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**Newsletter for Sunday, 9th February 2025, Fifth Sunday of the Year.**

**Parish Mass Book p 135. Psalter: Week 1.**

**We pray** for the Parish of St Joseph, St Neots, the Holy Land, Ukraine and for our twinned Catholic communities in Siem Reap and Prek Toal, Cambodia.  
**Today is the Diocesan Day of Prayer for Engaged Couples.**

<u>Times of Mass this week</u>		<u>Memorial Acc: We proclaim your death ...</u>					
Saturday	6.30 pm,		<i>People of the Parish</i>	Wednesday	12.15 pm,	Feria	<i>Martha Benita D'Souza RIP</i>
Sunday	9.00 am,		<i>Denis and Gerry Sweeney RIP</i>	Thursday	-----	Feria	<b>No Mass today</b>
	11.00 am,		<i>Aunt Brygida RIP</i>	Friday	12.15 pm,	<b>SAINTS CYRIL AND METHODIUS (Feast)</b>	<i>Jennifer Johnson RIP</i>
Monday	9.30 am,	St Scholastica	<i>Kelly Badcock RIP</i>	Saturday	10.00 am,	Our Lady	<i>Nettleship Family intentions</i>
Tuesday	-----	Our Lady of Lourdes	<b>No Mass today</b>		6.30 pm,	(6th Sunday)	<i>Private intention</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.

**CATHOLIC EAST ANGLIA** Please take your free copy of the February issue of the diocesan newspaper, featuring the Opening of the Jubilee Year.

**DAYS OF PRAYER** Saturday was the national **Day of Prayer for Victims of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking.** Please take an excellent information leaflet produced by Caritas East Anglia from the back of the church. Tuesday, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, is **World Day of Prayer for the Sick.** Today is a **Day of Prayer for Engaged Couples** in the Diocese of East Anglia.

**INVITATION FROM RADIO MARIA** Tune in to Radio Maria England this Wednesday, 12th February, at 10am for an inspiring broadcast with Fr Ed Tomlinson, a Catholic priest of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham. Fr Ed, a married father, rugby player, Norwich City fan, and lover of beer, will share his unique journey and experiences. Listen online at [www.RadioMariaEngland.uk](http://www.RadioMariaEngland.uk), on the Radio Maria Play App, or ask your smart speaker to "Play Radio Maria England". Be encouraged by his story and join us for this uplifting conversation!

**DIAMOND JUBILEE OF ORDINATION** Father Anthony Foreman invites you to celebrate with him at 12 noon Mass on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March in the Catholic Church of Our Lady Immaculate and St Etheldreda, Newmarket. Everyone is welcome to join Father Anthony for this very special occasion.

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

**WE PRAY** for all our sick and housebound, for all those recently deceased **and for the anniversaries of** Patricia Adams, Alan Hockley, Gillian Middlebrook, Martha D'Souza, Ivan Daniels, David Green, Herbert Holmes, Lydia Arnold, Joan Thomson, Dennis Smart, Imelda Houston, Dermot Fahy and Janet Lee. R.I.P.

**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* £729.95. (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:** No Mass on Tuesday or Thursday this week.

**The Bible Study and Prayer Group** meets this Saturday at 10.45 am. **The SVP** meets on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> February, at 10.15 am.

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

## Prayers of the Faithful – Fifth Sunday of the Year 2025

Priest:

Unworthy though we all are, the Lord has called us into his service and to be disciples of his beloved Son. So let us pray now with great confidence.

Reader:

For the Church: that God's Spirit may guide us all in the path of holiness...

Lord, hear us.

For engaged couples as they prepare to enter into married life: that with God's blessing, they may grow in their respect for one another and cherish each other with a sincere love...

Lord, hear us.

For freedom for victims of modern slavery and human trafficking, and for God's help for all who are working to combat these evils in our society...

Lord, hear us.

For the Holy Land, Ukraine, and all places of conflict: that they Lord may turn the hearts of leaders and rulers to pursue the ways of peace and justice.

Lord, hear us.

For those who are suffering through sickness in mind or body: that the skill and care of others may bring them help and healing...

Lord, hear us.

For those who have died recently, especially Jennifer Johnson and Arlene Morris: that the Lord may grant them eternal rest with all the faithful departed...

Lord, hear us.

Let us pray quietly for our own needs...

May Our Lady of Lourdes intercede for our sick brothers and sisters, and for us all, as we pray together: Hail Mary...

Priest:

Loving God, you call each of your children to live a life full of grace.

May we grow each day in faith, trusting in your saving power,

through Christ our Lord. Amen.







