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Newsletter for Sunday, 21st December 2025 – Fourth Sunday of Advent.

Mass Books: Page 90. Psalter: Week 4

We pray for peace in the Holy Land and Ukraine and for the Catholic Community in Prek Toal, Cambodia.

Times of Mass this week

Saturday 6.30 pm,
Sunday 9.00 am,
11.00 am,
Monday 9.30 am, Advent Feria
Tuesday 9.30 am, Advent Feria
Wednesday ---- Advent Feria

CHRISTMAS EVE

5.00 pm, Mass during the Night
8.00 pm, Mass during the Night

Memorial Acc: We proclaim...

Alan Burbridge's intentions
People of the Parish
Benjamin Watson's intentions
David Lewis RIP
Fr Jim Lynch RIP
No morning Mass

Private intention
For World Peace

CHRISTMAS DAY

Thursday	9.00 am, Mass at Dawn	<i>People of the Parish</i>
	11.00 am, Mass during the Day	<i>Thanksgiving</i>
Friday	10.00 am, ST STEPHEN	<i>For deacons and servers</i>
Saturday	10.00 am, ST JOHN	<i>Family intention</i>
	6.30 pm, (Holy Family)	<i>Private intention</i>

CRIB OFFERINGS For the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, the mission of the Catholic Church in the Holy Land.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY at 11.00 am Mass. TEAS AND COFFEES in the Parish Rooms after 9.00 and 11.00 am Mass today.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS): Saturday, 10.30 – 11.00 am or by appointment.

NO PARKING AT THE SCHOOL OVER CHRISTMAS Acremont car park has been resurfaced but King's Ely tells us that due to the heavy rain the contractor has told them that no one should drive on the car park till after Christmas. The School authorities very much regret the disruption this will cause us but it is out of their hands and they must adhere to the contractor's advice. If you can park elsewhere and walk, please leave our church car park for those who cannot walk far.

CATHOLIC EAST ANGLIA Please take your free copy of the December issue of the newspaper of the Diocese.

THE COLLECTION AT ALL CHRISTMAS MASSES will be for your traditional Christmas Offering for your Parish Priest.

FRIDAY ABSTINENCE is dispensed this week, because Friday falls in the Christmas Octave.

DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS ALTAR FLOWERS will be most gratefully received. Please hand in to Father David.

CHURCH CLEAN Ahead of festivities we want to do a last clean before the church is decorated. If anyone is available to help on Monday after morning Mass (around 10.15 am), they will be greatly welcomed. We will then regroup on February 7th for the next clean.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGING at Coffee after 11.00 am Mass on Sunday, 28th December.

DIOCESAN YEAR BOOKS FOR 2026 are now on sale at the back of the church, £5.00 per copy. Please put payment in the small basket provided.

WE PRAY for all our sick and housebound, those who have died recently, and for the Anniversaries of Sabina Sledziewska, Pamela Bond, David Hazeldine, Agnes Fidler, Peter Dalton, Julia Cooper, Eliabeth Harding, Sophie Amory, Martin Cornwell, May Joyce, Dorothy Scott, Florrie Webb, Gareth Barham, John McCaffrey, Jerome Shilleto and Lina Piemontesi. R.I.P.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND *Parish*, £982.05 (Standing Orders average £650). *Dependent Priests*, £246.60. Thank you all for your generosity.

PARISH BANK ACCOUNT Lloyds Bank, Sort Code 30-93-05, Account Number: 00162284. Account Name: St Etheldreda's Parish.

For the Catholic Chaplain in Addenbrooke's, call the Chaplains' Office, 01223 217769. **Relationship difficulties** Contact Marriage Care 0800 389380.

COMING UP: The SVP meets this Monday at 10.15 am. **The Bible Study and Prayer Group** meets again in January.

We wish you a happy and blessed Christmas, Father John, Deacon Paul and Father David.

Prayers of the Faithful – Fourth Sunday of Advent 2025

Priest:

The Nativity of the Lord is near. Let us pray to God who so loved us that he sent us our Redeemer.

Reader:

For Pope Leo, that by his example and leadership we may all work together in the Church to bring love and hope to the world...
Lord, hear us.

For Archbishop Richard Moth, that he may receive all the graces he needs as he prepares to become the next Archbishop of Westminster. We pray also that Cardinal Nichols may have a happy and peaceful retirement...

Lord, hear us.

For peace in our troubled world and an end to conflict in families, communities and between warring nations...

Lord, hear us.

For our sick brothers and sisters and for all who care for them: that the Lord may embrace them with his healing love...

Lord, hear us.

We commend all the faithful departed to the loving mercy of God...

Lord, hear us.

We pause to bring our own needs to God...

Let us seek the intercession of Our Blessed Lady and pray with her for all expectant mothers and fathers and their unborn children:

Hail Mary ...

Priest:

God of promise and fulfilment, you chose Mary to bring your Son into the world. Hear the prayers we offer with trusting hearts, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

