



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 5th January. Mass will be held at 10.00 am on Thursday 6th January and Saturday 8th January.

Sunday 2nd January – Second Sunday of Christmas

Sunday Year C; Psalter 2, Proper of Season

Reading 1 – Eccles 24: 1-2, 8-12

Psalm refrain: The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.

Reading 2 – Eph 1: 3-6, 15-18

Gospel – Jn 1: 1-18

Monday 3rd January: Word: 1Jn 2: 29- 3: 6; Ps 97;

Jn 1: 29-34 Hours: Psalter 2, Proper of Season

Tuesday 4th January: Word: 1Jn 3: 7-10; Ps 97;

Jn 1: 35-42 Hours: Psalter 2, Proper of Season

Wednesday 5th January: Word: 1Jn 3: 11-21; Ps 99;

Jn 1: 43-51 Hours: Psalter 2, Proper of Season

Thursday 6th January: Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Reading 1 – Is 60: 1-6

Psalm refrain: All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

Reading 2 – Eph 3: 2-3, 5-6

Gospel – Mt 2: 1-12

Hours: Proper of Solemnity

Friday 7th January: Word: 1Jn 3: 22 – 4: 6; Ps 2;

Mt 4:12-17, 23-25; Hours: Psalter 2, Proper of Season

Saturday 8th January: Word: 1Jn 4: 7-10; Ps 71;

Mk 6: 34-44 Hours: Psalter 2, Proper of Season

Reconciliation after Mass on Saturdays or by arrangement with Fr Vincent

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

PARISH NEWS

Fr Peter Clarke, R.I.P.: We are sad to announce the death of Fr Peter Clarke, who passed away in Yeovil hospital on 23rd December. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

Thank You to all who helped with our Christmas celebrations; we wish everyone a happy New Year.

Your Invitation from the Pope!



In the New Year there will be sessions when you can let the Pope know how you are feeling. But we need to know who wants to do this. If you are interested in taking part, you can let us know in two ways –

* You can email your name to Sharon, at the Parish Office, see bulletin for email address, or

* You can phone/text any of us volunteer delegates with your name: Joan Boorer on 07815 753542, Hilary Clifton on 07947 052035 or Patrick Evans on 07732 544965

Someone will then contact you with the details of the sessions. It will not be a long process as we need to forward all contributions to the Diocese by the end of February. So, if you want your say, don't delay!

Saturday 8th January: Coffee and Cake and Raffle sale in aid of Wiltshire Air Ambulance from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm in the Church Hall. Any donation of unwanted presents for the raffles please see Carolina, Ester and Lydia or leave them in the church hall anytime from now. Any donation of cakes for sale is most appreciated and please leave them in the church hall on the day of the event or see Carolina, Ester or Lydia. Thank you for your help and support for helping the Air Ambulance. God bless you all and a blissful New year to all of us. Keep safe.

WHAT'S ON

Monday 3rd January: Mothers' Prayers 10.30 am in the hall.

Wednesday 5th January: No Breaking Open and Sharing the Word this week

Thursday 6th January: Mass at 10.00 am Eucharistic Adoration after Mass 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: Could you inspire Catholics to participate in the Church's mission, working to overcome poverty and injustice? We are 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/ca-reers/positions/cJA147Y0nebARIdQy7yJZt>

CHARITIES

Our Parish Charities: If you would like to donate to **Wiltshire Air Ambulance**, please use the 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.

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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. 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 – Wordsearch

Hilary is having a well-deserved break this week.

Just For Fun... I've got a sponge front door. Hey, don't knock it.

My mum's into roll reversal. She puts the ham on the outside.
Tim Vine

Did you know?

French Astronomer Pierre Janssen discovered helium during an eclipse in Madras.

Words of Wisdom

Very often nowadays we need silence. Silence is important. I am struck by a verse from the Book of Wisdom that was read with Christmas in mind, which says: "While gentle silence enveloped all things, your all-powerful word leaped from heaven." The moment of most silence God manifested himself. It is important to think about silence in this age in which it does not seem to have much value.

Pope Francis

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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