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Newsletter for Sunday, 26th January 2025, Third Sunday of the Year – Sunday of the Word of God.

Parish Mass Book p 129. Psalter: Week 3.

We pray for the Parish of Our Lady, Poringland, the Holy Land, Ukraine and for our twinned Catholic communities in Siem Reap and Prek Toal, Cambodia.

Times of Mass this week

Memorial Acc: We proclaim your death ...

Saturday 6.30 pm

Sunday 9.00 am

11.00 am

Monday ----- Feria

Tuesday ----- St Thomas Aquinas

Frank Cooper RIP

People of the Parish

Witold Grabek RIP

No Mass today

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Wednesday 12.15 pm, Feria

Thursday ----- Feria

Friday 12.15 pm, St John Bosco

Saturday 10.00 am, St Henry Morse

6.30 pm, (Presentation of the Lord)

William Cooper RIP

No Mass today

All Pro-Life Issues

Special intention

Private intention

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

Teas and coffees after 9.00 and 11.00 am Mass. **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 Thank you to all who submitted responses. We are busy collating them to produce a parish response to be sent to Bishop Peter. We will be sharing it with you all in due course.

DIAMOND JUBILEE OF ORDINATION Father Anthony Foreman will be celebrating the Sixtieth Anniversary of his Ordination with a Mass of Thanksgiving at the Catholic Church of Our Lady Immaculate and St Etheldreda at 12 noon on Wednesday, 12th March. Everyone is welcome to join Father Anthony for this very special occasion. He was ordained priest in 1965 for the Diocese of Northampton at Our Lady and the English Martyrs in Cambridge.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Jennifer Johnson** whose Funeral Service will be held at Cambridge Crematorium on Saturday at 11.30 am and for her sister, Bobby D'cunha and family. Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Arlene Morris**, whose Funeral Mass will be celebrated here in St Etheldreda's Church on Tuesday, 4th February, at 1.00 pm, followed by burial in Sutton Churchyard, and for her family.

WE PRAY for all our sick and housebound, for all those recently deceased **and for the anniversaries of** Louise Russell, Maria Holmes, Thomas Ryan, Alexander Reeve, Alan Doran, William Rendy, John Taylor, Dionisio Santos, Rosemary Hind, Peter Hallinan and Francesca Lopez. May they rest in peace.

THE ROSARY is prayed on Wednesdays from 11.45 am before 12.15 pm Mass.

CHURCH CLEANING The next church cleaning session will be this Saturday, 1st February, from 11.30 am. Any help will be much appreciated.

ELY FOODBANK - URGENT APPEAL The shelves are empty and the Foodbank desperately needs supplies of tinned fruit, tinned meat, coffee, carton milk, squash and fruit juice. All basic food items would be very welcome. You can donate in the supermarkets or using the box at the back of our church. Thank you.

VACANCY for a Headteacher at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Peterborough. Diocesan Website: <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/schools/school-vacancies/>

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND: Parish Offertory Plate £697.97. (Standing Orders average £510). Thank you very much.

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

COMING UP: We celebrate the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, Candlemas**, next Sunday. The Masses of the Feast (which takes the place of the 4th Sunday of the Year) will begin with the Blessing of Candles and Solemn Entrance.

Mass times this week: There will be no Mass on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday. **The Bible Study and Prayer Group** meets this Saturday, 1st February, at 10.45 am. **The SVP** will meet again on Monday, 3rd February, at 7.30 pm.

Every blessing for this coming week, Deacon Paul and Father David.

Prayers of the Faithful – Third Sunday of the Lord 2025

Priest:

All eyes in the synagogue at Nazareth were fixed on Jesus. Through him, let us fix the eyes of our hearts and minds on God our Father as we pray.

Reader:

For the Church in this year of the Lord's favour: may she be a faithful messenger of God's love for all the people of the world...

Lord, hear us.

For all who call themselves Christians: may they remember that they are called to proclaim good news to the poor and to set at liberty those who are oppressed...

Lord, hear us.

For the peoples of Gaza, all the Holy Land, Ukraine and of all places of conflict: may peacemakers speak words of understanding and hope in situations of hardship and despair...

Lord, hear us.

For those who are suffering through sickness in mind or body: may they know the healing love of God in the care they receive and deep in their hearts...

Lord, hear us.

For those who have died recently, especially Jennifer Johnson and Arlene Morris, and for all the faithful departed whose anniversaries occur at this time: may they rest in peace...

Lord, hear us.

We bring our own needs before the Lord in a moment of silence...

Let us seek the prayers of the Our Blessed Lady, Mother of the Word Incarnate: Hail Mary...

Priest:

Lord God, strengthen our trust in your promises so that our hearts are ever open to you and to our neighbour, through Christ our Lord. Amen.
