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**Newsletter for Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024, Fifth Sunday of the Year.**

**Mass Books p134. Ps: Week 1.**

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

**Mass Times this week**

**NEW Memorial Acc: We proclaim...**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>		<i>Private intention</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00 am,</b>		<i>People of the Parish</i>
	<b>11.00 am,</b>		<i>Zuzanna Danisz RIP</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>9.30 am, St Agatha</b>	<i>Father Richard Moroney RIP-</i>	<i>Nthpton</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9.30 am, St Paul Miki and Comps.</b>		<i>Private intention</i>

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12.15 pm, Feria</b>	<i>Father Michael Teader RIP</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9.30 am, Feria</b>	<i>Victims of Human Trafficking</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>12.15 pm, Feria</b>	<i>Joseph Orr RIP</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10.00 am, St Scholastica</b>	<i>Martha Benita D'Souza RIP</i>
	<b>6.30 pm, (6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year)</b>	<i>Private intention</i>

**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.

**First Holy Communion Preparation**

There will be a meeting for Parents in the church on Monday at 6.45pm during the time of the children's class.

**Thursday is a Day of Prayer for Victims of Trafficking** A new group is forming in the Diocese to help to reduce modern slavery here. During 2022, in our Diocese alone, 746 souls were found enslaved and rescued. Police describe this number of enslaved people, as the tip of the iceberg. Pope Francis wants us to "find" enslaved people. All that means is learning (simply) to spot the signs and safely report them to the Modern Slavery Helpline 08000 121 700. The new group is looking for young & older volunteers to join the group. No previous knowledge or experience required, just a wish to end slavery in our diocese. Please contact [john\\_simong@hotmail.com](mailto:john_simong@hotmail.com) to discuss possibly volunteering and read the leaflet about St Bakhita (regarded as the patron saint of Modern Slavery) at <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/caritas-east-anglia/modern-slavery>

**Inviting young people (age 16 – 30) to Transform for Lent** It's not long now until Lent! The Ignite Team are hosting a weekend retreat for young people at Clare Priory next weekend, 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)

**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)

**Please pray for all our sick and housebound brothers and sisters and for the Anniversaries** of Gertrude Winsome, Sabina Hempstead, Maia Monica Tole, John Guyon, Frances Langdon, Elizabeth Clark, Betty Barby, John Prendergast, Sidney Edwards, Mark Philip Selman, Peter Spurgeon, Patricia Adams and Alan Hockley. May they rest in peace.

**Collections last weekend** *Parish*: £623.15. Thank you all for being so generous to the parish and to these good causes.

**>>> Coming up: SVP** next meets Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> February, at 10.15 am. **Parish Bible Study and Prayer Group** meets Saturday, 17<sup>th</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

*God bless you in the coming week, Deacon Paul and Father David.*

Prayers of the Faithful – Fifth Sunday of the Year 2024

Priest:

The Lord is good; our God is loving. With confidence in his merciful love, let us offer our prayers.

Reader:

For the Church, called to be an instrument of God's peace: that we be blessed with energy and enthusiasm to be peacemakers in the world around us...*PAUSE*

Lord, in your mercy.

For those who are suffering because of war and conflict: that the injured and bereaved may find comfort and relief, that those held hostage and unjustly against their will may be freed and that refugees may find sanctuary and security...

*PAUSE*

Lord, in your mercy.

For the people of Northern Ireland: that they may be able to work together for peace and prosperity and strive for a better society for all...*PAUSE*

Lord, in your mercy.

For all our brothers and sisters who are sick and for those who take care of them: that they may be blessed with the courage and healing they need...*PAUSE*

Lord, in your mercy.

Let us pause to pray in silence for our own needs...*LONGER PAUSE*

We ask for the prayers of Our Blessed Lady, Queen of the Apostles, for all the faithful, living and departed: Hail Mary...

Priest:

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, heal the broken hearted and bind up the wounds of all who call on you in any need, through Christ our Lord. Amen.





