

St Etheldreda's Parish Newsletter

Sunday 25th December 2016, Feast of the Nativity of the Lord

Mass times during the Week; Proper of the Mass page 98-103 Office

Sunday 6.30 pm Saturday and Sunday 9.00 am and 11.00 am
Monday 11.00 am St Stephen M Margaret Watt RIP
Tuesday 10.00 am St John Evangelist Ap Martin Cornwell RIP
Wednesday 9.30 am Holy innocents M Julie Swan's Intentions
Thursday 9.30 am St Thomas Becket M Dennis Austin RIP
Friday 9.30 am Holy Family Gillard Family RIP
Saturday 10.00 am Octave of Christmas 6.30 pm. Conor Fahy RIP

Reconciliation & Confessions 10.30 am on Saturday and by appointment

Children's Liturgy at 11.00 am Mass. The Children rejoin their parents at the Offertory.

First Communion Classes on Sunday at 10.30 am.

We pray for Betty Kay, who died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time, Elizabeth Harding, Sophie Amory, Martin Cornwell, May Joyce, Dorothy Scott, Florrie Webb, Gareth Barham, John McCaffrey, Jerome Shilleto, Lina Piemontesi, Ursula Harvey, Patrick O'Brien, Fr Christopher Watt, Joe Geraty, Daniel Lineham

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will resume after the holiday

Deacon John's Talk resume after the holiday. Also SVP Meeting.

Thank you from Deacon John, Margaret myself and Fr John for all your cards and gifts and best wishes for Christmas. They are very graciously appreciated.

Thank you to those who cleaned and decorated the Church. Thanks to our Alter Servers and musicians, Readers and Ministers who made our celebrations full of joy and faith.

Baptism Programme

All parents who wish to have their child Baptized are requested to follow the Course which gets you thinking about the meaning of Baptism for your child. Please get in touch with myself or Deacon John if you are planning a Baptism soon. Thank you.

Relationship difficulties please contact Marriage Care Tel 0800 389380

Date for your diary. Drinks and bits after 11.00 am Mass on the 1st January

The Sacrament of Confirmation: The Bishop has been invited to the Parish for Confirmation on Thursday 24th May 2017. Classes will begin early in the New Year for anyone in yrs 8,9 and 10 who wishes to be Confirmed. Will you please let Deacon John or myself know if you intend to join this group? Thank you.

Ely Food Bank

At this time we are very short of Long Life Milk, Fruit Juice, Coffee, Rice, Tinned meat, Rice puddings. Please help if you can. Thank you.

Pastoral care. If you are going into Addenbrookes, please let the Chaplaincy know on 01223/217769. then someone will come to see you

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. This is from 11th to 18th September 2017 .There are still places available. There are brochures at the back of the Church with booking Forms.

Parish Website The parish has a brand new Website <http://elyrcchurch.com> which contains information and ideas to support prayer, worship and community. Please look and send suggestions to Deacon John or by email to web@elyrcchurch.com.

Thank you for your weekly contributions which amounted to £819.84.

We pray for all the sick and house-bound, Fr John, Fr Laurie Locke, Fr Michael Griffin, Fr David Tanner, Fr Terry Donnelly and our sick priests, Deacon John Steel, Ann Lemon, Bernadette Brown, Geoff Abbot, Peter Swan John O'Donnell, Margaret Layton, Margaret Benstead, Delia Hazeldine Sylvia Canham and Gill Blunt

Coming Home Prayer

Loving Father, we pray for those baptized who no longer or rarely attend Church: that they will understand and experience in their hearts that Christ is the source of unconditional love and reconciliation. We pray for everyone who worships in our parish community: that we may find the right words and means to invite our absent brothers and sisters to return to the practice of their faith. Amen.

May God give you every blessing of peace this Christmas.

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