



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Sunday 7th January: Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord: Mass 9.00 am
St Edmund's, Calne: Mass 11.00 am

Monday 8th January: Feast of the Baptism of the Lord – Mass at St Edmund's, Calne 11.00 am

Wednesday 10th January: Morning Prayer 10.00 am; NO MASS

Thursday 11th January: Adoration 10.00 am – 3.00 pm

Friday 12th January - Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3.00 pm

Saturday 13th 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

Daily readings at end of newsletter

PARISH NEWS

Sunday 7th January - Children's Liturgy of the Word

Refreshments after Mass on Sunday

Dave Disney R.I.P: We are sad to announce Mr Dave Disney passed away on 19th December. The funeral will be held at West Wiltshire Crematorium on Friday 26th January at 11.45 am. Please pray for his family and the repose of his soul.

Saturday 13th January - Celebration of Baptism:

This Saturday's Mass is in celebration of Baptism and will be followed by refreshments in the hall. Everyone is invited - please do come and join in the celebration!

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**.

Monday 8th January: Mothers' Prayers in the Hall, 10.30 am.

Tuesday 9th January "Move it or Lose It" keep fit exercises resume in the hall, 1.30 pm.

Wednesday 10th January: Breaking Open and Sharing the Word in the hall after Morning Prayer.

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, Dawn Holt, Gay Harris, Fr Vincent, David Harris, Hilary McFall, Lijimol Chacko. 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

DEANERY NEWS

2024 – YEAR OF PRAYER: Pope Francis has given us the Year of Prayer in 2024, in preparation for the Holy Year of 2025. St John the

Evangelist, Bath, is hosting a series of sessions to draw us into the school of prayer, so that we might grow closer to the Lord. The first session is on Tuesday 23rd January in St John's church at 7.00 pm. All are welcome.

OTHER NEWS

CAFOD: The Big Lent Walk: CAFOD invite you to take part in CAFOD's Big Lent Walk, their challenge to walk 200km over 40 days to help people overcome poverty. CAFOD is linking up with SCIAF to bring the Big Lent Walk to the whole of Great Britain. From John O'Groats to Land's End, Cardiff to Coventry, people will be tying up their purple laces to give poverty it's marching orders. Sign up to enter at

[The Big Lent Walk 2024 \(cafod.org.uk\)](http://cafod.org.uk)

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 2/3 allocated to Presbytery repairs, and 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?

Most maps of the world are wrong. On most maps, the Mercator projection – first developed in 1569 – is still used. This method is wildly inaccurate and makes Alaska appear as large as Brazil and Greenland 14 times larger than it actually is. For a map to be completely accurate, it would need to be life-size and round, not flat.

BBC Science Focus

Words of Wisdom

“You pray for the hungry. Then you feed them. That is how prayer works”

Pope Francis

Wordsearch: Epiphany

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| FLOW | MYSTERY | SEA |
| FRANKINCENSE | OPENING | SHARE |
| FULL | PEACE | TENDERLY |
| GLORY | PEOPLES | WEALTH |
| GOSPEL | PROSTRATE | |
| JUSTICE | REIGN | |

Eliminate only the listed words. The remaining letters give another one from the scriptures for today which is quite appropriate

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The answers to the Christmas Wordsearch are: “God’s LOVE for EVERYONE,” and the Christmas Carol Wordsearch “TRUTH FROM ABOVE”

Hilary Clifton

Sunday 7th January
Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday Year B; Proper of Solemnity

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: Matthew 2: 1-12

**Monday 8th January: Feast of the Baptism of
the Lord**

Word: Is 42: 1-4, 6-7; Ps 28; Mk 1: 7-11
Psalter 1, Proper of Feast

Tuesday 9th January: Word: 1Sm 1: 9-20; 1Sm 2;
Mk 1: 21-28 **Hours:** Psalter 1

Wednesday 10th January: Word: 1 Sm 3: 1-10,
19-20; Ps 39; Mk 1: 29-39 **Hours:** Psalter 1

Thursday 11th January: Word: 1Sm 4: 1-11;
Ps 43; Mk 1: 40-45 **Hours:** Psalter 1

Friday 12th January: Word: 1Sm 8: 4-7, 10-22;
Ps 88; Mk 2: 1-12 **Hours:** Psalter 1

Saturday 13th January: Word: 1Sm 9: 1-4, 17-19,
10: 1; Ps 20; Mk 2: 13-17 **Hours:** Psalter 1

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the email address below or put a note through the
Presbytery door. Thank you.

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them.**

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