

Parish of St Michael, the Archangel, Huntingdon

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30th July 2023 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A PMB p 108 Psalter: Week 1

29th July: Vigil Mass **SATURDAY** Thanksgiving (R) 18.00 Mass 30th July **SUNDAY** 09.00 Mass For the people of our parish. (LS)11.00 Mass Fr Denis O'Sullivan + (LS)15.30 Mass in Polish 17.30 Syro-Malabar Festival Mass. MONDAY 31st July: **St Ignatius of Loyola** 09.30 Mass Fr Riederer + (LS)TUESDAY 1st August: **St Alphonsus** No Mass today WEDNESDAY 2nd August: Feria (LS) 09.30 Mass John & Kathleen Mitcham + 16.30 Mass at Hinchingbrooke Hospital 3rd August: Feria THURSDAY (LS) 09.30 Mass Cateeja's Intention (LS)10.00 Midweek meditation 4th August: FRIDAY St John Vianney (LS) 09.30 Mass Aidan & Amy 5th August: Feria SATURDAY No morning Mass. Vigil Mass. St Michael's 18.00

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> in the orange buckets near the doors & the card reader in the GS Room.

<u>ST ALPHONSA</u>, first Indian born saint, patron of our Syro-Malabar community, will be celebrated today by our Syro-Malabar community. Happy Feast Day.

Your prayers are asked for:

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

For those whose anniversaries occur this week: George Kenny, Eileen Polis, Fr Hugh Byron, Mary Holland, James McCarthy and Daisy Wesley. May they rest in peace.

National Cycle of Prayer: during Ordinary Time until September please pray for the following intentions: a deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights; human life; Europe and seafarers.

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.

PARISH BBQ: many thanks to all who supported the Parish BBQ last weekend, it turned out to be a fine evening and a very enjoyable event. Many thanks to all who helped, salad makers, BBQ cooks, furniture movers and many others. Thank you, great to see so many people at this event.

A total of **£512.75** was raised which will go into our building fund.

<u>**COFFEE MORNING**</u>: the coffee morning as usual on Wednesday after Mass, come and join us for a drink and a chat.

<u>CLEANERS THIS WEEK:</u> members of the Polish community, on **Saturday 5th August.** Thank you.

EXHIBITION AT WALSINGHAM: from July until the end of October 2023, the Shrine is holding an exhibition to mark the 75th Anniversary of the Cross Carrying "Pilgrimage of Prayer and Penance for Peace", between 10.00 and 16.00, in the Welcome Centre at the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady, the Slipper Chapel at Houghton St Giles. The Exhibition contains details of the pilgrimage together with excerpts from reminiscences of the cross carriers, together with news clippings and photographs from the papers of the time. Entry is free.



CREAM TEA PARTY, our other great summer social event will be on **Sunday 13th August** at 17.00 in the garden. Tickets are available today, £4 for adults, £2 for children; we hope you will come and meet each other and support our parish. You can pay on the card reader if you wish.

BISHOP PETER visited our parish recently for a meeting with our Parish Finance Committee; it gave him the chance to see our plans in detail and understand what we are trying to do. He was very impressed with our plans and was very positive about the possibility of the doing the work but made it very clear that timing is not quite right at this moment. He realises that our parish is in a strategic place with the rapid growth of housing in our area, that is why he feels that our plans will come to fruition, but not yet; he encouraged us to remain patient. He expressed concern about where the priest would live during the building work and told me to begin to look for a possible house near the church and within a reasonable budget. We expressed our thanks to him for coming to our parish and listening to our needs and desires, we also thanked him for his positive message for us, even if we have to wait for the time to be right. He promised another meeting in October.

Last Sunday Collections:	
Huntingdon:	£331.65
Standing Orders	£425.50
Card Reader	£122.50
Total	£879.65
Thank you for supporting our parish.	



FOOD BANK DONATIONS: our next collection for the foodbank is **Sunday**, 6th **August.** There will be a box near each door, for your donations. Please bring tins, dried food or toiletries as your donation.

BUILDING FUND: following the indications of Bishop Peter regarding the future of our building and his hope that it will be completed in due course, we shall keep our building fund open and continue to raise money for it. We have already spent £31,000 on plans and fees, much more than we raised, any money raised or donated will be for the development of the church as and when it happens.

Many thanks for a very generous donation of **£500** for the building fund, made via our website; this is very generous and much appreciated.

WORLD YOUTH DAY IN PORTUGAL: please pray for the group of over 50 young people from East Anglia on pilgrimage at World Youth Day in Portugal culminating in Mass with Pope Francis. For the latest updates from the pilgrims please see <u>www.rcdea.org.uk, twitter.com/RCEastAnglia</u> and <u>facebook.com/catholiceastanglia</u>

LISTENING & PRAYER MINISTRY: 01603 957653.

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

