



## 2ND SUNDAY OF Advent

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### ST. LUKE'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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7th December 2025 (Yr A/II Ps 2)

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### GOING INTO HOSPITAL

Contact the chaplaincy team, office open 7 days a week,  
8am and 4pm & 24-hour Call-out. Telephone: 01733  
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### PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

St. John Henry Newman Voluntary Aided Hamptons

Website: [st-johnhenrynewman.org.uk](http://st-johnhenrynewman.org.uk)

### DIARY

#### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec – St Nicholas

9.30am Most Holy Rosary

1pm Zimbabwean Community Mass *Priests Int*

5-5.45pm Confession

6pm Vigil Mass of Sunday *Susan Gilmer*

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Dec SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9am Sung Mass *John Collins+*

10.30am Children's Mass *Tony McGing+*

12noon Sung Mass *Pro Populo*

6pm Sunday Prayer Group

#### Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Dec – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Solemnity (*Not an Obligation*)

(Mass at All Souls Church 9.30am)

10am Silent Prayer Before the Blessed Sacrament

10.30am Church Cleaning – All Welcome!

7pm Lectio Divina

7.30pm Men's Fellowship & Bible Study

#### Tue 9<sup>th</sup> Dec – Advent FERIA

12noon Most Holy Rosary

12.30pm Holy Mass *Peace in the World*

6pm Divine Mercy Devotions

7pm RCIA

#### Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Dec – Blessed Henry Heath, John Robinson & Companions

10am Most Holy Rosary

10.30am Holy Mass *Conversion of Poor Sinners*

7pm Ladies Fellowship & Bible Study

7pm Finance Committee

#### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec – Advent FERIA

12noon Most Holy Rosary

12.30pm Holy Mass *Margaret Rollo Spence+*

1pm Lunches & Social Time

6.30pm Children's Choir Practice

7.45pm Music Group Practice

#### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Our Lady of Guadalupe

10am Most Holy Rosary

10.30am Holy Mass *Robert & Joan Marsh+*

11am Adoration & Benediction of the  
Blessed Sacrament (Latin)

#### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – St Lucy

9.30am Most Holy Rosary

10.30am First Holy Communion Families

5-5.45pm Confession

6pm Vigil Mass of Sunday *Pro Populo*

#### 14<sup>th</sup> Dec THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

##### Gaudete Sunday

9am Sung Mass *Brenda Warner*

10.30am Children's Mass *Simon+*

12noon Sung Mass *Fr Emile Nkumu+*

2pm Nigerian Community Mass *Priests Ints*

##### Mass Intentions

Many thanks for requesting Masses for your different intentions.  
There are no dates left for this year. Next years diary is available  
now. Envelopes can be found on the entrance table.



### CHRISTMAS CHOCOLATES

HMP Peterborough Chaplaincy ask our help in providing sealed tubs of chocolates to be shared by the 1,300 residents at Christmas. They will also be given a card & one or two small gifts at what is generally a difficult & emotional time 'inside'. For security reasons please only bring the **sealed plastic tubs** of Roses, Hero's' etc., and leave on the sanctuary. Last day Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Many thanks.

### CHRISTMAS CONCERT

St. Luke's Junior Choir join with the choir of St. John's Cathedral Square and the City of Peterborough Concert Band. Doors open 6.30pm. Tickets: £10 in advance from <https://bit.ly/SJXmasT25> or £12 on the door. Free seasonal treats and refreshments afterwards. 7pm Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December at St. John's. Proceeds to support music at our two churches.

### CHRISTMAS AT ST. LUKE'S

Please note that due to the shortage of priests there will be fewer Masses.

#### 6pm Sunday 21st December

#### Carol Service led by the Junior Choir

Readings telling the Christmas story, with congregational carols and special choir pieces.

Followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

All welcome - retiring collection for the organ fund.

#### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December

##### Christmas Eve

6pm Vigil Mass

11pm Mass in the Night

#### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December

##### Christmas Day

10.30am & 12noon Mass with Carols

**Multiple opportunities for the Sacrament of Penance – Confession – will be available in the two weeks before.**

### REPOSITORY SHOP

A variety of items are available to buy in the entrance for Christmas including cards, candles and decorations. All profits support St. Luke's.

**Christmas Hamper Raffle Tickets Still Available!**

**Every blessing for the week ahead!**

### REFLECTION

*The light of the moon will be like that of the sun and the light of the sun will be seven times greater (like the light of seven days). On the day the Lord binds up the wounds of His people, He will heal the bruises left by His blows.*  
(Isaiah 30:26)

Many people scoff at the idea of miracles. Unwilling to believe that Jesus could restore the sight of the blind when He walked on earth, they are unwilling to see the miracles that Jesus continues to work today. If we are open to the guiding touch of God's hand and willing to discover His plan for our lives, miracles will happen. What prevents us from seeing and being a part of God's miracles?

Would we rather be blind?

*Lord, clarify my vision that I may see You in others and sense You within my own soul.*

### Papal Prayer Intention for December

That Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

### National Cycle of Prayer

For Migrants & Refugees; Expectant Mothers.

### VOLUNTEERS - SCHOOL ADMISSIONS APPEALS

The Diocese of East Anglia Schools' Service is seeking volunteers to serve as school admission appeals panel members, helping ensure parents' rights are upheld when a child is not offered a place at their preferred Catholic school. To find out more contact Helen Bates, Assistant Director email: [ssc@rcdea.org.uk](mailto:ssc@rcdea.org.uk) Tel: 01508 495509.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Parents/Guardians & children meet next Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec at 10.30am. Applications closed.

### RCIA

Next meeting 7pm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

### YOUTH GROUP

For all at secondary school. Christmas Party & Decoration the church tree. Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 6.30-till late!

### TEENAGE CONFIRMATION

Next meeting Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January.

### NIGERIAN COMMUNITY MASS

Next Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> at 2pm – All welcome!

### FINANCIAL UPDATE

30/11: Offertory £723; Weekly Av St Orders £910; Cards £621; Total £2,254. Many thanks for your generosity!

### CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Many thanks to all who supported & helped with the fayre it was a lovely day & event, raising £1,653!

Special thanks to Rosanna, Joe and our team of organisers.

### CLERGY MOVES AND APPOINTMENTS

Many priests will be on the move in 2026 as we try to provide the best cover we can for our parishes with a diminishing number of priests. In Peterborough: St Peter & All Souls – Fr Karol & Fr Waldi will move to Norwich & a new community of priests arrive in February. In September our own Fr Jeffrey will move after 10 years to be parish priest of St. Etheldreda, Ely. Canon David Finnegan will become parish priest of St. Luke's.