



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Masses

Please record your attendance on entry. We ask that face coverings/masks continue to be worn in places of worship, hands are sanitised on entry, and social distancing respected.

Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 1st December and Saturday 4th December at 10.00 am, and Sunday 5th December at 9.00 am.

Sunday 28th November – First Sunday of Advent
Sunday Year C; Psalter week 1

Reading 1 – Jer 33: 14-16

Psalm refrain: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Reading 2 – 1Thes 3:12 – 4:2

Gospel – Lk 21: 25-28, 34-36

Monday 29th November: Word: Is 2: 1-5; Ps 121;
Mt 8: 5-11 Hours: Psalter 1, Proper of Season

Tuesday 30th November: Feast of St Andrew,
Apostle

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

Hours: Psalter 1, Proper of Season

Wednesday 1st December: Memorial of Saint
Alexander Briant, Martyr

Word: Is 25: 6-10; Ps 22;

Mt 15: 29-37 Hours: Psalter 1, Proper of Season

Thursday 2nd December: Word: Is 26: 1-6; Ps 117;
Mt 7: 21,24-27 Hours: Psalter 1, Proper of Season

Friday 3rd December: Memorial of St Francis
Xavier, Priest

Word: Is 29: 17-24; Ps 26;

Mt 9: 27-31 Hours: Psalter 1, Proper of Season

Saturday 4th December: Memorial of St Osmund,
Bishop

Word: Is 30: 19-21, 23-26; Ps 146; Mt 9: 35-10:1, 6-8

Hours: Psalter 1, Proper of Season

Reconciliation after Mass on Saturday or by
arrangement with Fr Vincent

Please only use the Gift Aid envelopes if you can Gift
Aid your donation

PARISH NEWS

Monday 29th November – First Holy Communion:
A Meeting for parents who would like their children to receive First Holy Communion will be held in the hall at 5.30 pm. Classes will begin the first week in December. It is not too late for your child to be included even if you have not yet signed up.

Wednesday 1st December - PPC Meeting: In the hall after Mass

Monday 6th December – First Holy Communion Classes Start: In the hall at 5.30 pm

2022 Diocesan Diaries and Directories: These are now available for those who ordered copies.

Advent Prayer Candles: To replace our Tree of Remembrance, there will be an Advent Prayer Candle display at the back of the church from this weekend. Everyone is invited to write prayer intentions on coloured paper candles which will be available in church for you to take away to complete and then return them to the church or Presbytery, where they will be added to the display. Please do not add candles to the display yourself.

Christmas Cards: Available to purchase in the hall.

WHAT'S ON:

Sunday: Children's Liturgy of the Word; refreshments after Mass.

Monday: Mothers' Prayers 10.30am in the hall.

Tuesday: The Church will be open for private prayer from 9.30 am to 11.30 am.

Wednesday: Breaking Open and Sharing the Word at 10.45 am.

Thursday: Eucharistic Adoration from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm.

DEANERY NEWS

Wednesday 15th December – Reconciliation

Service: A Deanery Reconciliation Service will be held at St John's, Trowbridge, at 7.00 pm.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Listening With the Heart – Formation Opportunity for Facilitating a Synod Listening Conversation: The Diocese is offering formation in how to facilitate

Synod Listening Conversations in the parish. To participate in one of the online Teams sessions contact them on the Eventbrite links below, or email synod@cliftondiocese.com.

Monday 29 November, 7pm-8.30pm: Teams session
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/online-synod-facilitation-training-session-29-november-tickets-209296580707>

Tuesday 30 November, 7pm-8.30pm: Teams session
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/online-synod-facilitation-training-session-30-november-tickets-209344845067>

OTHER NEWS

Pam's Prayers and Poems: Pam Muller has published a sequel to her poetry book "Through the Years," called "Travelling On." Competed during the Covid pandemic, the poems range from 2018 to 2021. A copy is in the porch for browsing, with an order form. Please add your name to the form if you would like to buy one (£6.00 per copy or 5 for the price of 4). Please give your payment to Sharon (cheques payable to Melksham Team Ministry)

Time to Start School? If you have a child born between **1st September 2017** and **31st August 2018**, then **now** is the time to apply for a place at a Catholic primary school. You must complete an application form available from the school admissions team of Wiltshire Council, for admission during the **2022-23** school year. If your child has been baptised, you **must** provide a copy of the baptism certificate to your preferred school. Please apply by the closing date of **15th January 2022**. Our parish school is St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Corsham –contact them also on 01249 713125, or email admin@st-patricks.wilts.sch.uk

CHARITIES

Message From CAFOD: Like many women around the world, Garmah in Liberia had no legal rights to her home when her husband died. CAFOD worked with local experts to help her and now Garmah and her children live rightfully and happily together in their family home. "I feel safe, my children have a place to rest their head and I can make a garden to feed them and myself. God sent redeemers to fight for my land rights. I am overfilled with joy." **Thank you for your support** which enables hundreds of women like Garmah remain in their homes during times of struggle. Other examples of our work can be found in our World Gift catalogues or website worldgifts.cafod.org.uk

Our Parish Charities: If you would like to make a donation to **Wiltshire Air Ambulance**, please use the following link:
<https://www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk/donate/>

Mary's Meals also has 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: 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:

Melksham Family of Churches also supports 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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 1st December - Friends of St Edmund's School, Calne, Christmas Shopping Evening 6.00 -8.00 pm

Saturday 4th December – Christmas Crafts, Coffee and Cakes event with Traidcraft goods, 11.00am, Calne Methodist Church

Wednesday 8th December: Parish Christmas Lunch, 12.30 pm.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please pray for the following: 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, Janet Ruddick, Judith Curtis, Janice Kuranlu, Alan McFall, Alistair Strudwick, David Elliot, Callum Ford, Anne Doyle, Sheila Likey-Ayling, Anne O'Mahony, Lorraine Pavey, Francis Ballinger. 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

AND FINALLY –

Did you know?

When the Bank of England was first set up, bank notes were handwritten.

Just a thought...

Those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything.

Words of Wisdom

Unless you are willing to do the ridiculous, God will not do the miraculous. When you have God, you don't have to know everything about it; you just do it.

Mother Angelica

Wordsearch – First Sunday of Advent (Year C)

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| EXULT | PATH | SPRUNG |
| FAITHFULNESS | POOR | TRAP |
| FINALLY | PROGRESS | WALK |
| FRIENDSHIP | PROMISE | WHOLE |
| GLORY | REVERE | |
| GUIDES | RIGHT | |

Eliminate only the words listed. No word should be entirely inside another. The remaining letters give a word that we should be doing constantly-

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The completed phrase from last week was Our Lord JESUS Christ, King of the UNIVERSE.

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

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

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