



Parish of St Michael, the Archangel, Huntingdon

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4th Sunday of Lent Year B

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Psalter: Week 4

SATURDAY	9th March: Vigil Mass
18.00 Mass	Rosamma Joseph +
SUNDAY	10th March
(LS) 09.00 Mass	Jadwega +
(LS) 11.00 Mass	For the people of the parish
15.30 Mass	in Polish
MONDAY	11th March: Feria
No Mass today	
TUESDAY	12th March: Feria
No Mass today	
WEDNESDAY	13th March: Feria
09.30 Mass	Thanksgiving (L)
16.30 Mass	at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital
18.30	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
THURSDAY	14th March: Feria
09.30 Mass	Peter Hughes +
(LS) 10.00 – 11.00	<i>Midweek meditation & Adoration.</i>
19.00	Station Mass with Bishop Peter, OLEM in Cambridge.
FRIDAY	15th March: Feria
09.30 Mass	Fr Abba Abraham
SATURDAY	16th March: Feria
(LS) 09.30 Mass	Sam Hibbard +
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.

LENT PROGRAMME has a week off this week, continues **Monday 18th March**, soup lunch at 12.30 followed by Part 3 of the video programme, the Holy Eucharist. The programme is repeated at 19.30 followed by Adoration. All are welcome.

FIRST CONFESSION: the children make their First Confession next **Sunday; 17th March** at 14.00. Please keep them in your prayers.

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: Victor Kolompar, Veronica Marsh, Philip Lean, Stephen Croke, Helena Devin, Emma Allwright, James Nicholls, Edith Wallis, Arthur Tearney, Alfred Wesley and Maureen Ball. May they rest in peace.

KRISTINE DIRINA, DANIEL PIRTNIEKS, JAMES O'CONNOR & ANTHONY MARSHALL, preparing for baptism at Easter & **ANDZELIKA JURAITYTE** preparing for adult reception of the sacraments at Easter, please pray for them during Lent.

ANAIH SHILOH TADALAN BALUYOT who was baptised last weekend; with the help of family and friends may she grow in faith.

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.

LENT COLLECTION starts this weekend and is open for four weeks, it is the blue bowl on top of the font, the card reader & website This year we support Aid to the Church in Need, <https://acnuk.org/> and EVC in Uganda. www.evcuganda.org You can read about both charities by following the links given.

STATION MASS: during Lent the Bishop does a tour of the Diocese saying Mass in each area to give us all encouragement. He will be in our area, in Our Lady & English Martyrs Church in Cambridge on **Thursday 14th March**. There will be confessions from 18.00, Mass at 19.00 followed by refreshments in the parish centre. You are invited to go; I have three seats if you need a lift.

CHRISM MASS with the Blessing of Oils and Renewal of Priestly vows will be on **Tuesday 26th March** at 11.30 in St John's Cathedral, Norwich. I am aware that this is still a school day and many of you will be at work. If anyone wishes to go, please sign the list in the GS Room and I will try to arrange transport if there are enough people. If you wish to make your own way there, please do.

BISHOP ALAN HOPES will be 80 next week Sunday and there will be a Thanksgiving Mass in St John's Cathedral, Norwich to mark this event. The Mass will be on **Tuesday 19th March** at 11.30, you are welcome to attend the Mass and some refreshments afterwards.

Last Sunday Collection

Huntingdon:	£257.71
Standing Orders	£425.50
Card Reader	£139.00
Total	£822.21

Thank you for your generous support of our parish community.

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

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 17th March** at 18.00 for a time of prayer, socialising and some simple food.

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**.

FOR SALE: we have a few items for sale in the cupboard in the GS Room, some statues and crucifixes and also a large statue of the Child of Prague. If you are interested, please have a look.

LOOP SYSTEM: during the installation of the new sound equipment, we discovered that the loop system to help those with hearing aids is not working. No one had mentioned this to me, and most new hearing aids do not use the loop system anymore, so I am whether there is a need to renew it or not. Please speak to me if you would benefit from a loop system in working order, or whether your hearing aid does not need it.

COFFEE AFTER 9.00 MASS: coffee this Sunday; you are welcome to stay for a drink and a chat.

DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING AUDIT: the Diocese of East Anglia has been awarded a judgment of Comprehensive Assurance by the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) in an audit of its safeguarding provision. The audit was conducted in Spring 2023 and the [Executive Summary of its findings have been published here](https://www.rcdea.org.uk/cssa-audit-backs-safeguarding-services-in-east-anglia/). It is hoped that parishioners and visitors to our diocese will be reassured by its findings. Bishop Peter, clergy and all who work and volunteer in the diocese are encouraged by it and remain committed to following up on the small number of recommendations to further improve. Particular gratitude is due to the Diocese's Safeguarding Coordinator & Administrator, and to all Parish Safeguarding Representatives for their hard-work and commitment, which is reflected in this report. Web link to use:

<https://www.rcdea.org.uk/cssa-audit-backs-safeguarding-services-in-east-anglia/>

INVIGILATION OF EXAMS: opportunities for people to join our invigilation team at St Peter's School Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire are available. The work is suited the retired or anyone with time on their hands wanting to get out & about. Invigilation contracts are casual with working occurring November, January, May & June. Invigilators have to attend an invigilation in each series and an in-person training morning annually, but the number of days and which shifts worked are decided by them. Further information can be provided by contacting exams@stpetershuntingdon.org.

CLEANERS THIS WEEK: members of our African community by **Saturday 16th March**. Thank you.

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

LISTENING & PRAYER MINISTRY:
01603 957653.

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

