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Newsletter for Sunday, 2nd March 2025, Eighth Sunday of the Year.

Parish Mass Book p 144. Psalter: Week 4.

We pray for the Parish of The Sacred Heart, Southwold, the Holy Land, Ukraine and for our twinned Catholic in 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 9.30 am, Feria

NEW Memorial Acc: Save us, Saviour...

Private intention
People of the Parish
Aunt Brygida RIP
Gavin Heseltine RIP
Donor's intentions

ASH WEDNESDAY Day of Fast and Abstinence

12.15 pm, *Robert Beedle RIP*
7.30 pm, *Private intention (Dente)*
Thursday ----- **Lent Feria** **No Mass today**
Friday >> **9.30 am, Lent Feria** *Donor's intentions*
1.30 pm, WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE
Saturday **10.00 am, ST FELIX, Feast.** *All Pro-Life issues*
6.30 pm, (1st Sunday of Lent) *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.**

The Rosary is prayed on Wednesdays from 11.45 am before Mass. **NO PARKING AT THE SCHOOL FOR FIRST CONFESSIONS ON SATURDAY MORNING.**

THE SEASON OF LENT: ASH WEDNESDAY, Day of Fast and Abstinence. Ashes will be distributed at 12.15 pm and 7.30 pm Mass. **The Fast** means only one full meal and two light meals and is binding on those who have reached their majority to age 59. **Abstinence** from flesh meat is binding on those aged 14 and over. The sick and infirm are dispensed from both Fast and Abstinence.

Stations of the Cross in Lent We will be sharing the Stations again this year with St Peter's Church Anglican congregation on Fridays at 7.00 pm, beginning this week in St Peter's Church, Broad Street, and then alternate weeks here in St Etheldreda's.

THREE LENT TALKS by popular demand following the success of the Advent series. The first talk will be on Wednesday, 12th March, at 6.30 pm, in the Parish Rooms. George Herring, Church historian, author and parishioner, will speak on *John Henry Newman: a saint for the 21st century?* Refreshments will be served.

CIVIC SERVICE OF EVENSONG All are welcome to Evensong in Ely Cathedral at 4.00 pm this Sunday afternoon followed by light refreshments.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER All adults and children are very welcome to the ecumenical World Day of Prayer Service on Friday at 1.30 pm. The service has been prepared by women of the Cook Islands. Light refreshments will be served afterwards in the parish rooms.

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. Please visit and donate a few pounds to pay for a token which can be exchanged for a hot drink or food for a rough sleeper.

CHURCH CLEANING Many thanks to everyone who came along to give the church a good clean and polish on Saturday.

WE PRAY for Pope Francis, for all our sick and housebound, for the repose of the soul of **Derek Rosario**, whose Funeral Mass will be celebrated in St Etheldreda's on Friday, 21st March, at 12 noon, for all those recently deceased **and for the anniversaries of** Percy Tharby, Anthony Lowery (2024), Ada Onion, Francis Fay, Josephine Cartledge, Bob Beedle, Michael Kearns, Francis Christie, Mark Walker, Archbishop Peter Smith, Regina Karam, Maureen Harding, Muriel Shryane and Molly Game. May they rest in peace.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND: Parish Offertory Plate £696.30. (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

WEDDING BELLS Congratulations and every blessing to Laurence Sterne and Leanna Cofano who were married during Nuptial Mass last Saturday.

COMING UP: The Bible Study and Prayer Group meets on Saturday, 15th March, at 10.45 am. **The SVP** meets on Monday, 17th March, at 10.15 am.

God bless you in the coming week and in the holy season of Lent, Deacon Paul and Father David.

Prayers of the Faithful – Eighth Sunday of the Year 2025

Priest:

St Paul calls us to be steadfast, always abounding in the work of the Lord. Confident that in the Lord our work is not in vain, let us offer our prayers.

Reader:

For Pope Francis: We pray for his recovery from illness and for peace of soul, and for the Church throughout the world as the Season of Lent draws near....

Lord, hear us.

We pray that we hear the call of the Lord to repentance and renewal of our lives in the light of the Holy Spirit...

Lord, hear us.

For the suffering people of Ukraine in this time of trial: that the leaders of nations may seek ways that bear fruit in a just and lasting peace...

Lord, hear us.

We pray for those who are unemployed and for all who are struggling with poverty and debt: that they may receive the help and guidance they need...

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 our Blessed Lady, Refuge of Sinners and Comfort of the Afflicted, for all in our world: Hail Mary...

Priest:

It is good to give you thanks, O Lord; to make music to your name, O Most High. Have mercy on us and graciously hear our prayers, through Christ our Lord. Amen. Amen.

