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Newsletter for Sunday, 1st December 2024, First Sunday of Advent.

Parish Mass Book p 82. Psalter: Week 1.

We pray for the Parish of Diss, Norfolk, the Holy Land, Ukraine and the Catholic Communities of Siem Reap and Prek Toal, Cambodia.

Times of Mass this week

NEW Memorial Acc: Save us, Saviour...

Saturday	6.30 pm	<i>Private intention</i>
Sunday	9.00 am	<i>People of the Parish</i>
	11.00 am	<i>Irina Fundament RIP</i>
Monday	9.30 am, Advent Feria	<i>Maria Nwankwo RIP</i>
Tuesday	9.30 am, St Francis Xavier	<i>Fr Andrew's Mother - sick</i>

Wednesday	12.15 pm, Advent Feria	<i>Pro-Life Causes</i>
Thursday	9.30 am, Advent Feria	<i>Private intention</i>
Friday	9.30 am, St Nicholas	<i>Ming's intentions</i>
Saturday	10.00 am, St Ambrose	<i>Penny Wells RIP</i>
	6.30 pm, (Second Sunday of Advent)	<i>Private intention</i>

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions): Saturday, 10.30 am or by appointment. **The Rosary** is prayed each Wednesday at 11.45 am, before Mass. **Teas and coffees** after 9.00 and 11.00 am Mass. **Children's Liturgy** at 11.00 am Mass. **No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this week.**

NEW PARISH MASS BOOKS With the new Lectionary, we have new Parish Mass Books. **Please do not take the book marks out of the books. Use them!**
SVP CHRISTMAS RAFFLE Tickets on sale from today, £5 a strip of 5 tickets. Draw will be held at Coffee after 11.00 am Mass on Sunday, 22nd December.
FIRST ADVENT TALK this Wednesday, 4th December, Parish Rooms, by Deacon Paul on St Luke's Gospel. Refreshments. Everyone is welcome.
CHRISTMAS CARDS ON SALE Religious Christmas cards are on sale in the Repository, packs of 12 for £4.50 each. Calendars are also on sale, £5.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES will begin this **Tuesday, 3rd December, at 6.30 pm in the Parish Rooms.**

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL Bishop Peter has provided guidance regarding the formation, role and running of Parish Pastoral Councils (PPC) in our Diocese. We would like to invite anyone who may be interested in participating in our own Parish Pastoral Council to attend a brief orientation meeting on Tuesday, 10th December, at 7.30 pm, in the Parish Rooms. At this meeting the broader background to Bishop Peter's guidance will be described, especially three specific questions that he has raised for all Parishes in the Diocese to consider, which are especially pertinent to how we set up our PPC at St. Etheldreda's. If you have any questions or are interested but unable to attend the meeting, you are welcome to contact Laurence on tisi17@outlook.com

KOBZAR ARMADA – Let Freedom Ring! A concert of traditional Ukrainian music presented by Jurij Fedynskyj and the Poltava Kobzar Guild, as part of tour of the UK and Ireland, in St Etheldreda's Church this Friday, 6th December, at 6.00 pm. Free concert, donations for the group's tour expenses.

WE PRAY for our sick and housebound **and anniversaries of** Esther Gill, James Milby, Mario Tucella, Peggy Kobil, Michael McCarthy, Bill Bell, Augustyn Kaszlej, Elizabeth Wilson, William Wragg, Bridie Hawes, Mark Walker, Ronald Lemon, Mgr Provost John Freeland, Robert McMurray & Florence Connolly. R.I.P.

CHURCH CLEANING The next big cleaning session will be on Saturday, 7th December, from 11.30 am. Any help you can give will be much appreciated.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND: *Parish Offertory Plate* £754.82 (Standing Orders average £510). Thank you all for your generosity.

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

COMING UP: Mass on Friday will be at 9.30 am.

The Bible Study and Prayer Group meets on Saturday, 7th December, at 10.45 am. **The SVP** meets Monday, 9th December at 7.30 pm.

God bless you this week and throughout Advent, Deacon Paul and Father David.

Prayers of the Faithful – First Sunday of Advent 2024

Priest: When the Lord returns, may he find us watchful in prayer. In that spirit we present our petitions, confident they will be heard.

Reader:

For the Church throughout the world and for all who have a ministry among us: that as the Body of Christ, we may truly serve those who are in need, tread the path of peace and grow in faith and love...

Lord, hear us.

For all who are preparing in Advent for the coming of Christ: that we may find in our reading of Scripture, the Christ who is the power of God and the wisdom of God...

Lord, hear us.

For peace in the world: that the Holy Spirit may lead all nations to live justly and with respect for the earth and for the rights of their neighbours...

Lord, hear us.

For those who are sick: that in the care they receive in hospital or at home they may know that the Lord is very near...

Lord, hear us.

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

Lord, hear us.

We pray for our own intentions in the silence of our hearts...

May our Blessed Lady, Queen of Peace, take up our petitions in her prayers: Hail Mary.....

Priest: Father, grant us the grace to stay awake at all times, praying that we may have strength to stand before the Son of Man, for he is our Saviour and Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

The Children's Liturgy is intended to help younger parishioners to get to know the Gospel in a more appropriate format. In some parishes, it is called 'Sunday School' or 'Children's Church' and we would expect children to come along once they are in Foundation Stage or are confident attending pre-school. The lower age limit is so that children involved are used to leaving their parents, taking part in a group activity and holding a pencil. Once children are old enough to start First Communion classes, and when they have made their First Holy Communion, they will need to stay in the church to take part in the Mass and not attend the Children's Liturgy.

All of the adults who help with the Children's Liturgy are DBS checked and there are always at least two adults in the room at any point. Whilst parents might want to attend the first session or two with children, we kindly ask that they either don't attend after that, or join the Children's Liturgy rota as a leader, helper or observer, and be DBS checked.

Having a large number of unknown or unvetted adults and older children present is a **safeguarding issue**. It can also make the rooms overcrowded and less comfortable for younger children. In addition, parents and children old enough to attend First Communion should be regularly taking part in the full liturgy of Mass.

Should your child require your support during the Liturgy, we would ask you to discuss this with either Father David or Christine Burr.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

First Sunday of Advent 2024.

