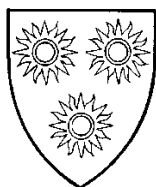


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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B) – 10th DECEMBER 2023

Church Cleaning: Week 4

Divine Office: PSALTER 2, PROPER OF SEASON

SATURDAY	EVE of the SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT St Anthony of Padua, Melksham, Mass at 10.00 am	Mass at 6.00 pm
SUNDAY	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Mass at 11.00 am
TUESDAY	Weekday of Advent	Mass at 10.00 am
WEDNESDAY	St Anthony of Padua – Mass at 10.00 am	
THURSDAY	Memorial of St John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church	Mass at 10.00 am
FRIDAY	REQUIEM MASS MAUREEN TURTLE 11.00am	
SATURDAY	EVE of the THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Gaudete Sunday) St Anthony of Padua, Melksham, Mass at 10.00 am Confessions by arrangement with Fr Vincent	Mass at 6.00 pm

To restrict the spread of virus, you may wish to continue to wear a face covering. Please sanitise your hands on entering the Church.

This week: Retiring Collection for the Poor Missions of the Diocese

CHRISTMAS SERVICES: Christmas Services at St Edmund's and St Anthony of Padua are as follows:

Saturday 23rd December:	St Edmund's - 6.00 pm St Anthony of Padua – No Mass
Sunday 24th December:	
Fourth Sunday of Advent:	St Edmund's 11.00 am St Anthony of Padua - 9.00 am
Christmas Eve:	St Edmund's - 5.00 pm and 10.00 pm St Anthony of Padua - 5.00 pm and 9.00 pm
Monday 25th December, Christmas Day:	St Edmund's 11.00 am St Anthony of Padua - 9.00 am

Christmas Collections are for Fr Vincent and are the main source of income for the priest.

WEDNESDAYS 13th and 20th DECEMBER – CONFESSSIONS from 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm

FRIDAY 15th DECEMBER – REQUIEM MASS MAUREEN TURTLE, 11.00 am

PARISH PROJECT. As part of our charitable fundraising efforts, at the open parish meeting held last Sunday after Mass, it was agreed to support The Harbour Project and Saint Edmund's Primary School jointly as our Parish Project for 2024.

STAMPS FOR RNIB: Thank you to all 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. Tens of thousands of pounds are raised each year from stamps, something that most people would just throw away! Please continue to collect stamps and 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, but please ensure the postage is correct because it is easy to exceed the half centimetre thickness for a standard letter.

ADVENT SERVICES: St Edmund and St Anthony are holding joint Advent Services; St Edmund's Advent Service is today, 10th December at 3.00pm; St Anthony's will be held next Sunday 17th December at 3.00 pm.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH (APF)/MISSIO - RED BOXES: Please could box holders bring in their boxes to be emptied. The 2024 Missio calendar is available in the porch.

ST EDMUND'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL – Governor please? Our primary school would like a new governor especially one with experience of primary school education to join the Local Governing Committee. The school

is now part of the St Dunstan Catholic Education Trust (DCET) which opens up exciting, new opportunities for development. If you are interested or know anyone who might be, please contact vnve@se.thedcet.com

CAROLS AND CHRISTMAS SONGS will be performed in the church by the pupils of the Year 3 class of Saint Edmund's School on Monday 18th December from 11.30 am to 12 noon. All are welcome. Free to attend but donations to Calne Food Bank will be appreciated.

CONFIRMATIONS 2024: Confirmations will be celebrated in October 2024. We now need volunteers to help with a programme of preparation for the candidates. If you would be willing to help with this, please speak to Father Vincent.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024: Sessions for children who wish to receive their First Holy Communion in 2024 will start on 14th January 2024. Parents, please contact Angel on WhatsApp 00447803805868.

NEW PARISHIONERS are asked to please complete a registration form (available in the porch) and hand to Fr Vincent. If you have never filled in a form, please take one for completion and return to Fr Vincent.

DIOCESAN ONLINE ADVENT MINI RETREAT: Twinkle Twinkle Little Star - Shafts of Light, Shafts of Hope in Advent. Advent is a time of light, of waiting and hope, of light and joy. Join us as we reflect on these great themes with music, art, and scripture. See it as a mini retreat to give some focus to this busy time of present buying, food shopping, baking and wrapping of gifts. The mini retreat will be run twice online, just click on your chosen session link below:

Thursday 14th December 7-8pm:

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/bef05e7a-38d9-4349-8c6c-39c0d79dda93@f10b8f13-604e-4fa2-9e12-04a7fad22e94>

Repeated on Tuesday 19th December 3-4pm:

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/e1cc27ee-0fba-403e-a6a4-86c34a930b1a@f10b8f13-604e-4fa2-9e12-04a7fad22e94>

STARTING SCHOOL? If you have a child born between 1st **September 2019** and 31st **August 2020**, then **now** is the time to apply for a place at a primary school for admission from **September 2024** onwards. You must complete an application form that is available from the school admissions team of the **Wiltshire** Council. If your child has been baptised and you are applying for a Catholic school, you **must** also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to the school. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of **15th January 2024**.

CALNE FOODBANK - Christmas at the Food Bank: We plan to give all Food bank clients a Christmas delivery so they can enjoy the Christmas Season. Please can you donate items for these? For example, Christmas puddings, tins of ham, boxes of biscuits, or mince pies etc. Thank you very much, it will be much appreciated.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS: Items for publication should be submitted by Wednesday of each week. Contact details; please email calne.stedmund@cliftondiocese.com or speak to Fr Vincent. Thank you.

COMMUNION AT HOME: If any house bound parishioners unable to get to Mass would like Holy Communion brought to them at home, please contact Father Vincent, who will arrange a visit by a Minister of the Eucharist. Thank you.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all who are unwell or housebound, especially those members of our parish, including Florence Bampton, Theresa Bowyer, Clifford Browne and family, Teresa Collar, Kathleen Drury, Margaret Heard, Michael McNiff, Maggie Murray, Heather Smith, John Cripwell, Marie Sawyer, Helen Davies. Please inform Fr Vincent if you know a parishioner is unwell or housebound.