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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 16 DECEMBER 2018

Church Cleaning: Week 2

SATURDAY Eve of the THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Int: Terry Lynch)

SUNDAY THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Divine Office: Week 3

Mass at 6.00 pm.

Melksham Mass at 9.00 am.

Mass at 11.00 am.

Advent Service as part of Diocesan Year of Prayer, Saint Anthony's, Melksham, at 3 pm.

MONDAY Weekday of Advent II (O Sapientia)

TUESDAY Weekday of Advent II (O Adonai)

WEDNESDAY Weekday of Advent II (O Radix)

(Int: Ian Macullum) *Melksham Mass at 10.00 am.*

THURSDAY Weekday of Advent II (O Clavis David)

Mass at 12 Noon.

FRIDAY Weekday of Advent II (O Oriens)

Mass at 10.00 am.

SATURDAY Weekday of Advent II (O Rex Gentium)

Melksham Mass at 10.00 am.

Eve of the FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass at 6.00 pm.

Confessions from 5.30 pm to 5.50 pm and at call.

THE GREAT 'O' ANTIPHONS OF ADVENT are seven brief prayers that are traditionally sung on successive evenings starting on 17 December. These ancient supplications beautifully express the Christian Church's profound yearning for her long expected Saviour. The O Antiphons form the basis of the popular Advent Hymn, O Come, O Come Emmanuel, by English hymn writer John Neale.

THANK YOU: Barbara Taylor wishes to thank all parishioners for all the cards and prayers for the sad loss of Charles in May and for the beautiful Requiem Mass. She was very touched by the lovely spread put on after the Mass, the service given by the altar server, and the other Priest who helped at the Mass.

100 CLUB winners were Hubie Dias, Colin Davies, and Carolyn Griffiths. Please would Sarah Dowie collect her first prize winnings from October.

PARISH PROJECT: At the parish meeting held last Sunday 'Mary's Meals' was chosen as the charity for the Parish Project in 2019. Mary's Meals sets up school feeding programmes in some of the world's poorest communities. Through the charity more than 1.2 million children across four continents receive a meal every school day. Full details of the charity are on the parish website. Saint Anthony's in Melksham is also supporting 'Mary's Meals' providing an opportunity to work together.

MISSIO RED BOXES: Please bring in any red boxes by Sunday 16 December for emptying so that the money can be paid in by Christmas to maximise our 2018 return.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Monday 24 December at 5 pm: Mass for families with young children (all welcome) and blessing of the crib.

Monday 24 December at 10 pm: Christmas Night Mass.

Tuesday 25 December: Christmas Morning Mass – 9 am (Melksham) and 11 am (Calne)

Wednesday 26 December: Feast of Saint Stephen at 11 am (Calne)

CHRISTMAS OFFERING: A reminder that the Christmas and Easter offerings are a main source of income for parish priests. Please take an offering envelope and give generously.

THE PARISH WEBSITE has been re-designed and updated and always contains the latest newsletter, current rotas, minutes of meetings, a calendar of future events, and much other useful information about our parish. Access at the usual address of www.saintedmundscalne.org.uk and please regularly visit the site; it is updated each week.

DIOCESAN EVENTS:

Wednesday 7 to 9 pm each month throughout 2019: New Liturgy Course - Understanding & Praying.

Wednesday 24 July to Friday 2 Aug: Young Catholic Holy Land Pilgrimage arranged by Downside Abbey & Diocese.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all who are unwell or housebound, especially those members of our parish, including Florence Bampton, Kevin Bewley, Teresa Bowyer, Teresa Collar, Kathleen Drury, Margaret Heard, Teresa Hickling, Michael McNiff, Audrey Tickner and Elizabeth Wilkins. If you know a parishioner who is unwell or housebound please inform Fr Vincent.