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Newsletter for Sunday, 2nd February 2025, Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.

Parish Mass Book p 296. Psalter: Week 4.

We pray for the Parish of the Sacred Heart, St Ives, 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,	<i>Private Intention</i>
Sunday	9.00 am,	<i>People of the Parish</i>
	11.00 am,	<i>Liz Higginson RIP</i>
Monday	9.30 am, St Blaise	<i>Eamon McBrearty RIP</i>
Tuesday	1.00 pm, Feria	FUNERAL MASS, ARLENE MORRIS R.I.P.

Wednesday	12.15 pm, St Agatha	<i>Nettleship Family intentions</i>
Thursday	9.30 am, St Paul Miki & Companions	<i>Donor's intention</i>
Friday	12.15 pm, Feria	<i>Kelly Badcock RIP</i>
Saturday	10.00 am, St Josephine Bakhita	<i>Helen Shanessy RIP</i>
	6.30 pm, (5th Sunday)	<i>People of the Parish</i>

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

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - CANDLEMAS DAY Mass today will begin with the Blessing of Candles and Solemn Entrance (which follows the order of the Procession, set out in the Parish Mass Books). The Mass begins on Page 299.

FEAST OF ST BLAISE The traditional Blessing of Throats will be given at 9.30 am Mass on Monday.

MODERN SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING Saturday this week is a Day of Prayer for Victims of Human Trafficking.

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

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Arlene Morris**, whose Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday at 1.00 pm.

WE PRAY for all our sick and housebound, for all those recently deceased **and for the anniversaries of** Julian Lewaniewicz, Gertrude Winsome, Sabina Hempstead, Maia Monica Tole, John Guyon, Frances Langdon, Elizabeth Clark, Betty Barby, John Prendergast, Sidney Edwards, Mark Selman, Peter Spurgeon. May they rest in peace.

CHURCH CLEANING Many thanks to the army of volunteers who descend on the church on Saturday morning and gave it a though clean and polish.

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* £722.55. (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: The SVP meets this Monday at 7.30 pm. The Bible Study and Prayer Group meets again on Saturday, 15th February, at 10.45 am.

God bless you in the coming week, Deacon Paul and Father David.

Prayers of the Faithful – The Presentation of the Lord 2025

Priest:

Dear brothers and sisters, with confidence we bring the prayers of our hearts and the needs of the world to God our compassionate Father.

Reader:

For Pope Francis, the Bishops and all the holy people of God: that the Church may always witness to Christ the light of the world...

Lord, in your mercy.

For all world leaders: that they may work for peace with justice...

Lord, in your mercy.

For religious sisters and brothers: that at this time of Jubilee, they may be renewed in their living of their gifts and religious charism to be a sign of Christ in the world...

Lord, in your mercy.

For God's creation: that we may be good stewards of this gift for others by living simply, acting with justice and walking humbly with our God....

Lord, in your mercy.

For those who are suffering through sickness or in bereavement: that they may know the consolation of Christ whose light shines in their darkness...

Lord, in your mercy.

May perpetual light shine upon Jennifer Johnson, Arlene Morris and all who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, that they may rest in peace...

Lord, in your mercy.

In the silence of our hearts, we bring our own needs before the Lord...

Mary's soul too was pierced with a sword as she was united with her Son's offering to the Father. Let us ask for the help of her prayers: Hail Mary...

Priest:

Father, we offer you our prayers in the name of Jesus, our merciful and faithful High Priest, who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

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