift of £168.00 from your parish. You are helping to create a thriving Catholic Church for the future through your prayers and financial support." The full letter can be found in the hall.

Wednesday 17th January – Finance Meeting in the hall after Mass.

Head Teacher Vacancy: St George's Catholic Primary School in Warminster is seeking to appoint a new headteacher as soon as possible. For further information, please contact the school on 01985

218284. Website: [St-Georges \(st-georgesrc.wilts.sch.uk\)](http://St-Georges (st-georgesrc.wilts.sch.uk))

Also this week:

Monday 15th January: Mothers' Prayers in the Hall, 10.30 am.

Tuesday 16th January "Move it or Lose It" keep fit exercises resume in the hall, 1.30 pm.

Wednesday 17th January: 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, Dawn Holt, Gay Harris, Fr Vincent, David Harris, Hilary McFall, Lijimol Chacko. 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 NEWS

2024 – YEAR OF PRAYER: Pope Francis has given us the Year of Prayer in 2024, in preparation for the Holy Year of 2025. St John the Evangelist, Bath, is hosting a series of sessions to draw us into the school of prayer, so that we might grow closer to the Lord. The first session is on Tuesday 23rd January in St John’s church at 7.00 pm. All are welcome.

OTHER NEWS

CAFOD: The Big Lent Walk: CAFOD invite you to take part in CAFOD’s Big Lent Walk, their challenge to walk 200km over 40 days to help people overcome poverty. CAFOD is linking up with SCIAF to bring the Big Lent Walk to the whole of Great Britain. From John O’Groats to Land’s End, Cardiff to Coventry, people will be tying up their purple laces to give poverty it’s marching orders. Sign up to enter at

[The Big Lent Walk 2024 \(cafod.org.uk\)](http://TheBigLentWalk2024.cafod.org.uk)

Retrouvaille – Do you need help in your marriage? Retrouvaille has helped many couples find new hope, nourishment and growth in their marriages. If you want to uncover or reawaken the love, trust and commitment that brought you together and work through difficult times in your marriage contact Retrouvaille confidentially for more information about our 2024 programmes. There is no group therapy or group work. Our next programme commences with a Virtual weekend on 8th – 11th February 2024, or there is a Face-to-Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 14th-16th June 2024. Call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443, email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.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 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 –

Words of Wisdom

“Peace is a gift of God, but requires our efforts. Let us be people of peace in prayer and deed.”
Pope Francis

Did you know?

If the Earth doubled in size, trees would immediately fall over. This is because surface gravity would be doubled. It would also mean dog-size and larger animals would not be able to run without breaking a leg.
BBC Science Focus

Wordsearch: Second Sunday

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B	R	I	N	A	S	P	I	L	R	I
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M	L	A	R	A	K	R	R	R	S	I
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ASK	LISTENING	SANCTUARY
BROTHER	LORD	SCROLL
CHALICE	LYING	SERVANT
CORINTHIANS	MOST	SINS
DAY	RABBI	SPEAK
HEART	RAISE	SURELY
JOHN	ROCK	THIRST
LIPS	SAMUEL	UNDERSTOOD

Eliminate only the listed words. The remaining letters give a declaration

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The word from last week (Epiphany) was “TREASURES”
Hilary Clifton

Sunday 14th January
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Peace Day
Sunday Year B; Psalter 2

Reading 1: 1Sm 3: 3-10, 19

Psalm Refrain: Here I am, Lord! I come to do
your will.

Reading 2: 1Cor 6: 13-15, 17-20

Gospel: John 1: 35-42

Monday 15th January: Word: 1Sm 15: 16-23;
Ps 49; Mk 2: 18-22 Psalter 2

Tuesday 16th January: Word: 1Sm 16: 1-3; Ps 88;
Mk 2: 23-28 **Hours:** Psalter 2

**Wednesday 17th January: Memorial of St
Anthony, Abbot**

Word: 1 Sm 17: 32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 143;
Mk 3: 1-6 **Hours:** Psalter 2, Proper of Memorial

Thursday 18th January: Word: 1Sm 18: 6-9,
19: 1-7; Ps 55; Mk 3: 7-12 **Hours:** Psalter 2

**Friday 19th January: Memorial of St Wulstan,
Bishop**

Word: 1Sm 24: 3-21; Ps 56; Mk 3: 13-19

Hours: Psalter 2, Common of Men Saints

Saturday 13th January: Word: 2Sm 1: 1-4, 11-12,
17, 9, 23-27; Ps 79; Mk 3: 20-21 **Hours:** Psalter 2

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Presbytery door. Thank you.

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