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Newsletter for Sunday, 22nd February 2026 – First Sunday of Lent.

Mass Books: Page 151. Psalter: Week 1

We pray for the Cathedral, Norwich, for peace in the Holy Land and in 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, Lent Feria
Tuesday 9.30 am, Lent Feria

Memorial Acc: Save us...

Jeannie Williamson RIP
People of the Parish
Paul Ferla's intentions
Private intention
Cosmo, Benedict & Miles RIP

Wednesday 12.15 pm, Lent Feria
Thursday 9.30 am, Lent Feria
Friday 12.15 pm, Lent Feria
Saturday 10.00 am, Lent Feria
6.30 pm, (2nd Sunday of Lent)

Souls in Purgatory
Reginald Sterne RIP
Maggie D'Cunha RIP
Family in difficulty
Private intention

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.

FRIDAY IS CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY Please take a Fast Day envelope home and we will gather in donations in a Retiring Collection for CAFOD next Sunday.

WALK WITH ME, A Journey of Prayer for Lent with a foreword by Bishop Peter. On sale at the back of the church, just £1 each.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN LENT This week we will be praying the Stations here in St Etheldreda's on Friday at 7.00 pm, joined by members of St Peter's Anglican Church. with whom we are sharing the Stations again this year.

LENTEN ALMS Basket is on the altar steps. The Bishop has directed that this year's Lenten Alms be sent to Aid to the Church in Need.

SIX ONLINE BIBLE STUDIES ON THE LENTEN SUNDAY GOSPEL - Come & See Catholic Formation Ministries

Mauro Iannicelli will break-open the forthcoming Lenten Sunday Gospels with in-depth teaching and stimulating questions. Started: Tues 17th February, 2026 @7pm. Six consecutive Tuesdays: 17 Feb | 24 Feb | 03 Mar | 10 Mar | 17 Mar | 24 Mar (7-8:15pm).

Free of Charge | LIVE on YouTube. Registration: comeandsee.org/lent26

WE PRAY for all our sick and housebound, for those who have died recently especially for Josefina and Jonifel Orsos Gatdula, Monsignor Peter Leeming and María Teresa Fernández-Delgado and for the Anniversaries of Minnie Harvey, Jennifer Nash, Joe Kay, Elizabeth Player, Margaret Smart, Rose Edwards, Mary Grabowski, Walter Cooper, Teresa Jameson, Gerard Hannaford, Daniel Woods and Eileen Turner. May they Rest in peace.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND Parish, £679.10. (Standing Orders average £650).

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 again on Monday 2nd March at 7.30 pm. The **Bible Study and Prayer Group** meets again this Saturday, 21st March at 10.45 am.

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

Prayers of the Faithful – First Sunday of Lent 2026

Priest:

Jesus came to share his life with us and to teach us how to live. As we embark upon Lent, let us pray that the Holy Spirit may lead us in this holy season.

Reader:

For the Church on the journey of Lent: that all Christians may respond afresh to the call to holiness and the grace of Baptism...*PAUSE*

Lord, hear us.

For those preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion and for their catechists and sponsors: that they may grow in love and understanding of the Mysteries of our Faith...*PAUSE*

Lord, hear us.

For all who struggle in the wilderness of illness, poverty, loneliness, or fear: that they may feel the closeness of God and know consolation and strength...*PAUSE*

Lord, hear us

For the people of Ukraine and all who hunger for justice, freedom and peace: that their prayers may be heard...*PAUSE*

Lord, hear us.

For who have died recently and especially for Josefina and Jonifel Orsos Gatdula, Monsignor Peter Leeming and Maria Teresa Fernandez-Delgado, that they may rest in the peace of Christ and that the Lord may console those who mourn for them...*PAUSE*

Lord, hear us.

Let us pray quietly for our own needs...*LONGER PAUSE*

We entrust our petitions to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the Refuge of Sinners: Hail Mary...

Priest:

Lord our God, in every age you call a people to hear your word and to do your will. Grant us the grace we need to be faithful to you in following your Son, Jesus, for he is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

