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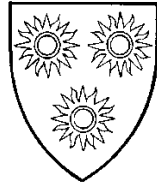
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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – 18th FEBRUARY 2024

Church Cleaning: Week 2

Divine Office: PSALTER 1, PROPER of SEASON

SATURDAY	EVE of the FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT St Anthony of Padua, Melksham, Mass 10.00 am	Mass at 6.00 pm
SUNDAY	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	Mass at 11.00 am
TUESDAY	Weekday of Lent	Mass at 9.30 am
WEDNESDAY	Weekday of Lent St Anthony of Padua, Melksham, Mass 10.00 am St Anthony of Padua, Melksham, Penitential Service 7.00 pm	
THURSDAY	FEAST of the CHAIR of ST PETER the APOSTLE	Mass at 10.00 am
FRIDAY	Weekday of Lent - Mass at 11.30 am, followed by Stations of the Cross and soup lunch	
SATURDAY	EVE of the SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT St Anthony of Padua, Melksham, Mass 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.

We welcome Fr Philip Beisley, who celebrates Mass with us this Sunday

Next week – Retiring collection for CAFOD fast day

Please note Tuesday's Mass will be at the earlier time of 9.30 am

"**HI EVERYONE!** I'm a regular parishioner at St. Edmund's Catholic Church (Sue Watermeyer) and I'm asking on behalf of my new neighbour, Katya Vynogradova, if anybody needs any help in the home i.e. ironing, cleaning, babysitting etc. Katya is a trained Lawyer from Ukraine and has been in the Ukraine for the past eighteen months. Sadly, her qualifications are not recognised here, so she is looking for any form of work. If you are interested in getting in touch, please contact Katya on 07442 082892. Many thanks."

SOUP LUNCHESES: We hope to organise Soup lunches on Fridays during Lent as in previous years. These will take place in the Church Hall after Stations of the Cross. Please can we have volunteers to make and serve the Soup? There is a list in the Church Porch and in the Church Hall - please sign up.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024 – FRIDAY 1st MARCH: Four Churches in Calne; St. Edmund's Catholic Church, St. Mary's Church (Anglican), Castle Street Baptist Church, and Silver Street Methodist Church, take it in turns to host this event. This year's service has been prepared by the Christian women of PALESTINE. It will take place on FRIDAY 1st MARCH at 10.30a.m. and will be hosted by the METHODIST CHURCH, SILVER STREET, CALNE, (see porch for directions). ALL ARE WELCOME, so do come along and support this event.

STAMPS FOR RNIB: Thank you to all of you who collected postage stamps over Christmas 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! 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. A further update will be given prior to Christmas 2024.

LITURGY OF RECONCILIATION, WEDNESDAY 21st FEBRUARY: Bishop Declan will visit St Anthony of Padua for one of this year's Diocesan Penitentiary Services. The service will start at 7.00 pm, and there will be priests available to celebrate sacramental reconciliation. All are welcome.

St ANTHONY OF PADUA LENT GROUPS: St Anthony's are running two Lent groups based on "**We Dare to Say**" a Clifton Diocese resource enabling faith-sharing groups to explore together the prayer our Saviour gave us, The Our Father, every Tuesday from 20th February to 19th March; 10.30 am in the Hall, and 7.00 pm at 16,

Sherwood Avenue. All welcome – please contact Sharon on 01225 401265, or email Melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftondiocese.com to confirm which course you will attend.

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.

2024 – YEAR OF PRAYER: Pope Francis has given us the Year of Prayer in 2024, in preparation for the Holy Year of 2025. St John the Evangelist, Bath, is hosting a series of sessions to draw us into the school of prayer, so that we might grow closer to the Lord. The next session is next **Tuesday 20th February at 7.00 pm**, when Fr Dermot Power will speak on the theme “The Prayer of Jesus”. All are welcome.

LENTEN RETREAT - ONLINE SESSIONS: Clifton Diocese in partnership with ‘Light of Truth’ are offering a [Lenten retreat: ‘Transformed by Love’](#) in six online sessions, contemplating God’s grace at work in the lives of six persons, through scripture and artworks. The six sessions begin at 7.30pm on a Tuesday evening: 20th February, 27th February, 5th March, 12th March, 19th March and 26th March. To sign up for the series, click on the Zoom link: [Meeting Registration](#) or go to the [diocesan website](#)

LISTENING WITH THE HEART SESSIONS: As part of our commitment to growing as a Synodal Church, the department of Adult Education and Evangelisation are offering an opportunity for parishioners to develop the skills of [small group facilitation](#) in the context of Parish Pastoral Councils, RCIA, Prayer Groups, Lenten Groups, Confirmation Preparation, and any other parish groups. These short sessions will provide participants with a model for rooting decision making in prayer and discernment and the tools necessary for effective facilitation. The nearest venue to us is **Saturday 16th March, at St John’s, Bath (after 9.30am Mass)**. The Eventbrite link to register is <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/listening-with-the-heart-tickets-808837323207>

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2024 – 23rd to 30th AUGUST: The Clifton Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes is taking place this year in late August, with pilgrims coming from all over the Diocese to embark on this journey. Details can be found on the Diocesan website [Lourdes | Clifton Diocese](#) or contact lourdes@cliftondiocese.com or 0117 902 5590 for an information pack. Please be aware the deadline for deposits is 31st March, with payment in full by 31st May 2024.

CALNE PARTNERSHIP OF CHURCHES – LENT GROUPS: Calne Baptist Church will be following the ‘**Act on Poverty**’ course during Lent. Monday evenings at 7.30 pm at the church. It will run it for 6 sessions as from 19th February, and it is open to all.

The Parish of Calne and Blacklands will be ‘**Looking at The Lord’s Prayer Together**’ Monday evenings at 7.30 pm from Monday 19th February to 25th March, in Church House. Led by Kevin and Jane Wells

Tuesday afternoons at 2.00 pm from Tuesday 20th February to 26th March. Led by Enid Powell in Bream Close
Wednesday mornings at 11.00 am after Holy Communion at St Mary’s from Wednesday 21st February to 27th March, in Church House. Led by Teresa Michaux

Thursday evenings on Zoom at 7.30 pm from Thursday 15th February to 21st March. Led by Steven and Jenny Colby
For further details, please contact Church House on 01249 816 522 or email enquiries@mardenvale.org.uk

SJOG HOMES FOR UKRAINE acts as a matching, training, and support pathway for guests from Ukraine and hosts in the UK who are willing to provide much-needed support. Our programme operates collaboratively with the esteemed Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN). At SJOG Homes for Ukraine, we offer a range of services to ensure fulfilling experience for both guests and hosts. These services include matching, training for hosts and guests, transportation assistance, a Welcome Box for Ukrainian guests upon arrival, and support during the placement. **More information on the project can be found at the following links**

- Website: <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk>
- E-mail: homesforukraine@sjog.org.uk
- Facebook: facebook.com/sjoghomesforukraine
- YouTube: [@sjoghomesforukraine](https://youtube.com/@sjoghomesforukraine)

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS: Items for publication should be submitted before Wednesday 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, Marie Sawyer, Helen Davies, Carol and Gemma, Laurence Davies. John Cripwell R.I.P. Please inform Fr Vincent if you know a parishioner is unwell or housebound.