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## Newsletter for Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024, Fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday – Rejoice!

We pray for the Parish of Our Lady of the Annunciation, King's Lynn, the Holy Land, Ukraine, the Catholics in Prek Toal, Cambodia, and SVP in Kerala, India.

<u>Mass Times this week</u>		Memorial Acc: We proclaim,				
Saturday		Billy Walker - sick	Wednesday	y 12.15 pm, Lent Feria	Cezary H	Karwoski-Budd's intentions
Sunday	9.00 am,	People of the Parish	Thursday	9.30 am, Lent Feria		Deacon John Steel RIP
	11.00 am,	Mollyanne Thompson and Mother RIP	Friday	12.15 pm, Lent Feria		Gary Davison RIP
Monday	<u>9.00 am</u> , Lent Feria	Private intention	Saturday	10.00 am, Lent Feria		Private intention
Tuesday	9.30 am, Lent Feria	Gloria Down RIP		6.30 pm, (5 <sup>th</sup> 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. Lenten Alms Basket, for Cambodia, is below Our Lady's statue.

**Stations of the Cross** A short form at 11.45 am on Wednesday, before Mass, and then on Friday at 7.00 pm, this week in St Peter's Church in Broad Street. **Cambridge Deanery Lent Station Mass** this Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> 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 Deanery of St Andrew.

First Reconciliation The children on our First Holy Communion Programme will be making their First Confession on Saturday in a Reconciliation Service at 11.30 am. Please continue to remember them in your prayers as they prepare for this big day on their journey towards their First Communion.
Family Fast Day A big Thank You on behalf of CAFOD for your generosity following the recent Fast Day. A total of £590 was donated and sent to CAFOD.
Message from Missio The 'Red Box' has been around for over 100 years. Whether you still have one at home, or remember having one growing up, we would love to hear from you as we plan for the future. Would you be happy to speak with us? If so, please complete a short form to show your interest and to find out more at: www.missio.org.uk/research or scan the QR code. If you cannot access the form online you can call 020 7821 9755. Thank you!
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.

**The Faithful Departed** Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Gloria Down** whose Funeral Service will be held in St George's Parish Church, Littleport, on Tuesday at 1.30 pm and for the repose of the soul of **Patricia Hines** whose Funeral Service will be held here in St Etheldreda's, Ely, on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March, at 11.00 am. **We pray for all our sick and housebound brothers and sisters and for the Anniversaries of** Mary Ganson, Mollyanne Thompson, Mary Gandy, Christianne Morris, William Cozens, William Parsons, Patricia Mann, Lucy Olive Stone, Margaret Kiernan, James Walsh, Marguerite (Daisy) Coleridge, Queenie Pearce, James Edwards, Joy Kidd, John Downs and Ann Lemon. May they rest in peace.

**Collections last weekend** <u>*Parish*</u>: £735.15. £590 was donated to CAFOD following Family Fast Day. Thank you all for being so generous. **For the Catholic Chaplain in Addenbrooke's,** call the Chaplains' Office, 01223 217769. **Relationship difficulties** Contact Marriage Care 0800 389380

Please note: Mass on Monday this week will be at 9.00 am. Coming up: SVP next meets on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> March, at 7.30 pm. Parish Bible Study and Prayer Group meets again this Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> March, at 10.45 am.

We wish all our Mothers a very happy Mothering Sunday.

May God bless us all in this Fourth Week of Lent, Deacon Paul and Father David.

Mass Books p162. Psalter Week 4.

## Fourth Sunday of Lent: Prayers of the Faithful

Priest:

How infinitely rich God is in grace. Let us confidently bring our needs before him as we pray.

## Reader:

For the Church, and especially for Pope Francis as he celebrates his Anniversary of Election on Wednesday, and for our own Bishop Peter, in all the challenges they face: that the grace of Lent may strengthen us all in God's service... Lord, in your mercy.

For our children preparing for their First Confession and for their families: that they may find joy in repentance and in the forgiveness of God... Lord, in your mercy.

For the peoples of Gaza and of all the Holy Land: that conflict may cease, that those being held captive may be freed, and that those facing starvation may receive the help they need... Lord, in your mercy.

For the people of Ukraine, both at home and refugees abroad: that their prayer for peace and security may not go unheard... Lord, in your mercy.

For our sick brothers and sisters, and for those who work in our health and care services: that they may united by the healing Spirit of the Lord... Lord, in your mercy.

For the repose of the souls of Gloria Down, Patricia Hines and all the faithful departed: that the Lord may grant them eternal rest and comfort those who mourn...

Lord, in your mercy.

In a moment of silence, we bring our own needs to the Lord...

We ask the Lord to bless all mothers and to hear our prayers through the intercession of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, as we pray together: Hail Mary...

Priest:

Lord, as we receive your light and grace in our lives, hear the prayers we offer, trusting in your faithful love, through Christ our Lord. Amen.