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Newsletter for Sunday, 18th February 2024, First Sunday of Lent.

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We pray for the Parish of St Mary, Ipswich, 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: We proclaim...

Anthony & Conor Fahy RIP
People of the Parish
Witold Grabek RIP
Private intention
Barbara Goldsbrough RIP

Wednesday 12.15 pm, Lent Feria *Souls in Purgatory*
Thursday 9.30 am, CHAIR OF ST PETER *Jennifer Nash RIP*
Friday 12.15 pm, Lent Feria (St Polycarp) *Reg Woodcock RIP*
Saturday 10.00 am, Lent Feria *Private intention*
6.30 pm, (2nd Sunday of Lent) *Felix Byrne - sick*

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.

Lent Family Fast Day is on Friday. This Lent your donations to CAFOD's Fast Day appeal will help hardworking people like James, pictured on the Fast Day poster, a fisherman in Liberia, with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. There will be a **Retiring Collection next weekend** for your Fast Day envelopes or you can give online at cafod.org.uk Please Gift Aid if you are a UK income taxpayer and please join us in praying with James that our brothers and sisters around the world have what they need to feed their families. In Monrovia, Liberia, five fisherman a month die in storms at sea. Now, with CAFOD's help, James and others have the equipment they need, a compass, life jacket and a GPS tracking system, to fish safely and sustainably.

Walk with Me, a Journey of Prayer for Lent Specially commissioned this year for East Anglia with an introduction by Bishop Peter, *Walk with Me* has a short daily meditation and prayer linked to the Mass of the day, in a handy sized booklet. I do recommend it. Price is just £1, on sale at the back of the church.

Stations of the Cross Here in St Etheldreda's Church at 7.00 pm on Friday. A shorter form of the Stations of the Cross will be led by members of the parish on the Wednesdays of Lent at 11.45 am (replacing the Rosary). We hope this will be a help to those who cannot come to the Friday evening services.

Lenten Alms this year will be devoted to our twinned brothers and sisters in the community of Prek Toal, Cambodia. A basket for alms is on the altar steps.

Cambridge Deanery Lent Station Mass Thursday, 14th March, at the Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs, Hills Road, Cambridge. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions from 6.00 pm, Mass at 7.00 pm, concelebrated by Bishop Peter and priests of our St Andrew's Deanery.

Church Cleaning - our next church clean will be on Saturday 2nd March 2024 at 11.30am. If you are free and able to spare an hour or so we'd love to see you. Many thanks to all who have been helping to clean and tidy the church for us all. Everyone is welcome to join us – many hands make light work.

World Day of Prayer, Friday 1st March, at St Mary's Church, Ely, starting at 1.30 pm. The theme is "Bear with one another in love", and the service materials have been prepared by the Christian Women of Palestine. Refreshments after the service. All are welcome.

The Spring Parish Forum will be held on Thursday, 29th February at 7.30 pm in the Parish Rooms. Laurence Tisi will chair the Forum. All are invited to take part.

We pray for the sick, King Charles, Derek Rosario and all our sick and housebound brothers and sisters. **The Faithful Departed** We offer our prayers and condolences to Claudette and Geoffrey Turner on the death of Claudette's sister, Eileen, in Canada. May she rest in peace. **We pray for the Anniversaries of** Carol Dray, Thomas Callaghan, John Marsh, Minnie Harvey, Jennifer rose Nash, Joe Kay, Elizabeth Player, Margaret Smart, rose Edwards, Mary Grabowski. RIP

Collections last weekend *Parish*: £782.75. Thank you all for being so generous in supporting our parish.

For the Catholic Chaplain in Addenbrooke's, call the Chaplains' Office, 01223 217769. **Relationship difficulties** Contact Marriage Care 0800 389380

>>> Coming up: SVP next meets Monday, 19th February, at 7.30 pm. **Parish Bible Study and Prayer Group** meets again Saturday, 2nd March, at 10.45 am.

Every blessing for this half term holiday and First Week of Lent, Deacon Paul and Father David.

First Sunday of Lent: Prayers of the Faithful

Priest: Dear brothers and sisters, the ways of the Lord are faithfulness and love. Let us pray together for the needs of the Church and the world that the Lord may show the path to those who stray and we may learn to walk in his truth.

Reader:

For the Church and especially for those preparing to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist: that this Lent may be a time of renewal in grace and of growth in God's love...*PAUSE*

Lord, in your mercy.

For the peoples of the Holy Land and of Ukraine, for those held hostage and for all who are trapped and suffering from the brutality of war and hatred: that they may be able to live securely in a just and lasting peace...*PAUSE*

Lord, in your mercy.

For the leaders of nations: that they may be blessed with wisdom and discernment in facing the many challenges of these days.

Lord, in your mercy.

For those who go to sea and all those who face danger in order to feed their families: that God may be with them always, keeping them safe...*PAUSE*

Lord, in your mercy.

For those who are sick, those who care for them, for the faithful departed and for those who mourn: that they may know how much the Lord loves each of them...*PAUSE*

Let us pray in the silence of our hearts for our own needs...*LONGER PAUSE*

We fly to the protection of the Holy Mother of God, remembering all her children as we pray: Hail Mary...

Priest:

Lord, sustain those preparing for Baptism and all the members of your Church on the journey through Lent. Strengthen us to be faithful to your Covenant and to become living signs of your love for all, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

