

## DIARY

<b>SAT</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday at 5.30 pm.
<b>SUN</b>	<b>SUNDAY 24 OF THE YEAR</b> (Home Mission Sunday) Mass at 9.30 am, followed by refreshments in the hall.
<b>MON</b>	St. Edith of Wilton Morning Prayer at 9.15 am; Mass at 9.30 am. Mothers' Prayers in the hall, 10.30 am
<b>WED</b>	Mass of Thanksgiving with Bp. Declan at 6.30 pm.
<b>THU</b>	NO Adoration today.
<b>FRI</b>	No services in church
<b>SAT</b>	Sacrament of Reconciliation, 11-11.30 am 1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday (Sunday 25) at 5.30 pm (our final Sat. evening Mass)

Sundays Year B; Weekdays Year 2; Psalter: Week 4.

**MASS COMMEMORATIONS: Sat(15):** Harry DeSouza RIP (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv); **Mon:** Thanksgiving.

### READINGS

**Reading 1:** Isaiah 50: 5-9.

Psalm (114) Refrain: *I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.*

**Reading 2:** James 2: 14-18.

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 8: 27-35.

**Please pray for the following who are sick:** Mrs R. Menghini, Vilma D'Souza, Don d'Cruz, Mrs Kathleen Murphy, Charlie Canavan, John Doyle, Mrs Marian Frawley, Geoff Blwyddin, Mrs Jean Irwin, Mrs Jeanette Allsop, Mrs Bridie Liddle, Mrs. Adderley, Zofia Clarke, Chris Bate, David Coughlan, Katja Lubina.

## Welcome to The Parish of St Anthony of Padua



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### SUNDAY 16 SEPTEMBER, 2018

Dear Friends,

It is just as well that parish priests don't last forever! Even with the help of the Holy Spirit, each one of us – lay people as well as priests, has only a limited amount he or she can give. This is surely what the teaching about the Body of Christ is all about. In a human body, the eye cannot do for the body everything that the ear can do; the ear cannot do everything for the body that a leg can do, a leg cannot do everything for the body that a hand can do, and so on. Each part is designed only to do its own part, and not the part of other members of the body.

And so in the life of the parish. I have been in parishes where one individual thought he or she could do everything; but it is not so. We need one another. And so with parish priests – no one priest can do everything that is required in a parish. So even if priests were eternally young and healthy, which they are not, it would not be a good thing for one parish priest to stay in one parish for ever. Hopefully I have managed to share with you a few things, but now it is time for another priest to take over and bring his contribution to the life of the parish.

We have been praying a lot for our parish, but don't let us forget to pray for Father Vincen as well. It is not easy taking over another parish, and he will have twice the responsibility that I have had because he will still have to be parish priest for St. Edmund's as well.

You are about to step out on a new stage of your pilgrimage of faith. May God bless and guide you all in this and help you to meet the challenges that it may bring.

In the love of Christ,

*Richard Northey*

**THIS WEEKEND:** Retiring collection for Home Mission Sunday. It is a Day of Prayer for the Spread of the Gospel.

**MOTHERS' PRAYERS:** Mondays, 10.30 am in the hall.

**BREAKING OPEN & SHARING THE WORD:** Sharing on next Sunday's Gospel, Wednesday, after Mass & refreshments.

**ADORATION:** NOT this Thursday, due to the clearing-up work that will have to be done following Wednesday's Mass of Thanksgiving.

**PRAYER GROUP:** Fridays, 7.30 pm in the hall.

**MASS OF THANKSGIVING:** Concelebrated Mass with Bp. Declan, Bp Crispian and deanery and other priests to give thanks for our 14 years of pilgrimage together, followed by refreshments.

**FRIDAY:** No Mass or Morning Prayer.

**OPEN DAY** at St. Patrick's Primary School, Corsham, Friday 5 October at 9.30 am. Please see poster in church porch. We will also have a couple of the staff speaking briefly at Masses this weekend.

**A GIFT TO CAFOD** in your will is a wonderful way to share your faith, hope and love with future generations. Find out about CAFOD's free will-writing service for supporters by picking up a leaflet in the church porch, [email\\_legacy@cafod.org.uk](mailto:email_legacy@cafod.org.uk) or call Hannah on 020 7095 5367 to find out more.

**ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL:** The Head & Deputy Head of St. Patrick's School will be coming to give us a brief talk on this splendid little school at the end of the Masses over the weekend.

**SICK OR HOUSEBOUND:** Please let Fr. Richard or Mary Harris know of anyone who is sick, elderly or housebound who would like to be visited and receive Holy Communion.

**RUH BATH RC CHAPLAINCY:** Mandy Baker – 07775895814, email: [mandybaker@live.co.uk](mailto:mandybaker@live.co.uk) please contact Mandy if you have a relative or friend in hospital.

**PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH** every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 9:30 am in church before Adoration begins. Prayer intentions: for God's guidance, a smooth transition and for a new parish  
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priest and thanksgiving to God for our parish  
priest. All are warmly welcome to join in at church or home if you can.

**PARISH CENSUS:** Have you all filled these in and returned them?

**PARKING:** a) Could those parking on the corner of the car park please pull in tightly? It can be difficult for other cars to get past. b) As Christians, consideration of our

neighbours is of primary importance. If you park in the street, please take care not to block our neighbours' parking areas, or park on yellow lines. If our church car park is full, there is a nearby public car park; please try to avoid upsetting our neighbours.

**MELKSHAM FOODBANK:** ([www.melkshamfoodbank.org.uk](http://www.melkshamfoodbank.org.uk)). They are most in need of potatoes (instant), peas (canned), carrots (canned), sugar, pasta. They no longer use boxes – thank you to those who have donated boxes, but please do not leave them in the church porch any more. Does anyone know anyone who is going through a difficult time and might be in need of the help of the Foodbank? ***Recently demands on the foodbank have become heavier, but the donations from this parish have not been so generous. Please do try to support this venture on behalf of all the Churches in the Melksham area.***

**PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:** for safety reasons, unaccompanied children are not allowed in the church hall during Mass.

**DRIVERS:** Please drive with great care when entering or leaving the car park, so that the lives of children – and adults – may not be put at risk.

**NEWSLETTER:** Any information, articles, etc, please send to the presbytery at the address supplied on the front of the newsletter.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT FROM SUNDAY 30 SEPTEMBER THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE SUNDAY MASS IN THIS PARISH: ON SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9 am.**

