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**Newsletter for Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024, Fourth Sunday of the Year – Racial Justice Day.**

**Mass Books p132. Ps: Week 4.**

**We pray** for the Parish of St Michael, Huntingdon, the Holy Land, Ukraine, the Catholic Community in Prek Toal, Cambodia, and SVP in Kerala, India.

**Mass Times this week**

**Saturday** 6.30pm  
**Sunday** 9.00 am,  
 11.00 am,  
**Monday** 9.30 am, Feria  
**Tuesday** 9.30 am, Feria

**Memorial Acc: Save us, Saviour...**

*William Cooper RIP*  
*People of the Parish*  
*Catherine Hayden RIP*  
*Michael Dunkin RIP*  
*Pat & Noel McSweeney RIP*

**Wednesday** 12.15 pm, St John Bosco *Sevi Budd's intentions*  
**Thursday** 9.30 am, Feria *John Dean RIP*  
**Friday** 12.15 pm, PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - Feast  
*Private intention - N*  
**Saturday** 10.00 am, St Blaise *Fr John McKeon RIP (Brentwood)*  
 6.30 pm, (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year) *Private intention*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**, Saturday, 10.30 am, or by appointment. **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**, Friday, 11.40 am – 12.10 pm, before Mass.

**Teas and coffees** after 9.00 and 11.00 am Mass. **Children's Liturgy** at 11.00 am Mass today. **Rosary** at 11.45 am on Wednesdays, before Mass.

**Catholic East Anglia** Please take a copy of the February issue of the Diocesan newspaper.

**Candlemas Day** We will celebrate the Presentation of the Lord on Friday. 12.15 pm Mass will begin with the Blessing of Candles and Solemn Entrance.

**Blessing of Throats on the Feast of St Blaise.** The Blessing of Throats will be given at 10.00 am Mass on Saturday.

**Our next Church Cleaning** is on this coming Saturday, 3rd February, at 11.30 am. If you have a spare hour or so, please come along as many hands makes light work! We have buckets, mops, cloths etc but feel free to bring your own. Thank you so much to everyone who is helping to keep our church clean and tidy.

**Prayers for Ukraine** Please take a prayer card featuring the miraculous icon of the Mother of God of Sambir, venerated by Ukrainian Greek Catholics.

**Please pray for all our sick and housebound brothers and sisters and for the Anniversaries** of Alexander Reeve, Alan Doran, William Rendy, John Taylor, Dionisio Santos, Rosemary Hind, Peter Hallinan, Francesca Lopez, Julian Lewaniewicz. May they rest in peace.

**2024 Diocesan Year Books** are now on sale at the back of the church, £3 each. Packed with information and the full Liturgical Calendar for 2024.

**Inviting young people (age 16 – 30) to Transform for Lent** It might seem that Christmas was only yesterday but already it's not long until Lent! The Ignite Team are hosting a weekend retreat for young people at Clare Priory the weekend before Lent begins (10th – 11th February). Contemporary music, inspiring talks and passionate prayer times. For more information and to book a place see [www.rcdea.org.uk/youth](http://www.rcdea.org.uk/youth)

**Collections last weekend** *Parish*: £744.59; *White Flower Appeal*: £117.20; *Pax Christi*: £5 (£138.62); *Cambodia*: £5 (Total £202.25). Thank you all for being so generous to the parish and to these good causes.

**Message from CAFOD East Anglia:** Could your New Year's resolution be getting more involved in the life of our Church? CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking for people to join them in their mission. Could you help visit our local schools, campaign for justice, visit parishes, or take part in The Big Lent Walk? [cafod.org.uk/walk](http://cafod.org.uk/walk) Training and support is provided. See [cafod.org.uk/Volunteer](http://cafod.org.uk/Volunteer) for more information or get in touch with East Anglia's CAFOD representative, Jane Crone, [jcrone@cafod.org.uk](mailto:jcrone@cafod.org.uk)

**>>> Coming up: SVP** next meets Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> January, at 7.30 pm. **Parish Bible Study and Prayer Group** meets Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February, at 10.45 am.

**For the Catholic Chaplain in Addenbrooke's**, call the Chaplains' Office, 01223 217769. **Relationship difficulties** Contact Marriage Care 0800 3893801

*Every blessing for the coming week and for February, Deacon Paul and Father David.*

## Prayers of the Faithful – Fourth Sunday of the Year 2024

Priest:

Having listened to the word of God, let us offer our prayers with great confidence.

Reader:

For the Church, and for Pope Francis and for all our pastors and teachers: that they may guide us in the ways of truth and love, to be faithful in serving God's Kingdom...*PAUSE*

Lord, hear us.

For all who call themselves Christians: that they may be steadfast in rejecting all forms of racism, anti-semitism and discrimination and be ready to defend the rights of all God's people...

*PAUSE*

Lord, hear us.

For those in authority in Church or State: that they may serve those in their care with generosity and kindness, guided by compassion and truth...*PAUSE*

Lord, hear us.

For those who are longing for peace, especially in the Holy Land and in Ukraine: that the efforts of peacemakers may be blessed by the good Lord...*PAUSE*

Lord, hear us.

For all our brothers and sisters who are sick or suffering: that they may be comforted by the God's healing Spirit...*PAUSE*

Lord, hear us.

Let us bring our own needs to God in the silence of our hearts...*LONGER PAUSE*

We pray for all God's people, living and departed, as we seek the intercession of our Blessed Lady: Hail Mary...

Priest:

Lord our God, fill us with understanding so that we may follow you in all we say, think and do. Lead us in the path of salvation you trace for us, through Christ our Lord. Amen.





