

Parish of St Michael, the Archangel, Huntingdon and community at Papworth Everard

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> 1st December 2019 1st Sunday of Advent Year A PMB p82 Psalter: Week 1

Your prayers are asked for:

Our parishioners who are sick: George Aldridge, Margaret Antoniades, Ellen Brown, Joan Clancy, Lily Donald, Bridget Gaynor, Josephine Murphy, Leo Papica and Paul Reddington. May the Lord reach out his healing hand to them.

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Kathleen Nolan, Pauline Marquis, Gordon Ling, Zion Mandeh, Peter Zirnis, Alfred Manners, Mary Woods, Patrick Flanagan, Gareth Davies, Rose McAuley, Thomas Hughes & Margaret Gough. May they rest in peace.

JOSHUA JOSEPH RADFORD who was baptised last weekend, with the help of family and friends may he grow in faith.

JAN SIMLAK who died this week, may the Lord give him eternal rest and give consolation to his family and friends at this time.

National Cycle of Prayer: during Advent and Christmastide please remember these intentions in your prayers: openness to the Word of God; migrants and refugees and expectant mothers.

Last Sunday's Collections:

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Papworth Everard:	£30.00
Huntingdon:	£473.84
Standing Orders	£238.00
Total	£741.84
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Retiring collection last weekend for the Diocesan Youth Service came to £122.95, thank you for your generosity.

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ADVENT SALE AND RAFFLE is open today and next Sunday in the GS Room, lots of good things to buy and some raffle tickets, the draw will be made next week. Please support this event, at least go and have a look. All proceeds will are towards our parish Development Fund.

SATURDAY 30th November Parish Church, Papworth Everard, CB23 3QN 18.00 Mass SUNDAY 1st December 09.00 Mass 11.00 Mass For the people of the Parish 15.30 Mass in Polish MONDAY 2nd December: Feria 09.30 Mass Fr George Grace + 3rd December: TUESDAY St Francis Xavier: Migrants Day No Mass today WEDNESDAY 4th December: Feria 16.30 Mass at Hinchingbrooke Hospital Henry & Phyllis Ashcroft + THURSDAY 5th December: Feria 09.30 Mass FRIDAY 6th December: Feria 09.30 Mass Esperanza Gonzales & Tess Lopez +10.00 First Friday Prayers 7th December: SATURDAY **St Ambrose** 09.30 Mass Thanksgiving & Special Int 10.00 Confessions 14.30 Concert: Jesus lay sleeping 18.00 Mass: Vigil Mass. Parish Church, Papworth Everard

If you are going into hospital, please let Fr Philip know so he can visit. We do not always get the names of patients & can miss people if you do not tell us they are in-patients. Thank you.

PAPWORTH MASS

time will change to **17.00** on Saturday 14th December **JESUS LAY SLEEPING**: a concert for Christmas with the A Cappella Singers in St Michael's Church on **Saturday 7th December** at 14.30. This will be an enchanting concert of lovely music and a good preparation for your celebration of Christmas. The concert is free and there will be a retiring collection for St Michael's Church development funds. There are handbills to be distributed around town and your places of work and to your friends; please take some. Please also come to the concert.

<u>CARE OF OUR PLANET</u>: in response to Pope Francis's letter, *Laudato Si*, challenging us to live in harmony with God's creation, we will continue on **Monday 2nd December**, at **14.30 & 19.30**. You will gain much from this beautiful programme.

PARISH DEVELOPMENT: thank you very much for taking part in the parish consultation about our possible development. Three people counted the votes during the week and the result was 185 in favour and 7 against; the total votes 192 is about 40% of the numbers at Mass, including the Polish community who were also invited to vote. I have sent the results and all necessary paperwork to the Bishop's Office and it will be discussed at the Trustees meeting on Thursday 5th December.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION class continues today, there is also a Parents meeting at the same time, 10.10. Hope to see you all there. The next meeting is on Sunday 15th December.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS make a difference this Christmas: CAFOD World Gifts come in all shapes & sizes & make a real difference to people living in poverty. Examples include a Helping Hand for Older People at £34 to a Solar Street Light at £355 or a Sewing Kit at £21. If you'd like to give alternative gift that can transform lives pick up this year's catalogue after Mass today or visit worldgifts.cafod.org.uk

<u>CATECHISM FOR THE YOUNGER</u> <u>CHILDREN</u>, meet today in the Presbytery, the next meeting will be on **Sunday 8th December**.

<u>CLEANERS THIS WEEK:</u> congregation attending the Polish Mass on **Saturday 7th December**. Many thanks.

DEPENDENT PRIESTS' FUND: this fund supports our retired and sick priests who are dependent on us for help. There will be a retiring collection on **14th/15th December**, there are some Gift Aid envelopes available for you today. Please support the priests who have served us so well. **SUNDAY EVENING YOUNG ADULTS HOUSEHOLD GROUP** next meeting is on **Sunday 1st December** from 18.00 – 19.30 in the GS Room. We will have time for faith sharing, prayer, fun and food. You are welcome to come along and join this group.



FOOD BANK DONATIONS: we will collect for the Food Bank next **Sunday 1st December**. There will be a large box in the porch at the main door, under the table, for your donations. Please bring tins, dried food or toiletries as your donation.

JOURNEY IN FAITH: will continue on **Friday 6th December** at 19.00 in the GS Room.

<u>CHRISTMAS CRIBS</u>: display from 14.00 and an Advent Carol Service at Huntingdon Methodist Church, High Street, on **Sunday 1st December** at 17.00. Refreshments available, donations for "Action for Children". Details in the porch.

May God's blessing be with you and all your family this week.



Eternal God, you will come when we do not expect you.

Help us to welcome you now in one another, to reach out to our sisters and brothers in need of care and support.

And in this way may we be found ready, when you come again in glory. Amen