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Newsletter for Sunday, 25th February 2024, Second Sunday of Lent.

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

Mass Times this week	Memorial Acc: We proclaim,		
Saturday 6.30pm	Felix Byrne - sick	Wednesday 12.15 pm, Lent Feria	Elizabeth and Family
Sunday 9.00 am,	Bernard Cleary RIP	Thursday 9.30 am, Lent Feria	Patrick Finegan RIP
11.00 am,	People of the Parish	Friday 12.15 pm, ST DAVID	Louise Vyse RIP
Monday 9.30 am, Feria	Private intention	Saturday 10.00 am, Lent Feria	Grandma Podlewski RIP
Tuesday 9.30 am, Feria	Joseph Tooth RIP	6.30 pm, (3 rd Sunday of Lent)	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.

Retiring Collection today for CAFOD. You can also donate on the Fast Day page of the website cafod.org.uk CAFOD announced yesterday that thanks to a very generous donor, donations up to £40.000 made online today and tomorrow will be matched £ for £. Thank you all for your own generous support. Catholic East Anglia Please take your free copy of the March issue of the diocesan newspaper. Our recent International lunch features in the Picture Gallery. The Spring Parish Forum will be held this Thursday, 29th February at 7.30 pm in the Parish Rooms. All parishioners are invited to take part in the Forum. First Holy Communion Class this Monday evening at 6.45 pm in the Presbytery.

Stations of the Cross A short form at 11.45 am on Wednesday, before Mass, and then on Friday at 7.00 pm in St Peter's Church, Broad, Street. **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.

Lenten Alms this year will be devoted to our twinned brothers and sisters in the community of Prek Toal, Cambodia. Alms basket is below Our Lady's statue. **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.

SVP Mini Jars Please continue to take mini jars from the back of the church to fill up with 5p coins to help with education of poor students in India. Thank you. **Church Cleaning** - our next church clean will be on Saturday, 2nd March, 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. **The Faithful Departed** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Tony Brear, a member of St Etheldreda's Parish from 1963 – 2000 with his wife Marie and family.

who has died in Southwold in his 91st year and whose Funeral will be celebrated in the Sacred Heart Church, Southwold, on Tuesday 12th March, at 11.00 am. **We pray for all our sick and housebound brothers and sisters and for the Anniversaries of** Walter Cooper, Teresa Jameson, Gerard Hannaford, Daniel Woods, Eileen Turner, Patrick Finegan, Louise Vyse, Ellen Barrell and Percy Tharby. May they rest in peace.

Collections last weekend *Parish*: £758.54. 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 on Monday, 4th March, at 10.15 am. Parish Bible Study and Prayer Group meets again this Saturday, 2nd March, at 10.45 am.

Second Sunday of Lent: Prayers of the Faithful

Priest: Dear brothers and sisters, though we are sorely afflicted, let us trust in the Lord and call upon God for the needs of the Church and the world.

Reader:

For the Church: that Lent may be a time of grace for us all and that penitents and those who have wandered far from the Lord may find peace in forgiveness and rest in returning home to the Father...

Lord, hear us.

For the people of Ukraine, on this tragic anniversary weekend: that they may be strong in spirit and that they may receive the help they need to overcome aggression and to achieve freedom...

Lord, hear us.

For all who are suffering from the barbarity of war, especially in Ukraine and in Gaza and Israel: that captives may be set free, the injured and bereaved may be comforted and that all may be able to live in peace and security...

Lord, hear us.

For everyone who struggles to get enough food to eat. May God guide us all to share what we can and to work together so that all our brothers and sisters may look to the future with hope...

Lord, hear us.

For those who are sick and those who care for them: that God's healing Spirit may be with them... Lord, hear us.

For Tony Brear and for all the faithful departed: that the Lord may grant them eternal rest and may comfort those who mourn for them...

Lord, hear us.

Let us pray quietly for our own intentions...

We seek the prayers of Our Lady, Refuge of Sinners: Hail Mary...

Priest:

Lord of healing and hope, live among us in the hearts of all who know and love you. We make this and all our prayers through Christ our Lord. Amen.