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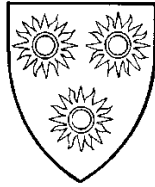
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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE SUNDAY) – 12th DECEMBER 2021

Church Cleaning: Week 4

Divine Office: Week 3

SATURDAY	EVE of the THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE SUNDAY)	Mass at 6.00 pm
SUNDAY	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE SUNDAY)	Mass at 11.00 am
TUESDAY	MEMORIAL of St JOHN of the CROSS, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH	Mass at 10.00 am
THURSDAY	THURSDAY (Weekday of Advent)	Mass at 10.00 am
FRIDAY	MASS FOLLOWED BY EXPOSITION Until 11.00 am	Mass at 10.00 am
SATURDAY	EVE of the FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT	Mass at 6.00 pm

Confessions by arrangement with Fr Vincent

Government advice and encouragement is that we wear face coverings in indoor spaces where we gather with others who are not in our own household, this would include places of worship.

FR NICHOLAS TRANTER, RIP: The Funeral Mass for Fr Nicholas Tranter will be held on Friday 17th December at 12.00 pm at St Joseph's, Wroughton. Please remember him in your prayers.

FRIDAY 17th DECEMBER: We welcome the pupils of St Edmund's School who join us for Mass this morning.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROPOGATION OF THE FAITH (APF) MISSIO RED BOXES: Please bring in your red boxes by Sunday 19th December so that the money can be paid in by Christmas to maximise our 2021 return. 2022 calendars are now available in the porch.

STAMPS FOR RNIB: Thank you to all of you who have continued to collect postage stamps to raise funds for RNIB. A large packet has recently been sent to the RNIB with our latest contribution, but unfortunately 1kg of stamps only raises about £20! Collecting stamps at this time of year is particularly fruitful but remember to leave a centimetre of envelope or packaging around each stamp. Collections can be passed to Adrienne Darts or posted to Broad Acres, Charlcutt, Calne, SN11 9HL.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Please will any children in year 3 or above wishing to make their First Holy Communion write to Father Vincent before December 19th. It is vital that the letter includes a parent or carer's mobile number and email address, along with the child's full name. You will be contacted in the new year with more details of sessions.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES: The times of the Christmas services are as follows:

Friday 24th December, Christmas Eve: St Edmund's - 5.00 pm and 10.00 pm;

St Anthony of Padua - 5.00 pm and 8.00 pm;

Saturday 25th December, Christmas Day: St Edmund's 11.00 am- please note there will be NO 6.00pm Mass

St Anthony of Padua - 9.00 am

Sunday 26th December – Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph:

St Edmund's – 11.00am

St Anthony of Padua – 9.00 am

MINISTRY OF READING: Father Michael Fountaine, parish priest of Chippenham and Corsham, will be leading a session for all readers in our parish on the ministry of reading, on Saturday 15th January at St Edmunds School, Calne, from 11.30 until around 14.00 -14.30 with a "bring your own" picnic lunch.

CALNE FOOD BANK: There is a list of food needed for Calne Food Bank on the box in the Church Porch. Please do not donate porridge, packets of cereal or pasta, at present, as we have so much it is likely to go out of date. Toiletries and cleaning materials are also very much needed. Thank you.

SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS: Please come and join us for refreshments after Sunday Mass - all welcome!

WEDNESDAY 15th DECEMBER – DEANERY RECONCILIATION SERVICE: This will take place at St John's, Trowbridge, at 7.00 pm.

FREE CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Calne Choral will be giving a free community concert in St. Mary's Church with many festive favourites on Saturday 18th December at 7.30pm. All welcome. Retiring cash collection in aid of local charities.

RIGHT TO LIFE – CRISIS PREGNANCY SUPPORT: Next Tuesday, the All-Party Parliamentary Pro-Life Group is holding a parliamentary meeting where MPs will hear from some of the people on the frontline who provide support to women facing unplanned pregnancies. Spanning decades of experience working to support women, speakers will address the challenges faced by women experiencing unplanned pregnancies, and the practical and emotional support that they make available to women. Please click the link here to [contact your MP now](#) asking them to attend this meeting. It only takes 30 seconds.

MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES APRIL - OCT 2022: 7 Nights Apartment B&B and return Airport transfer from Dubrovnik or Split from €315 per person sharing. Guaranteed Airport transfer price for any flight. Contact us for details and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 020 3239 8662 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com Website: www.med-irishcentre.com

COMMUNION AT HOME: We are aware that there are a number of elderly and house bound parishioners who have been unable to get to Mass during the Lockdown. If they would like to have Holy Communion brought to them at home, please can they, or friends and/or family please contact Father Vincent who will arrange for a Minister of the Eucharist to visit and bring Communion. Thank you.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS: The deadline for submissions is before Wednesday. Contact details remain unchanged. Thank you.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all who are unwell or housebound, especially those members of our parish, including Florence Bampton, Teresa Bowyer, Christopher & Clifford Browne and family, Teresa Collar, Kathleen Drury, Margaret Heard, Michael McNiff, Maggie Murray, Mary O'Brian, Margaret O'Dea, Elizabeth Wilkins, Heather Smith, Anne Doyle, Ann and John Cripwell. Please inform Fr Vincent if you know a parishioner is unwell or housebound.
