



## Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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### Diary

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November: 34<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the year- Feast of Christ the King**

**Youth Mass 9.00 am (St Edmund's Sat. 6.00pm; Sun. 11.00 am)**

**Children's Liturgy, all children welcome up to 12 years old. Refreshments in the hall**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November**

Mothers' Prayers 10.30 in the hall

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November**

Rosary in the Church 10.30

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November**

**Morning Prayer 9.45am; Morning Mass 10.00am**

Refreshments, Breaking Open & Sharing the Word

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November**

Adoration 10.00am – 7.00pm

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November**

**Morning Prayer 9.30am**

Prayer Group 7.30pm

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

**Morning Prayer 9.45am; Mass 10.00am**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation 10.30-11.00am**

**Sundays Year B; Weekdays Year 2; Psalter Week 2**

**Readings 34<sup>th</sup> Sunday** –Reading 1 – Daniel 7: 13-14

**Psalm Refrain – The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed**

Reading 2 – Apocalypse 1: 5-8, Gospel John 18: 33-37

**Prayer for Priests refrain: Pray for more priests**

**Collection: £201.25, Building Fund: 166.55 – Next Sunday: Poor Missions of the Diocese**

**First Reconciliation and Communion** – Parents - if your child is over 7 years of age (Yr 3) or over, and you wish them to be prepared for First Reconciliation and Holy Communion, please sign up on the clipboard in the porch.

**Parish Secretary** Applications are invited for the post of parish secretary. Flexible hours (4 per week), remuneration to be discussed. IT skills essential. Job description available from Anne Doyle. Please apply by letter or email to Anne Doyle, c/o St Anthony's Presbytery, [admin.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftdiocese.com](mailto:admin.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftdiocese.com) Closing date Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

**Advent Prayer Services** – St Edmund's, Calne, 9<sup>th</sup> December 3.00 – 4.00 pm, St Anthony's 16<sup>th</sup> December 3.00 - 4.00 pm.

**Christmas Cards** – Christmas cards are now available at the back of the church.

**CAFOD World Gifts** - Christmas presents with a difference; see brochures in the porch. Free delivery on items if ordered by 14<sup>th</sup> December.

**Sunday 9th December - Traidcraft Stall In the hall after Mass**

There will be a Traidcraft stall in the hall on Sunday 9th Dec. after Mass, stocking Fairtrade products including Christmas presents. These ensure that farmers in the developing world receive a fair price, plus an extra premium to invest in community projects.

**4th and 11th December Advent Course: Global Healing - Tuesday 10.30am in the Hall**

This course is a CaFE production and sponsored by the Bishops Conference in response to Pope Francis' Encyclical letter 'Laudato Si' Care for our common home. It's easy to feel disempowered by the problems climate change presents, but we know that we can make a difference and we know that now is the time to act. Global Healing will help us to think deeply, live wisely and love generously. We will show a short Trailer for this course on Sunday 2nd December in the hall during refreshments. Please sign up for this course on the clipboard in the church porch.

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Journeying Towards Jesus in Advent** – A day retreat at St Catherine's Church Hall, Frome, 10.00 am – 4.00 pm. Speaker Fr Dennis McBride. Donation only and bring a packed lunch. Email Jessie at [jalcaraz10822@gmail.com](mailto:jalcaraz10822@gmail.com).

**November 27<sup>th</sup> - Evening Prayer at the Cathedral 7.00pm – resources for the Year of Prayer.**

Bishop Declan invites our parishes and communities to join him at a celebration of Evening Prayer during which he will present to each parish, community and school the resources for the Year of Prayer starting the following weekend. As we did with the Year of Mission, each community will be called forward to receive the Year's resources.

**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.

**Melksham Foodbank** – Desperately need donations, particularly potatoes (instant) Peas, carrots (canned) sugar, pasta, UHT milk.

**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 Prangley.

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

**Drivers** – Please be careful entering and leaving the car park and leave the turning area free. Please do not block neighbours' entrances.

**Items for the newsletter should be sent to:**

[comms.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftdiocese.com](mailto:comms.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftdiocese.com) or given to Anne Doyle by each Thursday. *Please send to the above address if you would like the newsletter emailed to you.*