



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Diary

Sunday 9th December: Second Sunday of Advent - Mass 9.00 am (St Edmund's Sat. 6.00pm; Sun. 11.00 am)

Joint Advent Prayer Service, St Edmund's, 3.00 pm – 4.00 pm

Children's Liturgy, all children welcome up to 12 years old. Refreshments in the hall

Monday 10th December

Mothers' Prayers 10.30 in the hall

Tuesday 11th December

Rosary in the Church 10.30

Wednesday 12th December

Morning Prayer 9.45am; Morning Mass 10.00am

Thursday 13th December

Refreshments, Breaking Open & Sharing the Word

Friday 14th December

Adoration 10.00am – 7.00pm

Morning Prayer 9.30am

Saturday 15th December

Prayer Group 7.30pm

Morning Prayer 9.45am; Mass 10.00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation 10.30-11.00am

Sundays Year C-1; Psalter Week 2 and Proper of Season

Readings 2nd Sunday of Advent: Reading 1 – Baruch 5: 1-9

Psalm Refrain – What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

Reading 2 – Philippians 1: 3-6, 8 -11, Gospel - Luke 3: 1-6

Prayer for Priests refrain: Pray for more priests

Last Sunday Collection: £178.30 – Poor Missions of the Diocese: £ 153.75

This Sunday: Collection for Christmas flowers

Christmas Masses:

**December 24th Christmas Eve: Children and Families' Mass 5.30 pm – Fr Malcolm,
Night Mass 9.30 pm – Fr Malcolm**

December 25th Christmas Day: 9.00 am – Fr Vincent

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.

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/> ..

11th December Advent Course (part two): 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.

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

Prayer for Melksham 2019 – Please note from January 2019, monthly Prayer for Melksham will be held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 08.30 am. The locations will be announced after Christmas as the first occasion will be on 30th January.

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, Anne Prangle, Paul Hogg.

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