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Newsletter for Sunday, 23rd February 2025, Seventh Sunday of the Year.

Parish Mass Book p 141. Psalter: Week 3.

We pray for the Parish of Sheringham and Cromer, 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,	Betty Robinson RIP	Wednesday	12.15 pm,	Feria Mici	McCann's intentions
Sunday	9.00 am,	People of the Parish	Thursday	9.30 am,	Feria	People of the Parish
	11.00 am,	Zuzanna & Erich Danisz RIP	Friday	12.15 pm,	Feria Pri	vate intention (Dente)
Monday	9.30 am, Feria	For the intentions of Pope Francis	Saturday	10.00 am,	ST DAVID, Patron of Wales	Patrick Finegan RIP
Tuesday	9.30 am, Feria	Private intention (H)		6.30 pm,	(8 th Sunday)	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. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday, 11.40 am – 12.10 pm.

CIVIC SERVICE OF EVENSONG The Mayor and Mayoress of Ely invite us to join them and our fellow Christians from the City of Ely at the Cathedral for a Civic Evensong at 4.00 pm next Sunday followed by light refreshments. All are welcome.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER We will be hosting this year's ecumenical World Day of Prayer Service on Friday, 7th March, at 1.30 pm. This year's service has been prepared by women of the Cook Islands. Light refreshments will be served afterwards in the parish rooms. All adults and children are very welcome. **THE CONFIRMATION GROUP** meets again on Tuesday at 6.30 pm.

MESSAGE FROM ELY SVP The SVP food and drink token scheme for aiding Rough Sleepers in Ely is operating presently only at Market Kitchen, on the corner of Market Street in Ely. The Conference would like to encourage people to donate a few pounds to pay for a drink token or a food token which are kept on display in the shop; a rough sleeper may visit the cafe and request to exchange one for a drink or some food.

CHURCH CLEANING The next church cleaning session will be held this Saturday from 11.30 am. If you can come to help, you will be most welcome.

WE PRAY for the health and good estate of Pope Francis, for all our sick and housebound, for the repose of the soul of **Derek Rosario** of Sutton-in-the-Isle, and for his wife, Jane, and family, for all those recently deceased **and for the anniversaries of** Elizabeth Player, Margaret Smart, Rose Edwards, Mary Grabowski, Walter Cooper, Teresa Jamesson, Gerard Hannaford, Daniel Woods, Eileen Turner, Patrick Michael Finegan (1985), Louise Vyse and Ellen Barrell. R.I.P. **THE ROSARY** is prayed on Wednesdays from 11.45 am before 12.15 pm Mass.

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. **COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:** <u>Parish Offertory Plate</u> £795.79. (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

NEW CANONS Father Sean Connolly, Parish Priest of Bury St Edmunds and Vicar General, and Father David have been appointed by Bishop Peter as Canons of St John's Cathedral in Norwich. The Installation is scheduled for Tuesday, 24th June, the Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist.

COMING UP: The Bible Study and Prayer Group meets on Saturday at 10.45 am. **The SVP** meets on Monday, 17th March, at 10.15 am.

Prayers of the Faithful – Seventh Sunday of the Year 2025

Priest:

Jesus calls us to live with compassion, pardoning as we are pardoned. Through him let us bring our prayers with confidence to God our Father.

Reader:

We pray for Pope Francis, for his recovery from illness, and for the Church throughout the world in this Jubilee Year of Hope... Lord, hear us.

We pray for the leaders of nations and for those in positions of power in our world: that they may be moved by the Holy Spirit to act with justice and compassion ...

Lord, hear us.

We pray for the peoples of the Holy Land and of Ukraine: that there may be an end to their suffering in the blessing of a true and lasting peace... Lord, hear us.

We pray for the sick, for those in pain of mind or body, and for those who mourn: that the Lord may pour upon them the healing of his Holy Spirit... Lord, hear us.

We pray for Derek Rosario and all who have died recently: that the Lord may grant them eternal rest with all the faithful departed... Lord, hear us.

Let us pray in the silence of our hearts for our own needs...

Together we seek the prayers of Mary, Mother of the Lord and Mother of the Church: Hail Mary...

Priest:

God of mercy and compassion, hear the prayers of all your children, through Christ our Lord. Amen.