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**Newsletter for Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Third Sunday of Lent.**

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**We pray for the St Benet’s Minster, Beccles, for peace in the Holy Land and in Ukraine and for the Catholic Community in Prek Toal, Cambodia.**

**Times of Mass this week**

**NEW Memorial Acc: We proclaim...**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6.30 pm,</b>	<i>Sylvia Watson RIP</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00 am,</b>	<i>People of the Parish</i>
	<b>11.00 am,</b>	<i>Stephen Chettan RIP</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>9.30 am, Lent Feria</b>	<i>Amy Elizabeth Stocks RIP</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9.30 am, Lent Feria</b>	<i>Mollyanne Thompson and Mother RIP</i>

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12.15 pm, Lent Feria</b>	<i>Kazimierz Karwoski RIP</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9.30 am, Lent Feria</b>	<i>Kathleen O’Reilly RIP</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>12.15 pm, Lent Feria</b>	<i>Departed souls</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10.00 am, Lent Feria</b>	<i>Deacon John Steel RIP</i>
	<b>6.30 pm, (4th Sunday of Lent)</b>	<i>Sylvia Watson RIP - SVP</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.** Donations in January and February came to £229. Thank you all.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN LENT** This Friday here in St Etheldreda’s Church, at 7.00 pm.

**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.

**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.

**CHURCH CLEANING** The next cleaning session will be on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March, beginning at 11.30 am. If you can come and help, you will be most welcome.

**PARISH BBQ** Save the date for the Parish BBQ, 12 July 2026, from 12 noon. More details will follow.

**GARDEN SALE** A fundraising event to raise money for the parish gardening needs. When: Sunday, 26 April, from 10am -11am and from 12 noon onwards. Where: the church car park. What to buy: home-made cakes, house plants, garden plants, new gift items, second hand books and many more. Please come and check it for yourself. CASH ONLY Thank you for your support

**WE PRAY** for all our sick and housebound, for those who have died recently especially Josefina and Jonifel Mae Orsos Gatdula and for Mary Brady, whose Funeral Service will take place here on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 12 noon, and for the Anniversaries of Muriel Shryane, Molly Game, Josephine Austin, Derek Hacking (2025), Mary Sanson, Mollyann Thompson, Mary Gandy, Christianne Morris, William Cozens, William Parsons, Patricia Mann, Lucy Olive Stone, Margaret Kiernan, James Walsh and Marguerite Coleridge. May they all rest in peace.

**COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND** Parish, £734.60. (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 Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 10.15 am.

**The Bible Study and Prayer Group** meets again on Saturday, 21st March at 10.45 am.

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

## Prayers of the Faithful – Third Sunday of Lent 2026

Priest:

We ask God to give us the living water of grace by which our lives are transformed as we learn to live in hope and trust.

Reader:

For the Church; that the people of God may be open to God's grace in their lives and seek forgiveness for the times they have done wrong...

Lord, hear us.

For our children who have made their First Confession this weekend: may they continue to grow in knowledge and love of our Lord...

Lord, hear us.

For peace in the Middle East, holding before God those who are caught up in the attacks. May those who make the decisions affecting so many lives be directed towards peace...

Lord, hear us.

For those who struggle to believe they are loved and forgiven by God: may they find peace of mind and heart through God's mercy and our compassion...

Lord, hear us.

For our sick brothers and sisters: may they know the comfort and power of God's healing presence...

Lord, hear us.

For Josefina and Jonifel, for Mary Brady and all the faithful departed: may they find rest in the mercy of God...

Lord, hear us.

Let us pray quietly for our own needs...

We ask Our Blessed Lady, the Woman of Nazareth and Refuge of Sinners, for the help of her prayers: Hail Mary...

Priest:

Creator God, who made water spring forth in the desert, create in us a new heart and grant us living water, so that we may worship you in spirit and in truth, through Christ our Lord. Amen.







