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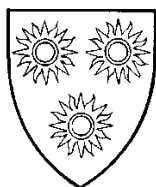
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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B) – 3rd DECEMBER 2023

Church Cleaning: Week 3

Divine Office: PSALTER 1

SATURDAY	EVE of the FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year B) St Anthony of Padua, Melksham, Mass at 10.00 am	Mass at 6.00 pm
SUNDAY	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year B)	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 Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	Mass at 10.00 am
FRIDAY	SOLEMNITY of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Mass at 10.00 am
SATURDAY	EVE of the SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year B) 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.

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

MAUREEN TURTLE R.I.P. We are sad to announce the death of Maureen Turtle, who passed away on Thursday 23rd November. Please pray for her and her family.

FRIDAY 8th DECEMBER: We welcome the pupils of St Edmund's school, who join us for Mass today.

CALNE "SWITCH ON" OF LIGHTS AND LANTERN PARADE: Many thanks to the Saint Edmund's parishioners who so kindly helped to 'man' the Calne Partnership of Churches Stall, last Saturday.

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

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

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.

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.

CHILDRENS LITURGY: All children are very welcome to attend Children's Liturgy of the Word during Mass on Sundays. It would be ideal if there was a small team to help run this group. If you are able to help in any small way, such as being the second adult, please speak to Gabrielle after Mass.

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**.

VACANCY FOR PART-TIME (21hrs per week) SAFEGUARDING OFFICER, CLIFTON DIOCESE: The successful applicant will need to have comprehensive knowledge and experience of safeguarding legislation, policy procedure and best practice guidance and come from a background of either Social Work, Policing, Health or Probation. For further information about this role please visit www.cliftondiocese.com/Diocese/working-for-us or contact Janice Pearson or Tracey Holford, Clifton Diocese on **0117 954 0993**. The closing date for receipt of applications is **Friday 5th 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, Maureen Turtle, R.I.P. Please inform Fr Vincent if you know a parishioner is unwell or housebound.