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Newsletter for Sunday, 5th January 2025, Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.

Parish Mass Book p 114, 115. Psalter: Week 2.

We pray for St Peter and All Souls Parish, Peterborough, the Holy Land Ukraine and for the Catholic Communities of Siem Reap and Prek Toal, Cambodia.

Times of Ma	ass this week	Memorial Acc: Save us, Saviour				
Saturday	6.30 pm	Private intention				
Sunday	9.00 am	People of the Parish	Wednesday	12.15 pm,	Christmas Feria	Private intention
_	11.00 am	John Seidler RIP	Thursday		Christmas Feria	No Mass today
Monday	9.30 am, Christmas Fo	eria Private intention (M)	Friday	12.15 pm,	Christmas Feria	Private intention
Tuesday	9.30 am, Christmas Fe	eria Private intention	Saturday	10.00 am,	Christmas Feria	Private intention
•	-		_	6.30 pm,	(Baptism of the Lord)	Private intention

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions): Saturday, 10.30 am or by appointment.

Teas and coffees after 9.00 and 11.00 am Mass. Donations (for Cafod and Cambodia) in November and December amounted to £186.51. Thank you very much. No Children's Liturgy this Sunday. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, 11.40 am – 12.10 pm, before 12.15 pm Mass.

GRATITUDE IN THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON Thank you all for your most generous Christmas Offering, very much appreciated. We are all very grateful to those who decorated the church for Advent and Christmas and especially to those who prepared the Advent Wreath and dressed the Christmas Tree. Thank you to Deacon Paul for arranging the inspiring Advent Talks and to those who helped with refreshments and to the Niezgoda Family for the carol singing last Sunday and to those who provided and served the equally enjoyable mulled wine and mince pies.

CRIB OFFERINGS The Bishop has directed that Crib Offerings this year be devoted to the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, which administers the Catholic Church in the Holy Land, Israel, Palestine, Jordan and in Cyprus. The Patriarchate is helping to supply the five hundred or so people who have been taking refuge in the compound of the Holy Family Church, the only Catholic parish in Gaza, for over a year now since the present conflict began.

Offerings so far have amounted to £222.05, including donations at the Advent Talks. Thank you all very much.

DIOCESAN YEAR BOOKS FOR 2025 are on sale at the back of the church, £3.50 per copy. Please put payment on the plate provided. The Year Book is packed with useful information about the Diocese of East Anglia, features about the past year, and includes the full liturgical calendar for 2025.

WE PRAY for Derek Hacking and for all our sick and housebound and for the anniversaries of John Flynn, Frank Giddens, Ellen Bell, Rosemary McCabe, Lilian Morrin, Dorthy Hobson, Michael Hanratty, Norah Venney, Jessie Hunt, Margaret Brunning, Norah McIllrick, Constance Trett, Margaret Hopkin, Susan Hines, Mary Brunning, Margaret Heron, Ivy Wright, Keith Freeland, Emily McCormick, Reginald Flanagan, Joseph McCullagh and John Brogan. May they rest in peace.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND: <u>Parish Offertory Plate</u> £526.35 (Standing Orders average £510). <u>Christmas Offering</u> £1,957.94. Thank you so much for all your generosity to both priest and parish.

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

COMING UP: Weekday Masses will be in the parish rooms as usual. **There will be no Mass on Thursday** (another diocesan meeting calls). **The SVP** will meet again tomorrow, Monday, at 7.30 pm. **The Bible Study and Prayer Group** will next meet on Saturday, 18th January.

Solemnity of the Epiphany 2025 - Prayers of the Faithful

Priest:

Today the Magi knelt before our Saviour. Let us also worship him with great joy, and pray.

Reader:

For the Church: that we may boldly proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, the hope of all the nations...

Lord, in your mercy.

That true justice and lasting peace may reign in our world: we pray especially at this time for the peoples of the Holy Land and Ukraine Lord, in your mercy.

For those who are being held hostage and for all who are unjustly deprived of their liberty: that they may be set free and able to return to their homes and families...

Lord, in your mercy.

For those making journeys in the present severe weather, for the sick and suffering and for their families: that the Lord may uphold and preserve them with his merciful love...

Lord, in your mercy.

For those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: that the Lord may bestow on the faithful departed the wonders of his salvation...

Lord, in your mercy.

In the silence of our hearts, let us bring our own needs to the Lord...

The Wise Men saw the Child and his Mother Mary. May her prayers help us in all our needs: Hail Mary...

Priest:

God our Father, by a guiding star you revealed your only-begotten Son to all the peoples of the world. Lead us from the faith by which we know you now to the vision of your glory. We make this and all our prayers through Christ our Lord. Amen.