



# Parish of St Michael, the Archangel, Huntingdon

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**8<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

**The Baptism of the Lord**

PMB p118 Psalter: Week 1

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> January Vigil Mass</b>
18.00	Mass Howard Tripp +
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> January</b>
(LS) 09.00	Mass For the people of the parish.
(LS) 11.00	Mass Ania Wichlacz
15.30	Mass in Polish
<i>1<sup>st</sup> Week of Ordinary Time</i>	
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> January: Feria</b>
No Mass today	
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> January: Feria</b>
No Mass today	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> January: Feria</b>
No Mass today	
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> January: Feria</b>
(LS) 09.30	Mass Thanksgiving (OA)
(LS) 10.00	Midweek meditation
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> January:</b>
(LS) 10.00	Funeral Mass: William Bennett +
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> January</b>
(LS) 09.30	Mass Thanksgiving (OA)
10.00	Confessions
<b>Vigil Mass. St Michael's, 18.00</b>	

**PARKING:** 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.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION:** 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.

**COLLECTION ENVELOPES** 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.

**COFFEE MORNING** this week will be on **Thursday** after Mass, please remember the change of day; there is no Mass on Wednesday.

## 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:** Kellie Shortt, Andrew Waldron, Gillian Pugh, Agnes Manderson, John Kiely, Lena Partridge, Josef Jtouski, Joan Finan, Laura Griggs, Peter Kelly, Edward Bessant, Rita Gardner, Lisa Kennedy, John Dooley, Hugh Lynch, Gerald Dible, Lewis Chappell, William Smith, John Barker, Elsie Groom, John Donnelly and Frederick Forrest. May they rest in peace.

**MARY McDONALD** who died suddenly this week, may she rest in peace; we pray also for her family & friends at this time.

**National Cycle of Prayer:** during Ordinary Time up to the Season of Lent: please remember these intentions in your prayers: peace on earth; Christian unity; openness to the Word of God; victims of trafficking; the sick and those who care for them and those who are unemployed.

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.

## Last Sunday Collection:

Huntingdon:	£288.85
Standing Orders	£425.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>£714.35</b>

**Thank you for your generous support of our parish community.**

**FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME** continues this Sunday, **8<sup>th</sup> January** with classes at 10.00 am as usual; look forward to seeing you all again. Next Sunday, **15<sup>th</sup> January**, there is class as usual and a parents' meeting at 10.00.

**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, next **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 17.00** in the GS Room. Please make sure you plan to be here and also that you pass this message on to others who may wish to join.

**BISHOP PETER'S PASTORAL LETTER** is available on video by going to the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eqqJFpdVEcQ> there are also hard copies in the church.

**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.

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** is kept from **18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> January**, we pray for the unity of all Christians as they try to follow the gospel of Jesus. There will be a joint service of readings and prayers here at St Michael's Church on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 12.30**; I hope any of you not at work will try to come to join this and to welcome other Christians to our Church. You are invited to bring a light lunch to have after the service and we will be providing hot drinks in the GS Room.

**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.

**CLEANERS THIS WEEK:** members of the Filipino Community on by **Saturday 14<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.

**RAFFLE PRIZES:** 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 & Pat Tester. Thank you all for your support.

**VERY MANY THANKS** for a very generous donation of £150 for the Building Fund, this is very much appreciated.

The above donation brings the Building Fund to **£8046.00** at the beginning of this year. This is a good total since we have not really launched our efforts yet, but many of you have felt moved to give donations as we go along. Thank you very much.

**BUILDING PROJECT PROGRESS:** as you know our plans are out to tender with builders who are preparing their prices to do our work; the closing date for tenders is 27<sup>th</sup> January. After that the Diocesan Trustees will consider the tenders and decide about going forward and which builder to choose to do the work. If all goes well and we get the go ahead, we should be ready to start work in the spring, perhaps late May or early June.

During last year we spent a total of **£16,590** on fees and preparatory works, this brings us to an overall total of **£28,700** spent on the preparation of our plans to make ready for our development project.

**LISTENING & PRAYER MINISTRY:**  
**01603 957653.**

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

