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Newsletter for Sunday, 8th December 2024, Second Sunday of Advent.

Parish Mass Book p 84. Psalter: Week 2.

We pray for own Parish, the Holy Land and Middle East, Ukraine and the Catholic Communities of Siem Reap and Prek Toal, Cambodia.

Times of Mass this week

Saturday 6.30 pm
Sunday 9.00 am
11.00 am
Monday 9.30 am, **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF OUR LADY**

Memorial Acc: Save us, Saviour...

*Ted McQuaid – in thanksgiving
People of the Parish
Marek Tomczyk RIP
Ashley Durbin RIP and Family*

Tuesday 9.30 am, **Martyrs of East Anglia** *John & Celia Horgan RIP*
Wednesday 12.15 pm, **Advent Feria** *Fr Paddy Gill RIP*
Thursday 9.30 am, **Advent Feria** *Pro-Life Causes*
Friday 12.15 pm, **St Lucy** *Private intention - Dente*
Saturday 10.00 am, **St John of the Cross** *Bishop Peter's intentions*
6.30 pm, (3rd Sunday of Advent) *Rt Rev. Stephen Conway*

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. **Exposition of the Blessed** Sacrament, Friday, 11.40 am - 12.10 pm

RETIRING COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND for the East Anglia Dependent Priests' Fund, supporting our sick and retired priests. If you can Gift aid your donation, please use one of the dedicated Gift Aid envelopes available at the back of the church.

SECOND ADVENT TALK this Wednesday at 6.30 pm in the Parish Rooms, when Father John Morrill (Retired Cambridge Professor of British and Irish History) will speak about Christmas for Catholics under persecution in Penal Times. Seasonal refreshments liberally provided – no Puritanism here! Everyone is welcome.

SVP CHRISTMAS RAFFLE Tickets on sale again today, £5 a strip of 5 tickets. Draw will be held at Coffee after 11.00 am Mass on Sunday, 22nd December.

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.

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!**

DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS will be most gratefully received. Please hand in to Father David.

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 this 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

RED MISSIO BOXES – Please bring your Red Boxes or Missio envelopes to church before Christmas. Thank you.

WE PRAY for our sick and housebound **and anniversaries of** Bernard Clee, Kevin O'Donovan, Catherine Meehan, Frederick Graves, John Fraser, Mary Holgate, David Fisher, Melita Brennan, Tadeusz Zummerman, Norman Lee, Phylis Seymour, George Sheehan, Bridget Croucher and Rita Brockbank. R.I.P.

CHURCH CLEANING Thank you very much to everyone who helped to clean and tidy the church and polish the furniture on Saturday.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND: *Parish Offertory Plate* £723.65 (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

MASS ON MONDAY, for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, will be celebrated in the church at 9.30 am.

COMING UP: The Bible Study and Prayer Group next meets in January. **The SVP** meets this Monday, 9th December, at 7.30 pm.

Every blessing for this second Week of Advent, Deacon Paul and Father David.

Prayers of the Faithful – Second Sunday of Advent 2024

Priest: What great deeds the Lord has worked for us. Indeed, we are glad. Let us offer our prayers to God with great confidence.

Reader:

This weekend we join with the Church in Paris and with all people of good will in giving thanks for the restoration of Notre Dame Cathedral. May the Church throughout the world be built up anew this Advent by the grace of God in his word and sacraments, and with the help of Our Lady's prayers.

Lord, hear us.

For our Parish of St Etheldreda: that we may continue to grow in the love of God and of our neighbour, especially in caring for those most in need.

Lord, hear us.

For the Holy Land and countries of the Middle East convulsed by war and conflict, and for the people of Ukraine in their ongoing suffering: that true peace and freedom may be established on earth.

Lord, hear us.

For those who are sick in body, mind or spirit: that we may offer them the comfort and consolation that comes from Christ's presence among us.

Lord, hear us.

For the faithful departed: that the Lord may grant them eternal rest and that one day we may all be together again in God's kingdom.

Lord, hear us

In the silence of our hearts let us pray for our own needs.

May Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception pray to the Lord for all the graces we need, as we say: Hail Mary...

Priest: Father, may the joy of your Son's coming among us lead us to share your love with all we meet. We make this and all our prayers through Christ our Lord. Amen.

