



Parish of St Michael, the Archangel, Huntingdon

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Psalter: Week 1

SATURDAY 2nd December: Vigil Mass
18.00 Mass Pat & Gerry Smyth

SUNDAY 3rd December
(LS) 09.00 Mass For the people of our parish.
(LS) 11.00 Mass Anne James +
15.30 Mass in Polish

MONDAY 4th December: Feria
09.30 Mass Elaine Eyre

TUESDAY 5th December:
No Mass today

WEDNESDAY 6th December: Feria
09.30 Mass Joshua Watts +
16.30 Mass at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital

THURSDAY 7th December:
St Ambrose
09.30 Mass Joshua Watts +
(LS) 10.00 *Midweek meditation*

FRIDAY 8th December:
Immaculate Conception of the BVM
09.30 Mass Fr Tony Rogers

SATURDAY 9th December: Feria
(LS) 09.30 Mass
10.00 *Confessions*
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.

CHRISTMAS CARDS: our parish cards are on sale in the GS Room supporting our parish, **£5 for a pack of 10 cards** cash or card; please buy your cards here.

Last Sunday Collections:

Huntingdon:	£142.50
Standing Orders:	£425.50
Card Reader:	£226.00
Total	£794.00

Thank you for supporting our parish.

Your prayers are asked for:

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

For those whose anniversaries occur this week: Zion Mandeh, Peter Zirnis, Alfred Manners, Mary Woods, Patrick Flanagan, Gareth Davies, Rose McAuley, George Aldridge, Thomas Hughes, Margaret Gough, Nora Hughes and David Maile. May they rest in peace.

JACOB ALAN GEORGE REEVES who was baptised last weekend; with the help of family and friends may he grow in faith.

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.

MIGRANTS' DAY: 3rd December is the day chosen by the Church to pray for migrants, exiles & itinerant people. *Lord, no one is a stranger to you or far from your loving care. In your kindness watch over refugees & exiles, those separated from loved ones, young people & those who have run away from home.*

LIVE STREAMING: the work has begun in church, so we will not live stream Monday – Friday to give access for the workforce. We will live stream Saturday morning Mass and both Masses on Sunday.

SUNDAY COLLECTION: in the orange buckets near the doors & the card reader in the GS Room.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION continues today with the classes beginning at 10.00.

The next class is on **Sunday 17th December** at 10.00; there is also a parents' meeting that day in the Church at 10.00. Please make sure you attend.

QUIZ & PIZZA: we are having a fundraising event on **Saturday 9th December** at 19.00 in the GS Room. It will be a general knowledge quiz for all the family with pizza served during the interval, you need four people for your team. Tickets on sale now, £5 for adults, £3 for children, pizza included, bring your own drinks. Get your team and come and join the fun.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: we are planning a parish raffle over the next couple of weekends with the draw on **Sunday 17th December**, tickets will be on sale today. We hope you will support this event to help us raise some money for our parish. Prizes include a fitness smart watch, a beautiful handmade quilt and a cash prize of £100. Please be ready to buy some tickets next weekend, you can use the card reader if you wish.

PLEASE GIFT AID YOUR DONATION to our parish to maximise your gift. If you pay tax, we can claim 25% extra on your donation, at no extra cost to you: £1.00 will be £1.25: £5.00 will be £6.25: £10.00 will be £12.50. All you have to do is complete a short form and allow us to track your gift.

There will be a short presentation and encouragement to sign the Gift Aid Form at all Masses next weekend. We hope you will support us.



FOOD BANK DONATIONS: our next collection for the foodbank is **Sunday, 3rd December**. There will be a box near each door, for your donations. Please bring tins, dried food or toiletries as your donation.

CLEANERS THIS WEEK: members of the Filipino Community on **Saturday 9th December**. Thank you.

THE TABLET: many of you took copies of the Tablet, it is good to pass it on or bring it back to church for others to read. If you wish to order, please let me know, perhaps 2 or 3 people could share the cost and pass it round between them.

COFFEE MORNING: there will be coffee morning this week after Mass on Wednesday as usual.

ADVENT POSADA: the Posada statue will begin its journey this week. The statue of Joseph with his pregnant wife, Mary, on the way to Bethlehem will be available for you from today. There is a list in the GS Room for you to sign to welcome the statue to your home for family prayer during Advent preparing for Christmas. When you sign the list to receive the statue, check who has it before you and after you so you can arrange to pass it on.

OUR FULL CHURCH: as you know most Sundays our Church is over full at morning Masses. There is plenty of room at Saturday evening Mass. This is a Sunday Mass, same readings, same homily, but there are lots of seats, if any of you can make the regular change to Saturday evening at 18.00, you would be sure of a seat!

LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH: continues **Friday 8th December** at 19.00 in the Presbytery.

LISTENING & PRAYER MINISTRY:
01603 957653.

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

