



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Sunday 19th November: Thirty Third Sunday: Mass 9.00am

St Edmund's, Calne: Mass 11.00 am

Wednesday 22nd November: Morning Prayer 10.00 am; NO MASS

Thursday 23rd November: Adoration 10.00 am – 3.00 pm

Friday 24th November: Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3.00 pm

Saturday 25th 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 19th November - Children's Liturgy of the Word

Please pray for David Warren who is in hospital.

Fairtrade Stall This Sunday 19th November in the Hall after Mass: Please support this; Fairtrade products ensure that farmers in the developing world receive a fair price which covers the cost of production, plus an extra premium for growers to invest in community projects.

Fr John O'Brien, R.I.P. A Requiem Mass for Fr John will be celebrated at St Patrick's, Corsham, on Wednesday 22nd November at 12 noon.

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, print 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 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

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.

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.

Also this week: Monday 20th November: Mothers' Prayers in the Hall, 10.30 am

Tuesday 21st November "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 22nd 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

OTHER

Homes for Ukraine: SJOG and Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) offer a matching, training and support service to sponsors and guests under the Homes for Ukraine Scheme. 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. Visit [Homes for Ukraine \(sjog-homesforukraine.uk\)](http://Homes for Ukraine (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 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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
Wednesday 6th December - Parish Christmas Lunch, The Water Meadow, Melksham.12.30pm for 1.00pm
Saturday 9th December – Fundraising gift wrap workshops in the Hall, £10 to include paper. Attendance by Ticket only: contact Jennifer on 07341 986569 or see Tricia after Mass.

AND FINALLY –

Wordsearch: Thirty Third Sunday

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N	T	S	E	A	A	R	T	W	H	E	N
A	E	N	V	T	P	F	R	T	K	T	A
D	R	R	E	S	U	U	F	C	H	T	H
U	E	S	E	L	O	R	I	E	W	E	T
S	T	D	V	B	A	W	N	F	A	E	W
E	S	I	A	R	P	T	N	R	Y	T	O
E	N	L	D	R	E	H	T	E	S	H	D
E	O	N	E	Y	T	R	E	P	O	R	P

ANSWER	LABOUR	SOWN
BLESSED	MASTER	TABLE
DISTAFF	MATTHEW	TALENTS
DUG	ONE	TEETH
EVADE	PERFECT WIFE	THIEF
FLAX	PRAISE	TRADED
FRUITFUL VINE	PROFIT	TWO
HANDS	PROPERTY	WALK
HEART	RETURN	WAYS
HER	SERVANT	WICKED

Eliminate only the listed words. The remaining letters give another from the scriptures of today.

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The word from last week (32nd Sunday) was "BRIDEGROOM" Hilary Clifton

Did you know?

A day on Uranus lasts 17 Earth hours, and a year on the planet equates to 84 years on Earth.

Sunday 19th November
Thirty Third Sunday
Sunday Year A; Psalter 1

Reading 1: Prv 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-33

**Psalm Refrain: O blessed are those who fear
the Lord.**

Reading 2: 1Thes 5: 1-6

Gospel: Mt 25: 14-30

Monday 20th November: Word: 1Mc 1: 10-15,
41-43, 54-57, 62-64; Ps 118; Lk 18: 35-43

Hours: Psalter 1

**Tuesday 21st November: Memorial of the
Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Word: 2Mc 6: 18-31; Ps 3; Lk 19: 1-10

Hours: Psalter 1, Common of the Blessed Virgin
Mary and Proper of Memorial

**Wednesday 22nd November: Memorial of St
Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr**

Word: 2Mc 7: 1, 20-31; Ps 16; Lk 19: 11-28

Hours: Psalter 1, Proper of Memorial

Thursday 23rd November: Word: 1Mc 2: 15-29;
Ps 49; Lk 19: 41-44 **Hours:** Psalter 1

**Friday 24th November: Memorial of Ss Andrew
Dūng-Laç, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs**

Word: 1Mc 4: 36-37, 52-59; 1Chron 29;
Lk 19: 45-48

Hours: Psalter 1 Common of Several Martyrs

Saturday 25th November: Word 1Mc 6: 1-13;
Ps 9; Lk 20: 27-40 **Hours:** Psalter 1

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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access to email, please print this newsletter for
them.**

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