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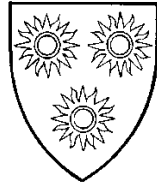
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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Gaudete Sunday) – 17th DECEMBER 2023

Church Cleaning: Week 1

Divine Office: PSALTER 3, PROPER OF SEASON

SATURDAY	EVE of the THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Gaudete Sunday) St Anthony of Padua, Melksham, Mass at 10.00 am	Mass at 6.00 pm
SUNDAY	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Gaudete Sunday)	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	Weekday of Advent	Mass at 10.00 am
FRIDAY	Weekday of Advent	Mass at 10.00 am
SATURDAY	EVE of the FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT St Anthony of Padua, Melksham, No Mass 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.

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.

WEDNESDAY 20th DECEMBER – CONFESSSIONS from 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm

This week – retiring collection for Christmas Flowers

MISSIO/RED BOXES: Please bring in any remaining Missio red boxes by Christmas Eve. Also please pick up your emptied boxes from the porch.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS: Next week's newsletter will be a two-week edition to cover the weeks beginning 24th and 31st December. Items for publication should be submitted before Wednesday 20th December. Contact details; please email calne.stedmund@cliftondiocese.com or speak to Fr Vincent. Thank you.

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 Anthony's Advent Service is today, 17th December at 3.00 pm.

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 vnye@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 tomorrow, 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.

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**.

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 again this week online, just click on the final session link below for Tuesday 19th December 3-4pm:

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

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.

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, Carol and Gemma. Please inform Fr Vincent if you know a parishioner is unwell or housebound.