

## Parish of St Michael, the Archangel, Huntingdon

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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent Year A

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SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup> March: Vigil Mass

18.00 Mass For the People of our parish.

SUNDAY 12th March

(LS) 09.00 Mass Thanksgiving (L)

(LS) 11.00 Mass Jolanta Famula +

15.30 Mass in Polish

17.00 Stations of the Cross

MONDAY 13th March: Feria

No Mass today

TUESDAY 14th March: Feria

No Mass today

WEDNESDAY 15th March: Feria

(LS) 09.30 Mass Rosario Cordero

THURSDAY 16th March: Feria

(LS) 09.30 Mass Mollie Bailey

(LS) 10.05 Midweek meditation

10.15 – 11.00 Adoration

FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup> March:

St Patrick

(LS) 09.30 Mass Patricia Shockledge +

SATURDAY 18<sup>th</sup> March: Feria

(LS) 09.30 Mass James Devanney +

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. PARISH BALLOT: the result of the ballot about our building work was as follows: total number of votes cast 276, votes in favour 226 (82%) and votes against 50 (18%). Thank you very much for your support in this matter and thank you for voting, the total number of votes is a very high proportion of our community.

### Your prayers are asked for:

Our parishioners who are sick: Rita Anand, Ellen Brown, Eileen Dolan, Michael Feehily, 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: Stephen Croke, Helena Devin, Emma Allwright, James Nicholls, Edith Wallis, Arthur Tearney, Alfred Wesley and Joseph Kell. 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:
 £298.57

 Standing Orders
 £425.50

 Total
 £724.07

Thank you for your generous support of our parish community.

Retiring collection last weekend for CAFOD was £441.92, including £55.00 from the card reader. Thank you for your generosity.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:** the programme continues on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March** at 18.00 in the GS Room.

<u>FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME</u> the next event for you will be First Confession on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March**, at 14.00 in St Michael's. Please remember to continue re-reading the chapters about confession.



#### PRAYER, FASTING & GIVING TO CHARITY:

in our parish we offer all these things to support each other on the Lent 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, continuing on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March** with an overview of St Matthew's gospel and a look at the gospel of the first two Sundays of Lent. 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, continuing on **Monday 20**<sup>th</sup> **March** at 12.30, hope to see you there.

**GIVING TO CHARITY:** our Lent collection this year will be shared between two charities:



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). The second charity will be CAFOD's appeal for Yemen,

details here: <u>Yemen crisis explained (cafod.org.uk)</u>. 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 begins on **Sunday** 12<sup>th</sup> March and continue for four weeks; the bowl is on top of the font; you can make your donation any time before Easter, in the bowl or on the card reader.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS: continues for children who are over 7 years old who wish to be baptised on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 15.45 in the GS Room. If you have a child who is not yet baptised and older than 7yrs, you & your child should.

MANY THANKS for a very generous donation of £1,000 for the Building Fund received recently, this donation is very much appreciated. Thank you.

<u>CLEANERS THIS WEEK:</u> Marie Cowie, Clare Elias, Irene Muttock & Mary Newman before **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March.** Thank you.

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

<u>CHRISM MASS</u> will be on <u>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April</u> at 11.30 in St John's Cathedral, Norwich; if you want to go, make a note of the date, more details will be given next week.

# LISTENING & PRAYER MINISTRY: 01603 957653.

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

