



# The Parish of St Michael, the Archangel, Huntingdon

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**Year C**

Psalter: Week 2

**SATURDAY**      **7<sup>th</sup> December: Vigil Mass**  
18.00 Mass For the people of the parish

**SUNDAY**      **8<sup>th</sup> December**  
09.00 Mass Thanksgiving (M)  
11.00 Mass  
15.30 Mass in Polish

**MONDAY**      **9<sup>th</sup> December:**  
**Immaculate Conception of BVM**  
(LS) 09.30 Mass

**TUESDAY**      **10<sup>th</sup> December:**  
**Martyrs of East Anglia**  
No Mass today

**WEDNESDAY**      **11<sup>th</sup> December: Feria**  
(LS) 09.30 Mass Ray Eaton +  
16.30 Mass at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital

**THURSDAY**      **12<sup>th</sup> December: Feria**  
(LS) 09.30 Mass  
(LS) 10.00 – 11.00 *Midweek meditation and Adoration*

**FRIDAY**      **13<sup>th</sup> December:**  
**St Lucy**  
(LS) 09.30 Mass

**SATURDAY**      **14<sup>th</sup> December:**  
**St John of the Cross**  
(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.

**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.

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

## 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:** Nora Hughes, David Maile, Michael Walsh, James McGuire, Michael Sheehy, Nuran Sonsil, Mary Newman, Katie Sims, Paul Cooney, Theresa Keeble, Emmanuel Dzockplence, Norah McGrath, Frisic Polis, James Clancy and Norah Tunesi. May they rest in peace.

**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:	£283.41
Standing Orders	£425.50
Dona	£207.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£915.91</b>

**Thank you for your generous support of our parish community.**

**Retiring Collection next weekend, Dependent Priests' Fund, GA envelopes available.**

**DEPENDENT PRIESTS' FUND** this is the fund that supports priests who are no longer able to work because of illness or because of age who have now retired. These priests have served us well during their lives and now need our support. There are special GA envelopes available this weekend.

**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 **8<sup>th</sup> December** at 10.00 in the church. Next sessions are in January.

**SERVICE OF PENANCE** and an opportunity for individual confession will be held on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December** at 19.30. There will be some visiting priests to help with confessions, please use this opportunity to be reconciled with God.



**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 22<sup>nd</sup> December** at 18.00. I am sure you have lovely

Christmas music, please come and share it with our whole community. Start practising now.

**CLEANERS THIS WEEK:** members of our Filipino community by **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December**. Thanks

**REFURBISHMENT** continues in the house; I am living in St Ives, the phone number for the time being is 01480 462192. Hopefully, I will be back before Christmas.

**ADVENT POSADA:** the Posada statue continues its journey this week. The statue of Joseph with his pregnant wife, Mary, on the way to Bethlehem. 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. There are still some spaces on the list.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO A SHARED LUNCH** on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December** to celebrate Fr Philip's birthday, please bring some food to share after 11.00 Mass. Don't forget to bring your own drinks.

There will also be a **sale of goods** next week in the GS Room, please have a look, you might get those elusive Christmas gifts here and support our parish.

**CATECHISM CLASSES** next class on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 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, 22<sup>nd</sup> December** to be delivered to the Food Bank in time for Christmas donations; some Christmas items would be much appreciated. There will be a box near each door, for your donations. Please bring tins, dried food or toiletries as your donation.

**READERS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** please note, the new rotas are being prepared in the next couple of weeks, if you wish to make any changes, now is the time to do it. If you wish to stop doing your ministry and come off the rota, or if you wish to become a Reader or Eucharistic Minister, training will be given, please send an email to the parish office in the next couple of weeks. Thank you.

**LISTENING & PRAYER MINISTRY:**

<http://rcdea.org.uk/listening-and-prayer/>

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

