



The Parish of St Michael, the Archangel, Huntingdon

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1st Sunday of Advent Year C

Psalter: Week 1

SATURDAY 30th November: Vigil Mass
18.00 Mass

SUNDAY 1st December
09.00 Mass Christine Allen
11.00 Mass For the people of the parish
15.30 Mass in Polish
18.00 Syro-Malabar Mass

MONDAY 2nd December: Feria
(LS) 09.30 Mass

TUESDAY 3rd November:
St Francis Xavier
No Mass today

WEDNESDAY 4th December: Feria
(LS) 09.30 Mass Peter Bowden
16.30 Mass at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital

THURSDAY 5th December: Feria
(LS) 09.30 Mass
(LS) 10.00 – 11.00 *Midweek meditation and Adoration*

FRIDAY 6th December: Feria
(LS) 09.30 Mass
10.00 *First Friday Rosary & Prayers*

SATURDAY 7th December:
St Ambrose
(LS) Mass 09.30

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.

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.*

CHRISTMAS CARDS are on sale in the GS Room to support our parish, **£5** per pack.

Your prayers are asked for:

Our parishioners who are sick: Martin Ahern, Rita Anand, Peter Ashcroft, Francesca Bastow, Purgi Bloomfield, Pauline Brown, Eileen Dolan, Bridget Gaynor, Romualda Grabiene, Molly Hazell, Patrick Moore, Anne McGovern, Paul Reddington, Rita Swann, Fr Ivan Weston. May the Lord reach out his healing hand to them.

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

AARON JAMES LLOYD who was baptised last weekend, through the help of family and friends may he grow in faith.

Nation 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 you if you do not tell us where they are. Thank you.

Last Sunday Collection

Huntingdon:	£315.05
Standing Orders	£425.50
Dona	£179.00
Total	£919.55

Thank you for your generous support of our parish community.

Retiring Collection for Diocesan Youth Service was £176.23, including £48.00 from Dona

SUNDAY COLLECTION: in the orange buckets near the doors & the card reader in the GS Room.
COFFEE MORNING as usual on Wednesday after Mass, do stop for a drink and a chat.

SEASON OF ADVENT begins the new Liturgical Year and our reading of a new translation of the Scriptures. We will read from the gospel of St Luke for most of next year and hear his wonderful parables and miracles. Advent is a time of longing and waiting, for the Second Coming of Christ in glory, for the celebration of the birth of Christ in human form in Bethlehem and for his daily coming into our lives through the Scriptures, the Sacraments and the people He has placed in our lives. Use the time well to be aware of God's presence in your life.

There will be a time of **Adoration** each Thursday morning after Mass, I hope you will use this time of prayer during Advent. We will pray for migrants, for peace and for those who are homeless.

FIRST COMMUNION: the children have now begun their preparation, please keep them & their families in your prayers. The next sessions for the children are on **Sunday 1st December** at 10.00, and **Sunday 8th December** at 10.00 in the church.

REFURBISHMENT continues in the house; I am living in St Ives, the phone number for the time being is 01480 462192.

ZIMBABWEAN COMMUNITY MASS: at St Luke's Church, PE2 5XS, Peterborough, **Saturday 7th December** at 12.30. All are Welcome!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: we are having a concert of Christmas Music from the different nationalities of our parish, I hope you will be able to get together & bring some of your music to this event. It will be on **Sunday 22nd December** at 18.00. I am sure you have lovely Christmas music, please come and share it with our whole community. Start practising now.



UNIVERSALIS: I recommend that you buy an app from Universalis. The app will give you the Sunday readings, the responses at Mass, readings in English & other languages, it will also give you the Daily Prayer of the Church and the Rosary.

If you want this for more than one device, please buy the Licence from [Apps, programs \(universalis.com\)](http://Apps_programs(universalis.com)) the cost is £19.99; if you only want it for one device, you can buy it from your app store for £9.99. **We begin using the New Lectionary this weekend; sorry our books have not arrived yet.**

CLEANERS THIS WEEK: members of our Polish community on **Saturday 7th December**. Thanks

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.

THE CHURCH OF THE FUTURE many thanks to the 14 people who came to the meeting and who were very positive about the future of the Church with less priests and the changes needed for that situation. I will publish their thoughts in a couple of weeks and send them off to the Bishop.

ADVENT FAIR at St Ives, Sacred Heart Church Hall on **Saturday 7th December** 10.00 – 14.00; lots of Christmas gifts, cakes and games.

JOURNEY IN FAITH next meeting, **Friday 6th December** at 19.30 in the GS Room.

CATECHISM CLASSES next class on **Sunday 1st December** at **17.00** in the GS Room, all children of different ages are welcome to attend these classes to deepen their understanding of their faith. I hope you will take this opportunity for the Catholic education of your children.



FOOD BANK DONATIONS: our next collection for the foodbank is **Sunday, 1st December**. There will be a box near each door, for your donations. Please bring tins, dried food or toiletries as your donation.

LISTENING & PRAYER MINISTRY:
<http://rcdea.org.uk/listening-and-prayer/>

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

