

# SAINT EDMUND'S PARISH – CALNE

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 8 DEC 2019

### Church Cleaning: Week 1

SATURDAY Eve of the SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MONDAY SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

TUESDAY Weekday of Advent

WEDNESDAY Weekday of Advent

THURSDAY Weekday of Advent

FRIDAY Memorial of Saint Lucy

SATURDAY Memorial of Saint John of the Cross

Eve of the THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Divine Office: Week 2

**Mass at 6.00 pm.**

*Melksham Mass at 9.00 am.*

(Int: Quinn family)

**Mass at 11.00 am.**

**Advent Service at Saint Edmund's at 3.00 pm.**

**Mass at 10.00 am.**

**No Mass.**

*Melksham Mass at 10.00 am.*

(No Rosary)

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*Melksham Mass at 10.00 am.*

**Mass at 6.00 pm.**

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

**THANK YOU:** The retiring collection for the Poor Missions of the Diocese raised £141.

**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.

**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.

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE** at St Edmund's School will be on Friday 13 December from 3.30 to 5 pm. Donations to the Tombola stall would be much appreciated and can be left in the 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:

**Sunday 15 December at 3 pm: Advent Service at Saint Anthony's, Melksham.**

**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.**

**CALNE CHORAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT** is a lovely preparation for Christmas which includes audience carols, readings, and a performance of Charpentier's 'Messe de Minuit'. Sat 14 Dec, 7.30pm at St. Mary's church in Calne. Tickets £10 from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/calnechoral](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/calnechoral) or at the door.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Anyone with a child in Year 3 or above wishing to make their First Holy Communion are invited to add their details to the list in the porch. Sessions will begin in January.

**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.

**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.

