



Parish of St Michael, the Archangel, Huntingdon

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2nd Sunday of Advent Year B

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Psalter: Week 2

SATURDAY 9th December: Vigil Mass
18.00 Mass For the people of our parish.

SUNDAY 10th December
(LS) 09.00 Mass Elaine Eyre +
(LS) 11.00 Mass Elizabeth Green +
15.30 Mass in Polish

MONDAY 11th December: Feria
09.30 Mass Lilian McKenzie

TUESDAY 12th December:
No Mass today

WEDNESDAY 13th December:
St Lucy
09.30 Mass A McBrearty +
16.30 Mass at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital

THURSDAY 14th December:
St John of the Cross
09.30 Mass Janice & Paul Moxham
(LS) 10.00 Midweek meditation

FRIDAY 15th December:
09.30 Mass David Deboys
19.30 Service of Penance & Confessions

SATURDAY 16th December: Feria
10.00 Confessions
(LS) 11.00 Memorial Mass: Kathleen Cullen +
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.

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.

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: Michael Walsh, James McGuire, Michael Sheehy, Nuran Sonsil, Mary Newman, Katie Sims, Paul Cooney, Theresa Keeble, Emmanuel Dzockplence, Fricis Polis, James Clancy, Norah Tunesi, Thomas Lee, Eileen Pancia, Bridie Ahern, William Kennedy and Mary O'Riordan. May they rest in peace.

NATALIE GENTILE & LEE MILTON who were married last weekend, may the Lord bless them with many years of happiness & the gift of children.

BERNADETTE MORTIMER who died this week, may the Lord give her eternal rest and give comfort & consolation to her family.

BISHOP PETER COLLINS who celebrates the first anniversary of his Ordination as Bishop of our Diocese: may the Lord continue to bless him.

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.

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

SERVICE OF PENANCE for Advent to help you prepare for Christmas by making your peace with God and receiving the wonderful gift of forgiveness for your sins in on **Friday 15th December** at 19.30. There will be two visiting priests to help with individual confessions: confessions available in English, Spanish, Portuguese & Ibo. Please use this wonderful opportunity.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES: Christmas Day is a Monday this year, this means you need to go to Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent as usual, Masses at usual times, Saturday 18.00, Sunday 9.00 & 11.00.

Masses for Christmas begin with the first Masses of Christmas at 18.00 and 22.00 on Christmas Eve, 24th December; Mass on 25th December will be at 09.00 and 11.00.

There will be a Polish Mass on Sunday 24th December at 15.30 as usual. Polish Mass on 25th December will be at 15.30 as usual.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION continues 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.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: we are planning a parish raffle (lotto) 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. There are at least ten very good prizes, be in it to win it!!

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. Forms still available.

CLEANERS THIS WEEK: members of the African Community on **Saturday 16th December**. Thank you.

Last Sunday Collections:

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| Huntingdon: | £205.86 |
| Standing Orders: | £425.50 |
| Card Reader: | £163.00 |
| Total | £794.36 |

Thank you for supporting our parish.

Retiring collection next weekend for Dependent Priests' Fund, see newsletter & details below. Please take a special GA envelope.

DEPENDENT PRIESTS FUND COLLECTION

Fr. Simon Blakesley, Chair of the Trustees, writes: "We are still relying on the kind generosity of all of you to support priests in mainly medical, but also in general need. In this we are not supported by the specifically retirement needs focus of 'Alive in Faith' and we are an **independent charity** run by the priests of the diocese, NOT by the Bishop or the Curia.

Please do **Gift Aid** your support in the envelopes provided. For those needing or wishing to send payments to us by BACS our a/c details are Sort Code: 60-15-31. Account Number: 68085834. Name of Account: The East Anglia Dependent Priests Fund. Many thanks."

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

ADVENT POSADA: the Posada statue is on its journey round our parish families. The list is almost complete, wonderful to have so many families joining in family prayer together.

CHRISTMAS SALE this Sunday and next, some very good tech items, making nice Christmas gifts. Please have a look and support us if you can, weather permitting the sale will be outside the front of the Church after Masses.

LISTENING & PRAYER MINISTRY:

01603 957653.

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

