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Newsletter for Sunday, 15th December 2024, Third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday.

Parish Mass Book p 87. Psalter: Week 3.

We pray for St Felix Parish, Felixstowe, 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, Advent Feria

Tuesday 9.30 am, Advent Feria

Memorial Acc: Save us, Saviour...

Rt Rev. Stephen Conway

People of the Parish

Pro-Life Causes

Fr Thomas Kenny RIP (Northampton)

Private intention

Wednesday 12.15 pm, Advent Feria

Thursday 9.30 am, Advent Feria

Friday 12.15 pm, Advent Feria

Saturday 10.00 am, Advent Feria

6.30 pm, (4th Sunday of Advent)

Annie Mayberry RIP

Private intention

Ashley Betts RIP

Private intention - Dente

Nazzaro Roberti RIP

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions): To help you prepare for Christmas, both Father John and Father David will be hearing Confessions on Saturday, at 10.30 am or by appointment at other times. **Rosary** Wednesday, 11.45 am, before Mass. **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** Friday from 11.40 am. **Teas and coffees** after 9.00 and 11.00 am Mass. **Children's Liturgy** at 11.00 am Mass. **CONFIRMATION CLASS**, this Tuesday at 6.30 pm.

RETIRING COLLECTION TODAY 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.

THIRD ADVENT TALK this Wednesday at 6.30 pm in the Parish Rooms. Dr Férdia Stone-Davis (St Etheldreda's Parishioner and Margaret Beaufort Institute) will talk about the relationship of faith and music in our response to God and each other. Seasonal refreshments liberally provided. Everyone is welcome.

SVP CHRISTMAS RAFFLE Tickets on sale for the final time today, £5 a strip of 5 tickets. Draw will be held at Coffee after 11.00 am Mass next Sunday.

CHURCH CLEANING You are invited to come and give the church a quick spruce up before Christmas on Saturday, 21st December, at 11.30 am.

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

Come and enjoy CHRISTMAS CAROLS, Polish and English, AND MULLED WINE, on Sunday, 29th December, during Coffee after 11.00 am Mass.

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

JUBILEE YEAR OF 2025 OPENING MASS Bishop Peter will open the Holy Year in the Diocese in St John's Cathedral, Norwich, at 11.00 am Mass on Sunday 29th December, the Feast of the Holy Family. He invites you to join him. That may not be possible but we will unite in prayer with him and with the whole Church.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME TO CELEBRATE THE JUBILEE OF YOUTH – limited places left. As part of the Jubilee 2025, the Diocese will be leading a pilgrimage to Rome, joining with hundreds of thousands of young people from all over the world. There are a limited number of places left with bookings accepted on a first come first served basis. If you will be age 16 – 30 next summer 2025, come and join us, but book now! See www.rcdea.org.uk/youth for more details.

WE PRAY for our sick and housebound **and anniversaries of** James McTaggart, Betty Kay, Patricia Hockley, Louis Bourgi, Lucy Brunning, Daniel Davy, Mary Amos, Father Constantine Ketterer – Ely, 1940, George McGuire, Maisie Taylor, Giannina Penna, Jane Seeger, Annie Mayberry, Winifred Barker, John O'Donnell, Ashley Betts, Margaret Mary Mynott, Margaret Hopkin, Johnanna Buckingham, Sabina Sledziewska and Pamela Bond. R.I.P.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND: Parish Offertory Plate £592.05. (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: CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES – 5.00 pm and 8.00 pm on Christmas Eve. 9.00 am and 11.00 am on Christmas morning.

The Bible Study and Prayer Group next meets in January. **The SVP** next meets on Monday, 6th January, at 7.30 pm.

God bless you all, Deacon Paul and Father David.

Prayers of the Faithful – Third Sunday of Advent 2024

Priest: As a pilgrim people on a journey of hope, we turn to God in prayer,

Reader:

For the Church, the People of God: that this Advent season will be a time to renew our relationship with God who is the source of our salvation...

Lord, hear us.

For Bishop Peter as he celebrates the Second Anniversary of his Ordination as Bishop of East Anglia: that he may be blessed with all the graces he needs for his ministry among us...

Lord, hear us.

For the peoples of the Holy Land and the Middle East, and for the people of Ukraine, in this time of conflict and uncertainty. May God grant them the gifts of peace with justice...*PAUSE*

Lord, hear us.

For the gift of trust in the Lord's presence with us: that we may be able to bring the joy of this season to those around us...

Lord, hear us.

For the faithful departed: that in God's mercy, they may rejoice in the Lord now and for ever...

Lord, hear us

Let us pray in the silence of our hearts for our own needs...

As the prophets foretold the coming of the Messiah and Blessed Mary bore him in her womb with love beyond all telling, let us ask for the help of her prayers: Hail Mary.....

Priest: We give thanks to you, Lord, and invoke your name. May our whole lives proclaim that your name is exalted, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

