



Parish of St Michael, the Archangel, Huntingdon

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1st Sunday of Lent Year A

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SATURDAY 25th February Vigil Mass

18.00 Mass Nelson Gomes Da Silva +

SUNDAY 26th February

(LS) 09.00 Mass Yvonne & Paul White

(LS) 11.00 Mass The People of our parish.

15.30 Mass in Polish

17.00 *Stations of the Cross*

MONDAY 27th February: Feria

(LS) 09.30 Mass Sponsorship/Employment

TUESDAY 28th February: Feria

No Mass today

WEDNESDAY 1st March:

St David

(LS) 09.30 Mass Sr Cecilia +

THURSDAY 2nd March: Feria

(LS) 09.30 Mass Anthony Mitchell +

(LS) 10.05 *Midweek meditation*

10.15 – 11.00 *Adoration*

FRIDAY 3rd March: Feria

(LS) 09.30 Mass Lisa Mendoza +

10.00 *First Friday Rosary & Prayers*

SATURDAY 4th March: Feria

(LS) 09.30 Mass Fr Jerome +

10.00 *Confessions*

Vigil Mass. St Michael's, 18.00

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 reader in the GS Room: please think of a Standing Order and Gift Aid.

LENT FAST DAY is on **Friday 3rd March**, we try to make a special effort at fasting, sharing the hunger of many throughout the world. There will be a retiring collection for CAFOD next week, GA envelopes are available at the doors.

Your prayers are asked for:

Our parishioners who are sick: Rita Anand, Ellen Brown, Eileen Dolan, 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: Josephine O'Callaghan, Patrick Reilly, Ronald Stonehouse, Mark Bell, Roger Harding, Joan Clancy, John McDonald, Christopher Pyne, Charles Smith, John Dooley, Sydney Sandells, Helena Wasik, Denis Williment, William O'Leary and Hertha Norton. May they rest in peace.

National Cycle of Prayer: during the season of Lent please pray for the following intentions: candidates preparing for the Sacraments at Easter; the needy and hungry of the world; World Day of Prayer led by Christian woman and penitents and wanderers.

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: £301.96

Standing Orders £425.50

Total £727.46

Thank you for your generous support of our parish community.

PARISH BALLOT: please do not forget to vote in our ballot about the future of our building project; we really need you all to vote. There are ballot papers & boxes near the doors. **Don't leave this to others.** Even if you have just arrived in our parish, please vote, we will need your help to pay for this work to enlarge our church and improve its facilities. The ballot closes next Sunday at 17.00. Thanks



PRAYER, FASTING & GIVING TO CHARITY:

these are the things that Jesus gives us for our journey of Lent, and we try to use them to deepen our love of the Lord and reawaken our faith. In our parish we offer all these things to our community so we can support each other on this journey.



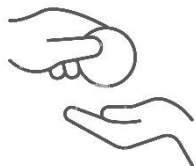
PRAYER: there is a time of silent Adoration every **Thursday morning** after the morning Mass: on Sundays we join together to walk the **Way of the Cross** with Jesus, that is at 17.00 each Sunday.

To help open each of us to the Word of God there is a course of 4 talks on the Gospels of Lent, beginning on **Monday 27th February** with an overview of St Matthew's gospel and a look at the gospel of the first two Sundays of Lent. The programme will continue on **Monday 6th March**. The talk will be at 12.30 with a soup lunch; the talk will be repeated on **Monday evening on zoom**, if you wish to attend, please email to the office for the zoom invitation.



FASTING: it is hard to fast together, but we **share a simple meal** on some Mondays during Lent, beginning on Monday 27th February at 12.30, hope to see you there.

GIVING TO CHARITY: our Lent collection this year will be shared between **Aid to the Church in Need appeal for Lebanon**, details of their work and the need there can be found here: [Aid to the Church in Need | Lebanon Appeal 2022 \(acnuk.org\)](https://www.acnuk.org).



The second charity will be **CAFOD's appeal for Yemen**, details here: [Yemen crisis explained \(cafod.org.uk\)](https://www.cafod.org.uk). I have chosen these two emergencies because they have slipped out of

the news but remain in great need and are serious humanitarian emergencies.

Our blue bowl collection in Church will begin on **Sunday 12th March** and continue for four weeks; you can begin your family collection now and bring the money any time before Easter.

CLEANERS THIS WEEK: members of the Polish community on **Saturday 4th March**. Thank you.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS: continues for children who are over 7 years old who wish to be baptised on **Friday 3rd March** at 15.30 in the GS Room. If you have a child who is not yet baptised and older than 7yrs, you & your child should.

PANCAKE SUPPER: many thanks to all who came and enjoyed the Pancake Supper last Tuesday, it was a lovely community event; special thanks to all who helped with the cooking and other arrangements. We raised a total of **£225.25** for our Building Fund. Many thanks for your support.

COFFEE MORNING on **Wednesday** as usual after Mass. This group have decided to fast from biscuits and cakes during Lent, please don't bring any snacks.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: the programme continues on **Wednesday 1st March** at 18.00 in the GS Room.

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME the next class will be on **Sunday 5th March**, there is also a parents' meeting that day.



FOOD BANK DONATIONS: our next collection for the foodbank is **Sunday, 5th March**. There will be a box near each door, for your donations. Please bring tins, dried food or toiletries as your donation.

LISTENING & PRAYER MINISTRY:
01603 957653.

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

