



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Diary

Sunday 2nd December: First Sunday of Advent - 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 3rd December

Mothers' Prayers 10.30 in the hall

Tuesday 4th December

Rosary in the Church 10.30

Wednesday 5th December

Morning Prayer 9.45am; No Mass today.

Refreshments, Breaking Open & Sharing the Word

Thursday 6th December

Adoration 10.00am – 7.00pm

Friday 7th December

Morning Prayer 9.30am

Prayer Group 7.30pm

Saturday 8th December

Morning Prayer 9.45am; Mass 10.00am Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sacrament of Reconciliation 10.30-11.00am

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

Readings 1st Sunday of Advent: Reading 1 – Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Psalm Refrain – To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Reading 2 – Thessalonians 3: 12-4:2, Gospel - Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36

Prayer for Priests refrain: Pray for more priests

Collection: £154.34, Youth Service Collection: £128.05. This Sunday: Poor Missions of the Diocese; Next Sunday: Collection for Christmas flowers

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.

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

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

Melksham Foodbank – Please see the free Foodbank Advent calendars in the porch – a different way to contribute during the season of Advent.

Sunday 9th December – Please support the Traidcraft stall in the hall after Mass.

CAFOD's World Gifts are alternative charity gifts that transform lives. Perfect for Baptisms, birthdays and anniversaries and especially for Christmas, you can choose a unique, virtual gift that will make a real difference to a family living in poverty. They make a difference to some of the poorest communities around the world, and each gift comes with a Christmas gift card that you can choose. See the catalogues at the back of the church or <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/> .

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.

Friday 7th December, the Vigil of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception: Please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed, and it really does save lives. www.GoodCounselNetwork.com. For information on the days of Prayer and Fasting see: <http://www.goodcounselnet.co.uk/Prayer-and-Fasting-Days.html>

Saturday 8th December – Carol singing with the Salvation Army band, 10.30 am in the Market Place. All are welcome.

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://cliftondiocese.com/departments/adult-education/liturgy-office> or by phoning Richard Williams or Doreen Wyatt on 0117 902 5595.

Missio Boxes – Can those of you who have the red Missio boxes please bring them in by 16th December. Please give them to Patrick Evans, or if necessary, they can be left the sacristy.

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

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@cliftondiocese.com or given to Anne Doyle by each Thursday. *Please send to the above address if you would like the newsletter emailed to you.*