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Newsletter for Sunday, 18th August 2024, 20th Sunday of the Year.

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We pray for the Parish of St Thomas of Canterbury, Woodbridge, and for the Holy Land, Ukraine, Catholics in Prek Toal, Cambodia, and Kerala SVP.

Times of Mass this week

Memorial Acc: When we eat this bread...

Saturday 6.30 pm

Julia Cooper RIP

Sunday 9.00 am,

Souls in Purgatory

11.00 am,

People of the Parish

Monday 9.30 am, Feria

Unborn babies in danger

Tuesday 9.30 am, St Bernard

Priests & Religious

Wednesday 12.15 pm St Pius X

All Pro-Life Causes

Thursday 9.30 am, Queenship of Mary

Ted McQuaid (6) - sick

Friday 12.15 pm, Feria

Patrick Regan RIP (SVP)

Saturday 10.00 am, ST BARTHOLOMEW Mac & Biddy Doody RIP

6.30 pm, (21st Sunday)

Nick Gilkerson - sick

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions): Saturday, 10.30 am or by appointment. **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,** Friday, 11.40 am – 12.10 pm. **Teas and coffees** after 9.00 am and 11.00 am Mass today. Donations for teas and coffees in June and July raised £200 for Cambodia and for CAFOD. **Children's Liturgy** will resume after the holidays.

OUR SVP CONFERENCE IS VERY GRATEFUL for your donations for the young family in Littleport who needed new floor covering in their new home. Donations can be handed in at the Sacristy or to Father David to be passed on to the SVP.

CHURCH CLEANING The next church cleaning session will be on Saturday, 7th September, from 11.30 am. If you are free and able to spare an hour or so to help, we'd love to see you – all are welcome. Many hands make light work. No need to bring equipment unless you prefer to use your own!

EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR A 'GAP' YEAR Just left school or university? The Diocesan Youth Service is looking for one more person (age 18-30) to join the Ignite Team, sharing the Gospel Message with young people. This is a full-time position with training, food, accommodation and a monthly allowance provided. For more information see www.rcdea.org.uk/youth

WE PRAY THOSE WHO ARE SICK, for baby Olivia in hospital and for her family, for all our sick and housebound **AND FOR THE ANNIVERSARIES OF** Teresa Barlow, Elaine Gray, Denise Board, Mario Piemontesi, Maureen Walsh, John Nunn, Peter Morrow, Peter Wallen, Ernst Stilp, Emma Bidwell, Paul Badger, Theresa Bradford, Maggie Benstead, Gerald Edgley, Christopher Nolan and Wojciech Lewandowski. May they rest in peace.

ELY FOODBANK is very grateful for your support and for any items you can donate through the basket at the back of the church or collection points in the local supermarkets. There's a list of items currently needed in the church porch. Thank you.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND *Parish* Offertory Plate £747.23 (Standing Orders average £480). Thank you all for being so generous.

MATTHEW GOES ON HIS WAY We have to say Farewell to Matthew Allen this weekend. His five weeks' pastoral placement with us has gone so fast and we thank him for all he done among us and given so generously of himself in his time in St Etheldreda's. Please keep him in your prayers as he prepares for his third year of studies at the Beda College in Rome in the autumn.

Matthew, we wish you every blessing on the path to ordination as a priest of East Anglia and hope to see you in Ely again before too long.

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

COMING UP: The SVP meets this Monday, 19th August, at 7.30 pm. **The Bible Study and Prayer Group** will next meet on Saturday, 31st August, at 10.45 am.

Every blessing for the coming week from our seminarian, Matthew, Deacon Paul and Father David.

Prayers of the Faithful – 20th Sunday of the Year 2024

Priest:

Taste and see that the Lord is good. The words of the psalm embolden us to bring the needs of the Church and the world to the Lord as we offer our prayers.

Reader:

For the Church; that Pope Francis and all who minister to God's people may faithfully lead us on the path of life in Christ...
Lord, in your mercy.

For Matthew and his fellow students for the Diocese of East Anglia and for all who are preparing for ordination as deacons and priests: that the Lord may guide them in wisdom and comfort them with his Spirit...
Lord, in your mercy.

For those who live with conflict and violence: that hostages may be set free and that the peoples of Ukraine, Gaza and all the Holy Land may be able to live in peace and freedom...
Lord, in your mercy.

For those who are sick and for those who care for them: that the Lord may sustain them with his healing love...
Lord, in your mercy.

For all the faithful departed: that they may come to the fulness of life in Jesus, the true and living Bread...
Lord, in your mercy.

In the silence of our hearts, we bring our own needs to God...

Let us unite our petitions with the prayers of Our Lady of the Assumption and Queen of Heaven: HAIL MARY...

Priest:

Heavenly Father, may we bless you at all times, your praise always on our lips, and may we seek and strive after peace, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

