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**Newsletter for Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025, Second Sunday of Lent.**

**Parish Mass Book p156. Psalter: Week 2.**

**We pray** for the Parish of Our Lady and St John the Evangelist, Sudbury, the Holy Land, Ukraine and for our twinned Catholic communities in Cambodia.

**Times of Mass this week**

**Saturday** 6.30 pm,  
**Sunday** 9.00 am,  
11.00 am,  
**Monday** 9.30 am, ST PATRICK  
**Tuesday** 9.30 am, Lent Feria

**Memorial Acc: Save us, Saviour...**

*Peter Restighini RIP*  
*People of the Parish*  
*Marek Tomczyk RIP*  
*Pauline McSherry RIP (SVP)*  
*Mick McCann's intentions*

**Wednesday 12.15 pm, ST JOSEPH**

*Joan Leeder RIP*

**Thursday 9.30 am, Lent Feria**

*Dr Driscoll RIP*

**Friday 12 noon, Lent Feria**

**FUNERAL MASS, DEREK ROSARIO R.I.P.**

**Saturday 10.00 am, Lent Feria.**

*Patricia Mungovan RIP*

**6.30 pm, (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent)**

*Keith Porter RIP*

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

**Teas and coffees** after 9.00 and 11.00 am Mass. Your donations in January and February for CAFOD and Cambodia amounted to £182.81. Many thanks.

**Children's Liturgy at 11.00 am Mass.**

**AFTER FAMILY FAST DAY** The proceeds of Lent Fast Day will be gathered in today. The Blue Basket is at the back of the church for your Fast Day envelopes. The machine will be available for card donations. You can also donate online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call 0303 303 3030. Thank you for all your support.

**WALK WITH ME** Booklets for this highly recommended Journey of Prayer for Lent are on sale at the back of the church. Just £1 the dedicated basket, please.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN LENT** This Friday evening at 7.00 pm at St Peter's Church, Broad Street, Church. Fr Bill Warren is due to lead them.

On Wednesdays, the Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 11.45 am, before the 12.15 pm Mass, in place of the Rosary for the duration of Lent.

**THREE LENT TALKS** Deacon Paul will give an illustrated talk *Can Artists Shed Light on Scripture?* at 6.30 pm on Wednesday in the Parish Rooms.

Refreshments will be served. Father John will give the third talk on 2<sup>nd</sup> April. A poster with more details can be seen in the church porch.

**LENTEN ALMS** will be collected this year for **Mary's Meals**, the charity which serves nutritious school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest communities. The promise of a good meal encourages children into the classroom and to new hope for the future. Basket for Lenten Alms on the altar steps.

**CATHOLIC EAST ANGLIA** Please take your free copy of the March issue of the newspaper of the Diocese of East Anglia.

**WE PRAY for the repose of the soul of Derek Hacking**, who died on Sunday after a long illness and for his wife, Celia, and family in their sad loss.

**We pray for the sick**, especially Pope Francis, Bishop Peter, Reverend Ann Williams of St Peter's Church, and for all our sick and housebound, **and for the anniversaries of** John Downs, Ann Lemon, Eric Rawlings, Steve Mayhew, Joan Henneby, Raymond Scott, Joan Leeder, Alexandra Burton-James, Olive Heaven, William Mannion, Margaret Webb, Brian Thomas, Glory Mackenzie Paynter and Patrick Kavanagh. May they rest in peace.

**VACANCY IN THE DIOCESE OF EAST ANGLIA** for a Director of Schools Service. Please see website for more details: <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/vacancies/>

**MESSAGE FROM ELY SVP** You can help Rough Sleepers in Ely by paying for tokens at Market Kitchen, to be exchanged for a hot drink or food for a rough sleeper.

**COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND: Parish Offertory Plate £715.55.** (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:** Mass on Friday is at 12 noon for the Funeral of Derek Rosario R.I.P.

**The SVP** meets this Monday at 10.15 am. **The Bible Study and Prayer Group** will next meet on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> April, at 10.45 am.

*Happy St Patrick's Day and St Joseph's Day. God bless you all in the coming week, Deacon Paul and Father David.*

Prayers of the Faithful – Second Sunday of Lent 2025

Priest:

We should pour forth prayers at all times, dear brothers and sisters, but, above all, in these days of Lent, we ought to watch more intently with Christ and direct our petitions more fervently to God.

Reader:

For the whole Christian people: that in this sacred time they may be more abundantly nourished by every word that comes from the mouth of God...  
Lord, in your mercy.

For the whole world: that in lasting tranquillity and peace our days may truly become the acceptable time of grace and salvation...  
Lord, in your mercy.

For our brothers and sisters who do not have enough food: that together with them, we may seek to build a world transformed, which reflects the true glory of God...  
Lord, in your mercy.

For Pope Francis, Bishop Peter, The Reverend Ann Williams and for all who are sick: that the Lord may grant them healing and new strength by his grace.  
Lord, in your mercy.

For ourselves: that God may at last stir up in our hearts aversion for our sins...  
Lord, in your mercy.

For Derek Hacking, Derek Rosario and all the faithful departed: that they may rest in the peace of Christ and that the Lord may comfort all who mourn...  
Lord, in your mercy.

We pause to pray for our own needs...

May our Blessed Lady, commend our petitions in her prayers: Hail Mary...

Priest:

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that your people may turn to you with all their heart, so that whatever they dare to ask in fitting prayer they may receive by your mercy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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