



The Parish of St Michael, the Archangel, Huntingdon

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Psalter: Week 3

SATURDAY 14th December: Vigil Mass
18.00 Mass For the people of the parish

SUNDAY 15th December
09.00 Mass Augustinas Grabis +
11.00 Mass Rodrigo Malatumbaga +
15.30 Mass in Polish

MONDAY 16th December: Feria
(LS) 09.30 Mass Genoveva Tibon +

TUESDAY 17th December: Feria
No Mass today

WEDNESDAY 18th December: Feria
(LS) 09.30 Mass Fr Thomas Kenny +
16.30 Mass at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital

THURSDAY 19th December: Feria
(LS) 09.30 Mass
(LS) 10.00 – 11.00 *Midweek meditation and Adoration*
19.30 *Service of Penance*

FRIDAY 20th December: Feria
(LS) 09.30 Mass

SATURDAY 21st December: Feria
(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.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A SHARED LUNCH on Sunday 15th 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.

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: Thomas Lee, Eileen Pancia, Bridie Ahern, William Kennedy, Mary O'Riordan, Patricia Barker, James Malone, Alice Cope, Alice Crawford, William McCarthy, Constance Smith, Linda Darlow, Ann Turnbull, Anastasia Dewar and Christine Parsons. 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:	£260.50
Standing Orders	£425.50
Dona	£205.00
Total	£891.00

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 fund 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.

SERVICE OF PENANCE and an opportunity for individual confession will be held on **Thursday 19th December** at 19.30. There will be some visiting priests to help with confessions, confessions available in Malayalam and in Spanish; please use this opportunity to be reconciled with God.

SEASON OF ADVENT 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.



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. There will be mince pies and mulled wine after the concert.

CLEANERS THIS WEEK: members of our African community by **Saturday 21st December**. Thanks

REFURBISHMENT is almost finished, and I hope to move back in after this weekend; if any of you can help with some cleaning, I would appreciate that, but the builders have left it all looking very good.

ADVENT POSADA: the Posada statue continues its journey this week. The statue of Joseph with his pregnant wife, Mary, on the way to Bethlehem.

VERY MANY THANKS to a very generous parishioner who has very kindly donated the cost of the new Sunday Missals which are now available for you to use. We are very grateful for such a practical and long-lasting gift. Thank you very much.

CATECHISM CLASSES next class on **Sunday 15th 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.

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.

MASSES AT CHRISTMAS:

Tuesday 24th December: Christmas Eve

- 11.30 Syro-Malabar Mass.
- 18.00 Children's Mass.
- 22.00 Mass at Night

Wednesday 25th December, Christmas Day

- 09.00 Mass
- 11.00 Mass
- 15.30 Polish Mass



FOOD BANK DONATIONS: our next collection for the foodbank is **Sunday, 22nd 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.

JUBILEE YEAR OF 2025 OPENING MASS Pope Francis has asked that all Bishops celebrate the Opening of the Jubilee Year at their Cathedrals on the **29th December**. Bishop Peter therefore warmly invites you to join him at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist for our Diocesan Opening Rites & Mass at 11.00, in solidarity with celebrations around the world.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME TO CELEBRATE THE JUBILEE OF YOUTH – Limited places left

As part of the Jubilee 2025, the Diocese will be leading a pilgrimage to Rome, joining with hundreds of thousands of young people from all over the world. There are a limited number of places left with bookings accepted on a first come first served basis. If you will be age 16 – 30 next summer 2025, come and join us, but book now! See www.rcdea.org.uk/youth

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

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

