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Newsletter for Sunday, 11th January 2026 – The Baptism of the Lord.

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We pray for the Parish of Our Lady of Pity, Swaffham, peace in the Holy Land and Ukraine and for the Catholic Community in Prek Toal, Cambodia.

Times of Mass this week

NEW Memorial Acc: Save us...

Saturday	6.30 pm,	<i>Private intention</i>
Sunday	9.00 am,	<i>People of the Parish</i>
	11.00 am,	<i>Canon Jim Garrard RIP</i>
Monday	9.30 am, St Aelred of Rievaulx	<i>Private intention</i>
Tuesday	9.30 am, St Hilary	<i>Emily Gamble RIP</i>

Wednesday	12.15 pm, Feria	<i>Private intention</i>
Thursday	9.30 am, Feria	<i>Private intention</i>
Friday	12.15 pm, St Fursey	<i>Sajan RIP</i>
Saturday	10.00 am, St Anthony	<i>Private intention</i>
	6.30 pm, (Second Sunday of the Year)	<i>Private intention</i>

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

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Friday 11.40 am – 12.10 pm.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY at 11.00 am Mass today.

TEAS AND COFFEES in the Parish Rooms after 9.00 and 11.00 am Mass today.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL The annual collection will be held next weekend for the campaign work of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) to protect the sanctity of life of the unborn and the vulnerable to the end of natural life.

CRIB OFFERINGS will be sent to the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, to support the Catholics and mission of the Church in the Holy Land. We will be gathering final donations today.

EVENSONG While Ely Cathedral is closed for essential work on Tuesday the clergy and boy choristers will sing Evensong here at 5.30 pm. All are welcome.

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

WE PRAY for all our sick and housebound, those who have died recently, and for the Anniversaries of Reginald Flanagan, Joseph McCullagh, John Brogan, Bridget Bond, Henry Smith, Francis Xavier McGousax, Helen Wykes, Kitty Atkin, Heather Davison. Bernard Cohen, Joan Guy and Gloria Down. R.I.P.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND Parish, £772.77 (Standing Orders average £650). 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** next meets Monday, 19th January at 10.15 am. The **Bible Study and Prayer Group** meets again this Saturday, 17th January at 10.45.

God bless you in the coming week, Deacon Paul and Father David.

Prayers of the Faithful – Feast of the Baptism of the Lord 2026

Priest:

Dear brothers and sisters, as we come before God who gives us the gift of faith in baptism, let us join in prayer.

Reader:

For the Church: that all who are baptised may know themselves as beloved children of God, especially in times of hardship or persecution...
Lord, hear us.

For all who hold positions of leadership in government across the world: that they may act with integrity, humility and a desire for peace and justice...
Lord, hear us.

For those preparing for baptism and the sacraments: that they may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit on their journey of faith...
Lord, hear us.

For those who are sick and those who care for them, that the Lord Jesus may be their light and give them peace of heart...
Lord, hear us.

For those who have died and for those who mourn: that they may find comfort in the promise of new life in Christ...
Lord, hear us.

We pause to bring our own needs before the Lord...

Let us seek the intercession of our Blessed Lady, that we may share her joy
at the revelation of God's beloved Son: Hail Mary...

Priest:

O God we see your glory in the baptism of your Son. Hear the prayers of those chosen to be your family, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

