



Parish of St Michael, the Archangel, Huntingdon

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1st Sunday of Lent Year B

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Psalter: Week 1

SATURDAY	17th February: Vigil Mass
18.00	Mass Brian Perren & family
SUNDAY	18th February
(LS) 09.00	Mass Tahlia
(LS) 11.00	Mass For the people of our parish.
15.30	Mass in Polish
MONDAY	19th February: Feria
09.30	Mass Sam Hibbard +
13.00	<i>Funeral Service: Gavin Shockledge + Huntingdon Crematorium</i>
TUESDAY	20th February: Feria
	No Mass today
WEDNESDAY	21st February: Feria
09.30	Mass Kay Leen +
16.30	Mass at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital
18.30	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
THURSDAY	22nd February:
	The Chair of St Peter
09.30	Mass Elizabeth Oteze
(LS) 10.00 – 11.00	<i>Midweek meditation & Adoration.</i>
FRIDAY	23rd February: Feria
09.30	Mass Tony Darlons +
SATURDAY	24th February: Feria
(LS) 09.30	Mass Anne Bolton
10.00	<i>Confessions</i>
14.00	Syro-Malabar 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.

COFFEE AFTER 9.00 MASS: we will start having coffee after 9.00 am Mass on some Sundays, we will begin next week, you are welcome to stay for a drink and a chat to help build up our community.

Your prayers are asked for:

Our parishioners who are sick: Martin Ahern, Rita Anand, Pacita Balbona, Purgi Bloomfield, Pauline Brown, Eileen Dolan, 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: Yvonne Shilleto-White, Graham Adams, Kathe Wilson, Peter McNamara, Elizabeth Marquis, Joseph Keeley, John Feely, Mary Bennett, William Cray, Johanna Hewitt, Iris Browne, Louisa Harper, Michael Nolan, Joan Murphy and Nuala Waldron. May they rest in peace.

TAHLIA NKEM & KIMBERLY OKECHUKWU who were baptised last weekend: with the help of family and friends may they grow in faith.

KRISTINE DIRINA, DANIEL PIRTNIEKS & ANTHONY MARSHALL, preparing from baptism at Easter and **ANDZELIKA JURAITYTE** preparing for adult reception of the sacraments; all are going to the Rite of Election today at St John's Cathedral. Please pray for them through the season of Lent.

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 you 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION the next meeting will be on **Sunday 3rd March** at 10.00, including a parents' meeting.

WALK THE CAMINO WITH BISHOP PETER

join Bishop Peter as he leads a group of 18 – 30-year-olds on a walking pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela from **21st – 29th July 2024**. This will be a wonderful experience for you on this ancient pilgrimage route. For more information and to book a place, please see www.rcdea.org.uk/youth. Places are limited and bookings accepted on a first come first serve basis.

Last Sunday Collection

Huntingdon:	£266.15
Standing Orders	£425.50
Card Reader	£159.00
Total	£850.65

Thank you for your generous support of our parish community.

Retiring collection next weekend for CAFOD, see below.

COFFEE MORNING: there will be coffee morning as usual after Mass on Wednesday. We have decided to give up biscuits for Lent, please don't bring biscuits/cakes.

YOUNG ADULTS now living and working in our parish are invited to come to a gathering to encourage and support you in your faith. We will meet in the GS Room on **Sunday 3rd March** at 18.00 for a time of prayer, socialising and some simple food.

PANCAKE SUPPER: many thanks to all who supported the Pancake Supper and made it such an enjoyable evening. Thanks to Sally, Lolita and Charlotte for the cooking and serving, well done. We made a total of **£177.85** for our parish. Thank you.

END MODERN SLAVERY IN OUR DIOCESE A new group is forming in the Diocese to help to reduce modern slavery here. During 2022, in our Diocese alone, 746 souls were found enslaved and rescued. Police describe this number of enslaved people, as the tip of the iceberg. Pope Francis wants us to "find" enslaved people. All that means is learning (simply) to spot the signs and safely report them to the Modern Slavery Helpline **08000 121 700**. The new group is looking for young & older volunteers to join the group. No previous knowledge or experience required, just a wish to end slavery in our diocese. Please contact john_simong@hotmail.com to discuss possibly volunteering and read the leaflet about St Bakhita (regarded as the patron saint of Modern Slavery) at <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/caritas-east-anglia/modern-slavery> "

LENT FAST DAY is on **Friday 23rd February**, we try to fast today and support our Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, **CAFOD**. There will be a retiring collection next week and there are special GA envelopes available today to support this work.

This year your donations will go to help hardworking fishermen like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools & training to feed their families for good. For details go to www.cafod.org.uk

LENT PROGRAMME: there is plenty going on for you for Lent, please take a programme with you and I hope you will be able to attend some of our events. We take in all three of the great pillars of Lent, prayer, fasting and giving to charity; please be part of our community as we celebrate Lent.

LENT BREAKFAST: come and join fellow Christians for a Lent Breakfast at Huntingdon Methodist Church in the High Street every **Wednesday from 08.30 – 09.15**. This is a chance to share breakfast and pray together with other Christians in our town. See poster for details.

CLEANERS THIS WEEK: members of our Syro-Malabar community by **Saturday 24th February**. Thank you.

RIGHT TO LIFE: you are invited to support an amendment in Parliament to reduce our abortion law from 24 to 22 weeks. Babies born prematurely at 22 weeks are thriving and there is a contradiction in our abortion law. Please collect a postcard today at the doors of the church and post it to our MP in support of the amendment. Our MP is Mr J Djanogly, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA.

LISTENING & PRAYER MINISTRY:

01603 957653.

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

