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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 15 DEC 2019

### Church Cleaning: Week 2

SATURDAY Eve of the THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MONDAY Weekday of Advent

TUESDAY Weekday of Advent II (O Sapientia)

WEDNESDAY Weekday of Advent II (O Adonai)

THURSDAY Weekday of Advent II (O Radix)

FRIDAY Weekday of Advent II (O Clavis David)

SATURDAY Weekday of Advent II (O Oriens)

Eve of the FOURTH 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 at Saint Anthony's at 3.00 pm.*

Mass at 10.00 am.

Mass at 7.00 pm.

*Melksham Mass at 10.00 am.*

Mass at 12.00 noon.

Mass at 10.00 am.

*Melksham Mass at 10.00 am.*

Mass at 6.00 pm.

Confessions: from 5.30 pm to 5.50 pm and at call.

**PARISH PROJECT:** Thanks to all for your support of the Parish Project "Mary's Meals" over the past year. We have been able to send over £1,600 to this charity. At the meeting last Sunday the charity "Tree Aid" was chosen as the Parish Project for 2020. This is a charity established 1987 in response to the famine in Ethiopia to provide a long term solution once the emergency relief efforts ended. "Tree Aid" helps people in the drylands of Africa to lift themselves out of poverty and protect their environment. People here live in some of the toughest conditions on earth and trees provide nutrition, generate income and help to create a healthy environment. The charity works with local communities to help them protect and grow trees, for themselves and for future generations. Since 1987, "Tree Aid" has helped over 1.2 million people lift themselves out of poverty and planted more than 16 million trees.

**100 CLUB** winners were Jim Coulson, Eileen Byrne and Teresa Andrews.

**PILGRIMAGE:** A pilgrimage to Krakow is proposed for September 2020, in conjunction with Saint Anthony's, Melksham. Further details are on the porch notice board.

**WARM CLOTHING** is required for homeless people in Bristol. Please leave donations of warm hats, gloves, scarves and rucksacks in the foodbank box in the porch.

**DONATING TO OUR CHURCH:** If you shop online at retailers such as Amazon, Argos, B&Q, Boots (and many others), you can make donations to our church at **no cost** to yourself. By registering with [www.TheGivingMachine.co.uk](http://www.TheGivingMachine.co.uk) and shopping via their link to these retailers, a donation (which can receive Gift Aid) is made to our Church. Our quick access code is 266692. Happy shopping!

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

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

**Tuesday 24 December at 10 pm: Christmas Night Mass at Saint Edmund's.**

**Wednesday 25 December: Christmas Morning Mass – 9 am (Melksham) and 11 am (Calne).**

**Thursday 26 December at 11 am: Feast of Saint Stephen.**

**RED BOXES:** APF box holders please bring in your boxes to be emptied by Sunday 15 December so that the money can be paid in by Christmas to maximise our 2019 return.

**BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE** is a gentle service of reflection, hope and healing on the day of the longest night by the Marden Vale Team Ministry at St Mary's Church, Calne, on Saturday 21 December at 3 pm. In this time of prayer, candlelight and quiet music, we gather with neighbours and strangers.

**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.

### DIOCESAN EVENTS (See notice board for details):

16 Jan 2020 onwards from 6.30 pm: Youth Ministry Formation at Alexander House, Pennywell Road, Bristol.

18 Jan 2020 9.30 am to 3.30 pm: Catechist Day with David Wells at St Brendan's College, Bristol.

29 Jan 2020 onwards from 7.00 pm: Catechist's Formation at St Osmund's, Exeter Street, Salisbury.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** all who are unwell or housebound, especially those members of our parish, including Florence Bampton, Kevin Bewley, Teresa Bowyer, Christopher Browne and family, Teresa Collar, Kathleen Drury, Margaret Heard, Teresa Hickling, Michael McNiff, Maggie Murray, Fr Richard Northey, Mary O'Brian, Derek Quinn, Audrey Tickner, and Elizabeth Wilkins. Please inform Fr Vincent if you know a parishioner is unwell/housebound.