



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

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First Sunday of Advent Year B

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SATURDAY 28th November: Vigil Masses

Parish Church, Papworth Everard, CB23 3QN

No Mass at Papworth

SUNDAY 29th November

(LS) 10.00 Mass Patsy Long +

MONDAY 30th November:

St Andrew

(LS) 09.30 Mass Dec of John family +

(LS) 10.30 *Advent reflection I*

TUESDAY 1st December: Feria

No Mass today

WEDNESDAY 2nd December: Feria

No Mass today

THURSDAY 3rd December:

St Francis Xavier

(LS) 09.30 Mass Private Intention (S)

(LS) 10.30 *Midweek meditation*

FRIDAY 4th December: Feria

(LS) 09.30 Mass Bishop Alan Hopes

SATURDAY 5th December: Feria

(LS) 09.30 Mass Cerefino Mabor +

17.00 Mass: Vigil Mass. Papworth

19.00 Mass: Vigil Mass. St Michael's

PARISH MASSES are open for you to attend once more from **Thursday 3rd December**. Masses will also be live streamed each day through our website, www.stmichaelrc.org and follow the link, or you can search YouTube for St Michael's Parish Huntingdon and find us.

BOOKING FOR MASS: will begin again now, those regularly booked do not need to do anything, otherwise please book via stmichaelsbooking@outlook.com before 18.00 on Saturday. Thank you.

Your prayers are asked for:

Our parishioners who are sick: George Aldridge, Bridie Ahern, Ellen Brown, Bridget Gaynor, Daisy Indiana, Patrick Moore, 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: Kathleen Ennis, John Lynch, Kenneth Older, Kathleen Nolan, Pauline Marquis, Gordon Ling, Zion Mandeh, Peter Zirnis, Alfred Manners, Mary Woods, Patrick Flanagan, Gareth Davies and Rose McAuley. May they rest in peace.

National Cycle of Prayer: during Advent and Christmastide we are asked to pray for the following intentions: Openness to the Word of God: Migrants and Refugees: Expectant Mothers.

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 where they are. Thank you.

ATTENDING MASS: during this lockdown we have moved all the pews to make a little more room between them to give better spacing. We have also removed the kneelers, for the time being, please do not try to kneel, it brings you much too close to the person in front of you. If you are anxious about the number of people at Mass, please think about attending another Mass: 09.00 is full – very few spaces: some spaces at 11.00: the new Mass on Saturday at 19.00 has plenty of space: for your own comfort and peace of mind, why not think of changing?

MIGRANTS' DAY: is on **Thursday 3rd December**, we pray for all who are migrants, refugees, asylum seekers and itinerant people.



POSADA PRAYER usually during Advent many of you welcome the Posada statue to your homes for family prayer. Sadly, this year we are not able to do this because of the risk of infection, but

we can continue the prayer online for those who wish to join. The prayer will begin on **Monday 30th November** at 19.00 and will be every weekday evening, Mon – Fri; the prayer will be via Zoom if you wish to join for the family prayer you are welcome. To join the zoom meeting you need to receive an invitation, please email to stmichaelshuntingdon@yahoo.com for the invitation. Those who wish to lead the prayer will be able to do so.

ADVENT COURSE begins on **Monday 30th November**, at 10.30. You can join me via live stream at that time, but the talk will then be available for you to view after that to help you to celebrate the season of Advent. The theme of the talks this year is “**The Coming of Christ**”.

GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION OF FAITH ENGAGEMENT There was a strong ask from the officials of the MHCLG for individual Catholics to respond to this open consultation on the way Government engages with faith communities. The link to the online submission is: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/independent-faith-engagement-review-call-for-evidence> This call for evidence aims to collect views to underpin the Faith Engagement Review. This call for evidence opened on 13th November and will run for a period of 4 weeks closing at 11:45pm on **11 December 2020**. Please ask your clergy, religious and lay faithful to engage in this important consultation.

The Catholic Union with Catholic Voices are organising a webinar on “how the government should engage with faith groups” on **Wednesday 2 December at 7pm**. Colin Bloom, the Faith Engagement Adviser at the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, will present and promote the government consultation on the issue. Link and registration: <https://www.catholicvoices.org.uk/events/independent-faith-review>

Please look at this survey or online webinar, it is very important that we, as people of faith, take part in this consultation.

SATURDAY EVENING MASS: we will continue with the new Saturday evening Mass at 19.00 in St Michael’s Church. This Mass will be for a trial period with a review at the end of the January.

ADVENT READING: there are some copies of Advent Extra for sale at £2.25 and a few other booklets of daily readings for Advent at £1.00. Sorry very few this year because of restrictions and doubts about re-opening.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS: range of virtual gifts, make a real difference to families living in poverty across the world. While we have the coronavirus pandemic and lockdown here, we can still be good neighbours to our sisters and brothers overseas by giving World Gifts as Christmas presents to family & friends. The Keep Clean Kit gift for £6 and the Vegetable Garden gift for £10 are just two gifts that will help vulnerable families affected by the pandemic to protect & feed themselves. Let’s spread joy & hope around the world this Christmas. Visit CAFOD [by clicking on this link](#).

CHURCH PLANS have now been submitted to the Planning Authority and have been received by them, we expect their response by **21st January 2021**. You can look at the plans on our parish website, <https://www.stmichaelrc.org/church-development-plans/> or at [Simple Search \(huntingdonshire.gov.uk\)](http://Simple Search (huntingdonshire.gov.uk)) The plans are also on the wall in the GS Room where you can see them once the church re-opens for Mass.

DIOCESAN YEARBOOK 2021 has now arrived and will be available next week, cost £2.00: if you want one and are not presently attending Mass please email and I will keep one for you.

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

