

The Parish of St Michael, the Archangel, Huntingdon

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First Sunday of Advent Year A

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| SATURDAY | | | 29th November: Vigil Mass | |
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| | 18.00 | Mass | Holy Souls | |
| SUNDAY | | | 30th November: | |
| | 08.30 | Mass | Thanksgiving (G) | |
| (LS) | 09.45 | Mass | For the people of our parish | |
| (LS) | 11.15 | Mass | For the people of our parish Holy Souls | |
| | | Mass in Polish | | |
| MONDAY | | | 1st December: Feria | |
| (LS) | 09.30 | Mass | Private Intention | |
| TUESDAY | | | 2 nd December: Feria | |

No Mass today

WEDNESDAY 3rd December:

St Francis Xavier Migrants' Day

(LS) 09.30 Mass Thanksgiving (S)

16.30 Mass at Hinchingbrooke Hospital

THURSDAY 4th December:

(LS) 09.30 Mass Private Intention (L)

(LS) 10.00 Midweek meditation & Adoration

FRIDAY 5th December: Feria

(LS) 09.30 Mass Alexander +

10.00 First Friday Rosary & Prayers

14.30 Funeral Service, Anna Heaney +

Huntingdon Crematorium

SATURDAY 6th December: Feria

(LS) 09.30 Mass Bishop Thomas McMahon + 10.00 Confessions

Vigil Mass at 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.

YOUNG ADULTS are welcome to a meeting on Sunday 30th November at 18.00 in the GS Room, there will be a time of adoration, discussion and some simple food. You are welcome to come.

Your prayers are asked for:

Our parishioners who are sick: Rita Anand, Ray Arthurs, Francesca Bastow, Purgi Bloomfield, David Burns, Eileen Dolan, Bridget Gaynor, Romualda Grabiene, Helene Harrison, Molly Hazell, Anthony Hunt, Patrick Moore, Anne McGovern, Paul Reddington, Rita Swann, Yoli Wells, Fr Ivan Weston, Ann Wilson. May the Lord reach out his healing hand to them.

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

YOSEF RAEFEL ROMERO who was baptised last weekend, with the help of parents and godparents may he grow in faith.

FIRST COMMUNION: the children will be enrolled for preparation at all Masses over the weekend. There are 28 children beginning preparation, please keep them in your prayers.

Nation Cycle of Prayer: during Ordinary Time from September to Christ the King please pray for the following intentions: the care of creation; the harvest; students & teachers; the spread of the Gospel, especially on Home Mission Day & world Mission Day; prisoners & their families; all Victims of War & all our young people.

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.

<u>FIRST COMMUNION</u> has its first session on Thursday 4th December at 18.00 in the Church, please make sure you attend this meeting.

SEASON OF ADVENT begins today and is the start of a new liturgical year, the year of Matthew. From now until this time next year we shall follow St Matthew's gospel and hear Jesus preaching the Sermon on the Mount and much of his other great sermons. Advent is a time to focus on the coming of Christ in three different ways into our lives; the coming of Christ in glory at the end of time, the coming of Christ born in the stable and Christ coming into our lives every day through prayer, Scripture and the Sacraments.

There will be a time of **Adoration** after Mass each Thursday until 11.00, please stay after Mass if you can.

<u>PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS</u> are on sale from this weekend; they are all religious cards and are sold to support our parish. Remember that sending religious cards to friends or work colleagues can be a way of witnessing to your faith in the Incarnation.

| Last Sunday Collection | | | | | |
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| Huntingdon: | £250.60 | a ====a | | | |
| Standing Orders | £520.00 | | | | |
| Dona | £200.25 | | | | |
| Total | £970.85 | | | | |

Thank you for your generous support of our parish community.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Change of dates: due to flight schedule we have to change the dates of our pilgrimage to Lourdes for 2026, the new dates will be Wednesday 10th June – Saturday 13th June. If you want to join tis pilgrimage begin to book your leave or start applying for a visa if you need one. Further details and price later.



FOOD BANK DONATIONS: our next collection for the foodbank is **Sunday**, 7th **December.** There will be a box near each door, for your donations. Please bring tins, dried food or toiletries as your donation. This will be our Christmas collection for the Foodbank, please do your best.

CHRISTMAS SALE & RAFFLE will be on Sundays 14th & 21st December, with the raffle on 21st. We hope you will bring in items for sale and then support us on those two weekends. Also, if you can donate a raffle prize, that would be much appreciated.

BETHLEHEM BAUBLES: these are Christmas gifts made in Bethlehem from recycled glass, they are handblown by Muslim craftsmen, hand painted by Christian artists and shipped by Israel. There is a leaflet near each door and a sample on the board in the GS Room. If you can support this venture bringing people together who are suffering so much, please do, use the code given and a donation will be made to St Michael's. Thank you.

If you wish to make an order, please contact Clare Elias at eliasm@btinternet.com to make an order, by **Monday 1st December**; ordering together will reduce the delivery charge.

<u>CAROL SERVICE</u>: we are planning a Carol Service this year, as opposed to a carol concert; this will be a service of readings and carols for you to sing. The date is **Saturday 20th December** at 16.00 followed by mince pies and mulled wine or soft drinks, all finishing before evening Mass. Please come as part of your preparation for Christmas.

We invite children to come and form a choir to sing one or two carols during the service; there will be a practice on **Friday 5th December** at 17.30 in the church; boys & girls I hope you can persuade your parents to bring you along.

<u>COFFEE MORNING</u> on Wednesday as usual, after Mass, please stay for a drink and a chat.

<u>CLEANERS THIS WEEK:</u> members of the Polish community on **Saturday 6**th **December.** Thanks.

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

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

