



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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**Sunday 26th November: Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe:
Mass 9.00am**

St Edmund's, Calne: Mass 11.00 am

Wednesday 29th November: Morning Prayer 9.45 am; Mass at 10.00 am

Thursday 30th November: Adoration 10.00 am – 3.00 pm

Friday 1st December: Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3.00 pm

Saturday 2nd December: 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

PARISH NEWS

Sunday 26th November - Children's Liturgy of the Word

Please give prayers of thanksgiving for David Warren who is recovering from surgery.

Thanks From the Spiritans: Fr Martin writes "On behalf of the Spiritans, I offer our sincere thanks and gratitude for your kind generosity in response to our Mission Appeal on 29th October." £329.00 was raised; the full letter can be found on the noticeboard in the hall.

Confirmations 2024: The Confirmation of St Anthony's young people will be celebrated in October 2024. We now need volunteers to help with a programme of preparation for the candidates. If you would be willing to help with this, please speak to Father Vincent.

St Anthony's Fundraising Gift Wrap Workshops - Saturday 9th December in the Hall, £10 to include paper. Come to either our morning session 11.00 am – 1.00 pm or in the afternoon from 1.30 – 3.30pm. Attendance by Ticket only: contact Jennifer on 07341 986569.

Christmas Cards are now available to purchase - £2.00 per pack of 10. Please see Sheila Likely-Ayling after Mass

Remembrance Tree: Our Remembrance Tree in the church is in memory of all those who have died, and will remain in place until the end of November. To

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.

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.

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 baptism certificate to the school. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of **15th January 2024**.

Also this week: Monday 27th November: Mothers' Prayers in the Hall, 10.30 am

Tuesday 28th 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 29th November: Breaking Open and Sharing the Word in the hall 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

Christmas In Melksham Churches

Sunday 9th December – Melksham United Church – Choral Society Concert 7.30 pm

Saturday 16th December – Carols Outside the United Church 10.30 am for 11.00 am start

Sunday 17th December - Melksham United Church Candlelight Service 4.00pm

Safe Families Support in Melksham: Safe Families is a Christian Charity seeking to bring hope and belonging to families who are isolated, alone and in circumstances beyond their control. We seek to do this through love, connection, and community; we believe that the local church is where the change is going to happen in our communities, and we work in partnership with local churches to support families that are referred to us from the Local Authority. You can read about Safe Families here

<https://safefamilies.uk/church/> We have been working across the county to support families this year and so far, we have supported 23 families, including 2 in the Melksham area. There are several families on our waiting list in Melksham and the surrounding villages, wouldn't it be wonderful if we could provide volunteers from within the church community to come alongside these families? If you would like to help, please contact Kirsty Cross, Safe Families Community Volunteer Manager, Tel office: 0333 4141488, mobile: 07425 792699 or kirstycross@safefamilies.uk

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 \(s Jog-homesforukraine.uk\)](http://HomesforUkraine.org.uk) for further information

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 6th December - Parish Christmas Lunch, The Water Meadow, Melksham. 12.30pm for 1.00pm

Sunday 17th December – St Anthony's Advent Service, 3.00pm

Monday 18th December, St Edmund's – Carols and Christmas Songs performed by children from St Edmund's school, 11.30 am to 12.00 noon.

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 $\frac{2}{3}$ allocated to Presbytery repairs, and $\frac{1}{3}$ 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.

AND FINALLY –

Did you know?

The Earth's rotation is changing speed; it's actually slowing. That means that. On average, the length of a day increases by around 1.8 seconds per century. 600 million years ago, a day lasted just 21 Hours.

www.sciencefocus.com/science/fun-facts

Wordsearch: Christ the King

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Eliminate only the listed words. The remaining letters give another word from the scripture readings today:

The word from last week (33rd Sunday) was
 "ENTRUSTED" Hilary Clifton

Sunday 26th November
Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe
Sunday Year A; Psalter 2

Reading 1: Ez 34: 11-12, 15-17

Psalm Refrain: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Reading 2: 1Cor 15: 20-26, 28

Gospel: Mt 25: 31-46

Monday 27th November: Word: Dn 1: 1-6, 8-20; Dn 3; Lk 21: 1-4 **Hours:** Psalter 2

Tuesday 28th November: Word: Dn 2: 31-45; Dn 3; Lk 21: 5-11 **Hours:** Psalter 2

Wednesday 29th November: Word: Dn 5: 1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3; Lk 21: 12-19

Hours: Psalter 2

Thursday 30th November: Feast of St Andrew, Apostle

Word: Rom 10: 9-18; Ps 18; Mt 4: 18-22

Hours: Psalter Proper of Feast

Friday 1st December: Memorial of St Alexander Briant, Martyr

Word: Dn 7: 2-14; Dn 3; Lk 21: 29-33

Hours: Psalter 2 Common of One Martyr

Saturday 2nd December: Word Dn 7: 15-27; Dn 3; Lk 21: 34-36 **Hours:** Psalter 2

Please send any comments or items for the newsletter to the email address below or put a note through the Presbytery door. Thank you.

If you know any parishioners who do not have access to email, please print this newsletter for them.

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