



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

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**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Year A**

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<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> May</b>
Parish Church, Papworth Everard, CB23 3QN No Mass today	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> May</b>
<b>10.00</b>	Mass For the people of the parish
<b>19.00</b>	<i>Via Lucis meditation</i>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> May: Easter Feria</b>
09.30	Mass Private Intention
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> May: Easter Feria</b>
09.30	Mass Kabenge Family
<b>19.00</b>	<i>Rosary and prayers.</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> May: Easter Feria</b>
09.30	Mass Joseph Pham +
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> May:</b>
<b>ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b>	
09.30	Mass For the people of the parish
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> May: Easter Feria</b>
09.30	Mass Covid-19 sufferers, families and deceased loved ones.
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> May: Easter Feria</b>
09.30	Mass Eamonn O'Hara +

### Your prayers are asked for:

**Our parishioners who are sick:** George Aldridge, Margaret Antoniadis, Ellen Brown, Lily Donald, Bridget Gaynor, Anne McGovern, Paul Reddington, Rosa Ruggiero and Patricia Shockledge. May the Lord reach out his healing hand to them.

**For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Colin Dyer, Eileen Shapland, Emma Leddy and Fr Liam Crowley. May they rest in peace.

**LEO SAMPAT** who died recently, may he rest in peace and rise in glory; we pray for his family at this time, may the Lord comfort them.

**National Cycle of Prayer:** during the season of Easter please pray for the following intentions: new members of the Church; vocations to the priesthood and the religious life; human work: the right use of the media and the universal Church.

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.

**CONTACT FR PHILIP:** Please don't hesitate to contact me for a chat or for any help you might need, I am more likely to be at home during this time and I am here for you all. Please leave a message if I am out, I will probably be in the garden, I will call you back.

**PARISH MASSES** are now all live streamed each day through our website, [www.stmichaelrc.org](http://www.stmichaelrc.org) and follow the link, or you can search YouTube for St Michael's Parish Huntingdon and find us.

### Last Sunday's Collections:

Papworth Everard:	No Mass
Huntingdon:	£
Standing Orders	£300.00
Total	<b>£300.00</b>

### Thank you for your support of our parish.

Many of you have signed new standing orders for our parish, this is very much appreciated, thank you so much for your continuing support.

**ROSARY DURING MAY**, the month of our Lady, I will pray the Rosary in the chapel, for Covid-19 sufferers, carers, families & all who have died, on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May** at 19.00. Pope Francis's prayers are on our website in "News & Events", please print them or access them on another device so you can join in.

**THE WAY FORWARD:** the following is part of a statement from the Bishops of England. "The timing and the manner of the opening of churches touches profound sensitivities and spiritual needs. The Government's document and statements fail to recognise this.

The Government's position, established today, includes these steps aimed at opening churches as soon as possible: the establishment of a task force for places of worship, to work closely with 'stakeholders' in ensuring that premises are COVID-19 secure; and heeding the experience of other countries in which churches are already open for worship.

In dialogue with the Government, the Catholic Church will continue its engagement in this process and has already submitted a detailed plan, in full accordance with public health guidelines, for churches to be opened for private prayer. The Church is ready to play its full part in the task force, understanding that this includes the possible earlier use of churches for private prayer, as a first safe step towards their use for public worship. A link can be found;

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/catholic-bishops-respond-to-governments-lockdown-easing-plans/>

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** all classes are cancelled for the time being. Please revise the book and keep this topic alive for the children.

**DIOCESAN NEWS:** the news from around the Diocese, is available on the Diocesan website, [www.rcdea.org.uk](http://www.rcdea.org.uk) it helps to keep you in touch with the Church. There is also a list of Churches in our Diocese who are live streaming Mass regularly.



**FOODBANK DONATION:** ordinarily we would have had a collection to support the foodbank last weekend, as that was not possible, I made a donation from our parish of **£100** to continue our support during this very difficult time.

**NATIONAL MASS** for the Sick and their Families, NHS Front-Line workers and those working in Social Care. Those who are sick, and their families, are suffering many hardships of isolation from contact with those they love. Our front-line workers in hospitals & in care homes all over our lands are giving exceptional service to those who are vulnerable at this time. The Mass on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May** at 19.00 will be celebrated by Bishop Mark Davies at Shrewsbury Cathedral, for Live Streaming go to <http://shrewsburycathedral.org/>

**THE WAY OF LIGHT: VIA LUCIS:** We are all familiar with the Via Crucis - **the Way (or Stations) of the Cross** which guides us through Lent. This meditation, the Via Lucis or Way of Light, is for Eastertide, & focusses on some "moments" of the Resurrection of the Lord. It is not a physical journey, but a journey of minds and hearts. There are eight "moments", because eight is the



number of the Resurrection: according to the Jewish reckoning of the days, Jesus died on the cross on the sixth day, the day of the creation of the first humans, and rested in the sleep of death on the seventh day – the Sabbath. His resurrection is therefore on the eighth day – Sunday – the first day of the New Covenant & the New Creation. The Easter symbolism of the number eight was very common in the early Church – that is why fonts and baptistries are octagonal – eight sided. While the Season of Easter goes all the way to Pentecost these meditations stop at the Ascension, so that you can observe the Pentecost Novena – nine days of prayer in memory of the prayer of Mary & the Apostles as they awaited the promised Spirit.

This meditation will be on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May** at 19.00 for you to join if you wish,

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

