



**Please take this two –week bulletin; next issue week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> January**

## **Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua**

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### **Diary**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December: Fourth Sunday of Advent - Mass 9.00 am (St Edmund's Sat. 6.00pm; Sun. 11.00 am)** Refreshments in the hall

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve: Children and Families' Mass 5.30 pm**  
**Night Mass 9.30 pm**

**December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day** Mass 9.00 am

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> December** No Morning Prayer or Mass this week.

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> December** No Adoration today

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> December** No Morning Prayer or Prayer Group today

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> December** Feast of St Thomas Becket - Morning Prayer 9.45am; Mass 10.00am

**Sacrament of Reconciliation 10.30-11.00am**

**Sundays Year C-1; Psalter Week 4 and Proper of Season**

**Readings 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent: Reading 1 – Micah 5: 1-4**

**Psalm Refrain – God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.**

Reading 2 – Hebrews 10: 5-10, Gospel - Luke 1: 39-44



### **Christmas Readings**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve: Children and Families' Mass 5.30 pm**

**Reading 1: Isiah 62: 1-5,**

**Psalm refrain: I will sing forever of your love, O Lord.**

**Reading 2: Acts 13 16 17, 22-25, Gospel: Matthew 1: 1-25**

**Night Mass 9.30 pm**

**Reading 1: Isiah 9: 1-7,**

**Psalm refrain: Today a saviour has been born to us. He is Christ the Lord.**

**Reading 2: Timothy 2: 11-14, Gospel: Luke 2: 1-14**

**December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day Mass 9.00 am**

**Reading 1- Isiah 52: 7-10**

**Psalm refrain: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

**Reading 2: Hebrews 1 : 1-6, Gospel: John 1: 1-18**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December: Feast of the Holy Family- Mass 9.00 am (St Edmund's Sat. 6.00pm; Sun. 11.00 am)** Refreshments in the hall

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> December** No Mothers' Prayers this week

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019** **Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January** **SS Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen**  
**Morning Prayer 9.45am; Mass 10.00am**  
 Refreshments, Breaking Open & Sharing the Word

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January** Adoration 10,00am – 7.00pm

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January** **Morning Prayer 9.30am**  
 No Prayer Group today

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> January** **Morning Prayer 9.45am; Mass 10.00am**  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation 10.30-11.00am**

**Sundays Year C-1; Psalter Week 1 Proper of the Solemnity**  
**Readings Holy Family: Reading 1 – Ecclesiasticus 3: 2-6, 12-14**  
**Psalm Refrain – O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in His ways!**  
 Reading 2 – Colossians 3: 12-21, Gospel – Luke 2: 41-52

**Collection - Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December: £225.15**  
**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January – Retiring collection for Building Fund**

#### **New Liturgy Course for 2019**

The Liturgy Office is hosting a new course entitled 'Understanding and Praying the Liturgy', for our Diocesan Year of Prayer. It will seek to enable us to enter more deeply into our understanding of the Mass both as an encounter with the Risen Christ and as prayer itself. Beginning with Bishop Declan we will be guided through the course by a number of excellent speakers. Full details can be found on <https://cliftdiocese.com/departments/adult-education/liturgy-office> or by phoning Richard Williams or Doreen Wyatt on 0117 902 5595.

**Prayer for Melksham 2019** – Please note from January 2019, monthly Prayer for Melksham will be held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 08.30 am. The locations will be announced after Christmas as the first occasion will be on 30<sup>th</sup> January.

**Sick & Housebound** - Please let Fr Vincent or Mary Harris 01249 730340 know if anyone sick, elderly or housebound would like to be visited and receive Holy Communion.

**Please pray for the following** – Mrs. Rosa Menghini, Vilma D'Sousa, 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 Adderly, Zofia Clarke, Chris Bate, David Coughlin, Katja Lubina, Mrs Audrey Tickner, Patrick Egan, Mrs Jonasz. Deacon David Wakefield, Rebecca Matthews, Les Warren, Anna Prangle, Paul Hoff

**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.**

**RUH Bath Chaplaincy** - Contact Mandy Baker 07775 895814, email - [mandybaker@live.co.uk](mailto:mandybaker@live.co.uk)

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