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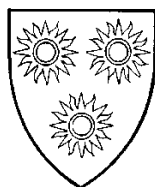
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FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT (YEAR B) – 29 NOVEMBER 2020

Church Cleaning: Special rota on website

Divine Office: Week 1

SATURDAY Eve of the FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT (YEAR B)

No Mass.

SUNDAY FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT (YEAR B)

No Mass.

WEDNESDAY Weekday of Advent **Requiem Mass for Monica Blake (Family only)**

12 Noon.

THURSDAY Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier

Mass at 10 am.

SATURDAY Eve of the SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Mass at 6 pm.

Confessions by arrangement with Fr Vincent.

The obligation to attend Mass remains suspended. **National Restrictions to control the spread of the virus remain in force until 2 December.** Places of worship will be closed except for funerals, to broadcast acts of worship, individual prayer, and other essential and exempted activities until 2 Dec. Our Church will open for private prayer on Saturday 28 November between 10 am and 12 noon. To attend you must wear a face covering and maintain social distancing.

From 2 December, parishioners should not attend Church if they show symptoms of COVID-19, are self-isolating, or shielding. For those parishioners who attend Mass, **face coverings are mandatory unless you have a legitimate reason for not wearing one.** The church will be open for half an hour before all Masses for those who wish to pray privately. Do not socialise with members of other households in the church or in the porch after Mass. If the person in the bench in front of you is sitting, please either sit or stand and do not kneel behind them. It is perfectly acceptable to sit, if necessary, during the Eucharistic Prayer. Leave the church promptly at the end of Mass since the volunteer cleaners need to clean the church. For the reception of Holy Communion, keep your face covering in place as you approach Father Vincent. With arms fully extended and with palms upwards receive the host in the hand, then take a step to either the left or the right, unloop the face covering and consume the host. Then replace your face covering and return to your place via a side aisle. Do not return to your place until you have consumed the host and replaced your face covering. **Parishioners are asked to pre-book a place for each Mass they plan to attend by email or telephone to Christine Martin at calnemass@btinternet.com or 01249 814086.** For Saturday/Sunday Mass, contact Christine by Friday evening stating which Mass you would like to attend and how many people will be attending. You will be allocated specific seats in the church for that Mass. For Thursday Mass, contact Christine by Tuesday evening. Thank you all for your patience and to our volunteer stewards and cleaners for their service to our parish.

If you are aware of a parishioner who does not have access to the internet please share (in a safe way) this newsletter with them.

NHS COVID-19 APP is now available. If you are using this App the unique QR code for the church is now on display on the windows by the main doors. By using the NHS Covid-19 App you can use your smartphone to scan this QR code to record that you have visited the church.

CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE: From Noon on 1st December to Noon on 8th December donations made through 'theBigGive' (<https://donate.thebiggive.org.uk>) to participating charities can be doubled. **One donation, twice the impact.** Our Traidcraft stall (through your support and with others in Calne) will donate through 'theBigGive' £500 to Doorway, which continues to support marginalised adults through the pandemic. Please take this window of opportunity to support your favourite charities.

COMPASS IN ADVENT - PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS: Our lives are being turned upside down at the moment due to Covid-19. Join the Catholic Vocations Project to reflect on some of the characters in the Christmas story whose lives were also radically changed. For young adults, 18 to 35, on 27 Nov, 4, 11 and 18 Dec at 7 pm for one hour. Zoom link: email CompassInAdvent@gmail.com for the link and for any other information and a Facebook event: <https://bit.ly/CompassInAdvent>.

STARTING SCHOOL: If you have a child born between 1 Sep 2016 and 31 Aug 2017, you **MUST** now apply for a school place for Sep 2021. To apply for a place at Saint Edmund's Catholic Primary School, please make sure that you complete the online application form on the Wiltshire Council website, School Admissions. If your child has been baptised and you are applying for a place in a Catholic school, you must also provide a copy of the baptism certificate **to the school.** Please apply by the closing date of 15 January 2021. Due to current COVID Regulations, the school is unable to show new parents around, but they are in the process of making a virtual school tour, which will be made available to view on the school website. If you have any questions about applying for a school place at Saint Edmund's school, please do not hesitate to telephone the school office on 01249 813821.

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 & Clifford Browne and family, Teresa Collar, Kathleen Drury, Margaret Heard, Teresa Hickling, Michael McNiff, Maggie Murray, Fr Richard Northey, Mary O'Brian, Margaret O'Dea, Eileen Tyler and Elizabeth Wilkins. Please inform Fr Vincent if you know a parishioner is unwell or housebound.