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Newsletter for Sunday, 12th January 2025, Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

Parish Mass Book p 118. Readings of Year C p 120. Psalter: Wk 1.

We pray for the Parish of St Luke, Peterborough, the Holy Land, Ukraine and for 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, Feria
Tuesday ----- Feria

NEW Memorial Acc: We proclaim ...

People of the Parish
Father David Gentry-Akin RIP
Patrick Gaughan RIP
Emily Gamble RIP (F)
No Mass today

Wednesday 12.15 pm, Feria *Keira Bartholomew RIP*
Thursday 9.30 am, St Fursey *Fr David Barnes RIP (Westm.)*
Friday 12.15 pm, St Anthony *Ann Page RIP*
Saturday 10.00 am, Our Lady *Keith Freeland RIP*
6.30 pm, (2nd Sunday of the Year) *Philomena Fox RIP*

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

Teas and coffees after 9.00 and 11.00 am Mass. **Can you help?** We are looking for people to help with serving coffee/tea after the 11am Holy Mass. We are planning to create a rota so you could do as much or as little you can help with. It usually takes in total around 1 hour after the Mass, and is attended by 2 people. It is a great opportunity to meet new people and serve your Parish community. Please contact Grazyna on 07746731333, if you would like to help. Thank you.

Children's Liturgy at 11.00 am. No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this week.

CONSULTATION ON FUTURE PASTORAL PROVISION IN THE DIOCESE OF EAST ANGLIA Please take home a copy of the Three Questions from Bishop Peter and return your views, if possible, by next weekend. You can also email your responses using this address: david.finegan@rcdea.org.uk

THE OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY begins on Saturday. This year's Joint Service will be held in Ely Cathedral on Sunday, 19th January, at 4.00pm. The preacher will be the President of the Methodist Conference, Rev. Helen Cameron. Light refreshments available after the service. All are welcome.

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 and Jordan) and in Cyprus. Thank you for all the offerings already so generously made.

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 FAITHFUL DEPARTED Please pray for **June Wojciechowski**, who died on 3rd January, fortified by the Rites of the Church, and whose Funeral Mass will be celebrated here on Thursday, 23rd January, at 2.00 pm. Please remember her family and friends in your prayers.

WE PRAY for **Derek Hacking** and for all our sick and housebound **and for the anniversaries of** Joseph McCullagh, John Brogan, Bridget Bond, Henry Smith, Francis Xavier McGousax, Helen Wykes, Kitty Atkin, Heather Davison, Bernard Cohen, Joan Guy, Gloria Down (2024) and Agnes Gillard. May they rest in peace.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND: *Parish Offertory Plate* £835.80 (Standing Orders average £510). *Christmas Offering* £30.00 (Total £1,987.94).

Thank you so much for all your generosity to both your priest and your parish.

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

COMING UP: There will be no Mass on Tuesday because of the work being done on the boiler for the church.

The SVP will meet again on Monday, 20th January, at 10.15 am. **The Bible Study and Prayer Group** will meet this Saturday, 18th January, at 10.45 am.

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

Prayers of the Faithful – Feast of the Baptism of the Lord 2025

Priest:
Dear brothers and sisters, trusting in God as his beloved children in Christ, let us join in prayer.

Reader:
For the universal Church and especially for Francis, our Pope, and Peter, our Bishop: that the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus may fill us all with a new sense of hope and of commitment to mission...
Lord, in our mercy.

For the peoples of the Holy Land and of Ukraine and for all victims of violence and conflict...
Lord, in your mercy.

For those who are sick and those who care for them, in hospital or at home and for those suffering because of the wildfires around Los Angeles...
Lord, in your mercy.

For those who have died recently, especially June from Lily House and Liz Higginson, and for all the departed for whom we pray in this holy season...
Lord, in your mercy.

We pause to bring our own needs before the Lord...

Let us seek the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, that we may share her joy at the revelation of God's beloved Son: Hail Mary...

Priest:
Merciful God, our heavenly Father, we commit to you these and all the prayers of our hearts, confident that you will hear and grant us all that is for our good, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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