

## Parish of St Michael, the Archangel, Huntingdon

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**1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 Mary, the Holy Mother of God** PMB p109 Psalter: Week 2

**SATURDAY** 31<sup>st</sup> December Vigil Mass 18.00 Mass Mervyn Swann + **SUNDAY** 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 (LS)09.00 Mass For the people of the parish. (LS)11.00 Mass Arun Anand + 15.30 Mass in Polish 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Christmas 2<sup>nd</sup> January: MONDAY **Sts Basil & Gregory 10.00** Mass Thanksgiving (OA) 3<sup>rd</sup> January: Feria TUESDAY No Mass today WEDNESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> January: Feria (LS) 09.30 Mass Holy Souls 5<sup>th</sup> January: Feria THURSDAY (LS) 09.30 Mass Stephanie & sons (LS) 10.15 Midweek meditation 6<sup>th</sup> January: FRIDAY **Epiphany of the Lord 10.00** Mass For the people of the parish (LS)10.45 First Friday Rosary & Prayers 20.00 Mass Thanksgiving (OA) 7<sup>th</sup> January: Feria SATURDAY (LS)09.30 Mass Anselm Thomas Oteze + 10.00 Confessions Vigil Mass. St Michael's, 18.00

**<u>PARKING</u>**: please park in Riverside car park, across the road, not in the streets behind the church. This also applies if you come to evening events in the Church.

**<u>SUNDAY COLLECTION:</u>** is given in the orange buckets near the doors & the card machine in the GS Room: please think of a Standing Order and Gift Aid.



Your prayers are asked for:

**Our parishioners who are sick:** Rita Anand, Ellen Brown, Terry Finbow, Bridget Gaynor, Patrick Moore, Anne McGovern, Paul Reddington, Rosa Ruggiero, Fr Ivan Weston & Nina Wiktorowicz. May the Lord reach out his healing hand to them.

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time: William Haley, Moise Thesee, Violette Thesee, Robert Hay, David Millard, Elsie Lee, Joseph Leatherbarrow, Eileen Day, Simone Morell, Camillo Gentile, Jacob Jablonski, Frank Scott and Mary Pett. May they rest in peace.

**POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI** who died yesterday, may he rest in peace and may the Lord reward him for his lifelong service.

**National Cycle of Prayer:** during Advent and Christmastide we are asked to pray for the following intentions: Migrants & Refugees and 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.

**FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD** is a holy day when we try to get to Mass to celebrate the wonderful feast: there is Mass at **10.00** and at **20.00** to give good opportunities.

**FRIDAY ABSTINENCE** is dispensed this week, for the feast of the Epiphany, enjoy!!

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2023:** we will begin a programme of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation for young people aged 14+. The first meeting will be for parents only on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 17.00** in the GS Room.

**FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME** continues next Sunday, **8<sup>th</sup> January** with classes at 10.00 am as usual; look forward to seeing you all again.



**FOOD BANK DONATIONS:** our next collection for the foodbank is **Sunday**, 1<sup>st</sup> **January**. There will be a box near each door, for your donations. Please bring tins, dried food or toiletries as your donation.

**CANDLELIGHT MASS** for young people from across our Diocese on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January** 2023. This is a great chance for our young people to meet our new bishop. Bishop Peter will celebrate the Mass at Poringland, his home from 16.00; after Mass there will be hotdogs fireworks and drinks. If you would like to go, **please speak to Fr Philip about transport.** Details are on the boards.

**MASS OF THANKSGIVING & FAREWELL** to Bishop Alan Hopes will be on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023** at 11.30 in St John's Cathedral in Norwich. You are all invited to attend this Mass, followed by a buffet lunch. If you wish to go, please sign the list in the GS Room in the next couple of weeks.

There will be a collection for a gift to Bishop Alan on the weekend **14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> January**, this will not be part of your standing order & cannot be gift aided.

<u>CLEANERS THIS WEEK:</u> members of the Polish Community on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January.** Thank you.

**LAST SUPPER PLAQUE:** there is a metallic wall plaque of the Last Supper available for anyone who would like to have it for their home; it can be seen in the sacristy.

**<u>RAFFLE PRIZES</u>**: there are a few prizes left to be collected in the GS room, labelled and ready to go. Please collect your prize if you have not done so yet. This is the list of the prize winners:

Carla Tan; Shereen Murray; Lorraine Brooks; Colin; Daria; Retchel Serofia; Margaret; Edward Dolan; Juciline; Felix K; Sally Shields; Rosemary Flynn; Kaly; Clare Elias; Pat Saunders; Belinda & Neil; M Advincula; M Newman; Marcely and Pat Tester. Thank you all for supporting this little fundraiser.

**DIOCESAN YEARBOOK 2023** is now available for you, with a review of the year 2022, news about the new Bishop and the full liturgical calendar, and still at the great price of only £2.50, near both doors.

**<u>DIOCESAN NEWSPAPER</u>** is available at both doors with a review of the Ordination of the new Bishop, with some lovely pictures.

<u>VERY MANY THANKS</u> for the very generous Christmas Offering which you gave me last weekend, it is really very generous and very much appreciated. The total was £2,157.90, that is a wonderful gift! Thank you all very much for your gift and for your support throughout the year.

I wish you all every blessing for the New Year, with joy and peace for your families. I hope and pray that our building project will finally come to fulfilment this year.

God bless,

Fr Philip

<u>COLLECTION ENVELOPES</u> are available for any of you who need them, please just ask for them. If you Gift Aid for our parish and do not have a Standing Order, this is a good way to make your donation for us to claim the tax.

## LISTENING & PRAYER MINISTRY: 01603 957653.

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

