



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Masses

Face coverings/masks must be worn in places of worship. Please record your attendance on entry, sanitise your hands, and respect social distancing.

There will be NO Mass on Wednesday 29th December. Please note: Mass on Saturday 1st January will be at 11.00 am.

Sunday 26th December – Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sunday Year C; Psalter Proper of Season

Reading 1 – Ecclus 3: 2-6, 12-14

Psalm refrain: O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Reading 2 – Col 3: 12-21

Gospel – Lk 2: 41-52

Monday 27th December: Feast of St John, Apostle, Evangelist

Word: 1Jn 1: 1-4; Ps 96; Jn 20: 2-8 Hours: Psalter 1, Proper of Season

Tuesday 28th December: Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Word: 1Jn 1: 5-2:2; Ps 123; Mt 2: 13-18

Hours: Psalter 1, Proper of Season

Wednesday 29th December: Feast of St Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr

Word: Col 1: 24-29; Ps 22; Lk 22: 24-30

Hours: Psalter 1, Proper of Season

Thursday 30th December: Word: 1Jn 2: 12-17; Ps 95; Lk 2: 36-40 **Hours:** Psalter 4, Proper of Season

Friday 31st December: Word: 1Jn 2: 18-21; Ps 95; Jn 1: 1-8; **Hours:** Psalter 4, Proper of Season

Saturday 1st January: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Word: Nm 6: 22-27; Ps 66; Gal 4: 4-7; Lk 2: 16-21

Hours: Psalter 4, Proper of Solemnity

Christmas Collections are for Fr Vincent and are the main source of income for the priest

PARISH NEWS

Fr Loius Beasley-Suffolk, R.I.P.: We are sad to announce the death of Fr Louis Beasley-Suffolk, who passed away on Friday 17th December. Please remember him in your prayers.

There will be no refreshments after Mass this Sunday

Saturday 1st January: Mass on Saturday 1st January will be at the later time of 11.00 am.

WHAT'S ON

Monday 27th December: No Mothers' Prayers this week; to resume Monday 3rd January, 10.30 am in the hall.

Wednesday 29th December: No Breaking Open and Sharing the Word this week; to resume 5th January after Mass at 10.45 am.

Thursday 30th December: Eucharistic Adoration from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm.

Ministry of Reading: Fr Michael Fountaine, parish priest of Chippenham and Corsham, will be leading a session for all readers in St Anthony's and St Edmund's parishes on the ministry of reading, on Saturday 15th January at St Edmunds School, Calne, from 11.30 am until around 2.00 – 2.30 pm with a "bring your own" picnic lunch.

OTHER NEWS

CAFOD are hiring: CAFOD is looking for a Community Participation Coordinator to work in the Diocese of Clifton. Follow the link for more details and please pass on to any friends or relatives who might be interested. Closing date 9th January 2022. <https://isw.changeworknow.co.uk/cafod/vms/e/carers/positions/cJAI47Y0nebARldQy7yJZt>

CHARITIES

Our Parish Charities: If you would like to make a donate to **Wiltshire Air Ambulance**, please use the following link:

<https://www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk/donate/>

Mary's Meals: Every donation to Mary's Meals will

be doubled until 31st January 2022 through their **Double the Love campaign** – they also have an internet “Giving Page”:

<https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/donate>

Gift Aid: Your Parish Gift Aid contact is Tricia Hoy, phone number **01225 704805**.

Melksham Food Bank Is grateful for the help from St Anthony’s parishioners: A basket for donations is in the church porch, or you can use designated trollies in the Supermarkets, or deliver to the Baptist Church. 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: This is for those who need emergency relief (items such as energy meter payments, uniform costs for school children etc.). If anyone would like to contribute to this, please contact Melksham Foodbank or Sharon (Parish office) for further information.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please pray for: Don d’Cruz, Geoff Blwyddin, Mrs Jeanette Allsop, Zofia Clarke, Chris Bate, Andrew Bate, Katja Lubina, Patrick Egan, Rebecca Matthews, Paul Hogg, Keith Healy, Alan Glass, Tricia Rigg, Henie Dixon, Brian Hillhouse, Judith Curtis, Janice Kuranlu, Alan McFall, Alistair Strudwick, David Elliot, Callum Ford, Anne Doyle, Sheila Likey-Ayling, Anne O’Mahony, Lorraine Pavey, Francis Ballinger, Grace Disney, Cristyn and Arya Sharkey. All who are suffering from coronavirus, 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 to receive Holy Communion, please telephone 01225 824039 and leave a message, or email: ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

12th January: Synod Facilitation Training Session, 7pm-8.30pm, Online Teams session

15th January: Readers’ session at St Edmund’s School, Calne, 11.30 am -14.30 pm

18th - 25th January: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

AND FINALLY –

Words of Wisdom

Every day He humbles Himself just as He did when from His heavenly throne into the Virgin's womb; every day He comes to us and lets us see Him in lowliness,

when He descends from the bosom of the Father into the hands of the priest at the altar.

St. Francis of Assisi

Wordsearch – Christmas

E	T	H	B	I	L	P	S	A	L	M	S
M	S	O	N	G	S	E	L	P	E	T	D
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N	T	U	O	H	S	C	A	N	F	A	R
O	N	R	Y	H	L	H	L	E	A	E	K
I	D	E	A	G	A	I	N	B	L	H	N
T	A	R	M	I	G	L	E	E	K	E	E
A	P	R	A	H	S	D	L	C	V	D	S
V	S	S	T	I	C	T	O	O	A	I	S
L	I	E	G	A	I	T	B	M	W	Y	G
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ABOVE	HARP	SALVATION
AGAIN	HEART	SHOUT
ANGEL	HOUSE	SIGHT
ARM	ISAIAH	SONG
BECOME	ISRAEL	SPEAK
BORN	JOY	STOCK
CAME	LIFE	TITLE
CHILD	LORD	WATCHMEN
DARKNESS	MADE	WAYS
ENLIGHTENS	NAME	WORD
GIVEN	PROPHETS	
HALLOWED	PSALMS	

Eliminate only the words listed. No word should be entirely inside another. The remaining letters complete the Christmas phrase:

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The completed phrase from last week was:

“MARY’S CHILD” Prince of peace

Hilary Clifton

Is there anything you would particularly like to see included in the weekly newsletter? Help us make our newsletter an enjoyable read!

Please send any comments to the email address below, ‘phone the office on **01225 702128** and leave a message or put a note through the Presbytery door. Thank you

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