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Other local Sunday Masses

King's Lynn (Our Lady) PE30 5ES: Sat. Evening 6:00pm, Sunday 11:30am.
 Gaywood (Holy Family) PE30 4AX: Sunday 9:30am.

PEACE SUNDAY 2026: Towards an "unarmed and disarming" peace

Continuing our extract from Pope Leo's message for Peace Sunday:

"Peace be with you!" This ancient greeting, still in use today in many cultures, was infused with new life on the evening of Easter on the lips of the risen Jesus. "Peace be with you" (Jn 20:19, 21) is his Word that does not merely desire peace, but truly brings about a lasting transformation in those who receive it, and consequently in all of reality. For this reason, the Apostles' successors give voice every day throughout the world to the most silent of revolutions: "Peace be with you!" ... this is the peace of the risen Christ - a peace that is unarmed and disarming, humble and persevering. It comes from God who loves us all unconditionally. ... We are called to continue today, [to join] forces to contribute to a disarming peace, a peace born of openness and evangelical humility."

The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for January

For prayer with the Word of God: Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

Please remember in your prayers all who are sick, especially:

Madeleine Coughlan, Glyn Davis, Fr. Bill Dobson, Fred Grimley, Mary Grimley, Sarah King, Nicholas Koning, Anne Lindley, Fr. Henry MacCarthy, Joan McTaggart, Dickie Nally, Sharon Parkin, Michael Rhodes, James Skinner, Nicky Sugden, John Witting.

Please pray also for those who anniversaries occur this week:

Mary Teresa MacIntosh, Richard Kaye, Molly Dixon, Patrick Finn, Margaret Coxon, Marian Whittome, Joan Forward, Edward O'Brien, Louisa Knowles, May Pulbrook, Caroline Keast, Julia Joly, George Moseley, Karl Frei.

LIST of the SICK

I give permission for my name to be included among the Prayers for the Sick

Name: Signature

***Our Lady of Perpetual Succour & St. Edmund, Hunstanton
 with
 St. Cecilia, Dersingham***

MASS INTENTIONS 18th - 25th January 2026

Readings at Mass - Sundays: Year A. Weekdays: Cycle II

Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

2 nd Sunday of Ordinary Time [Ps Wk 2]	StC OLSE	9:00am Peace Day 11:00am	Mary Mutton RIP [F] People of the Parish
Monday feria or St. Wulstan	OLSE	10:00am	Francis Lawrence Howe RIP
Tuesday feria or St. Fabian or St. Sebastian	OLSE	10:00am	Ints. Anne Brereton
Wednesday St. Agnes mem	StC OLSE	THERE WILL BE NO MASS AT ST CECILIA'S THIS WEDNESDAY 2.30pm	Hugh Doherty RIP Funeral Requiem Mass
Thursday feria or St. Vincent	OLSE	10:00am	Rene Whittaker RIP
Friday feria	OLSE	10:00am	James Allen RIP [F]
Saturday St. Francis de Sales mem			
3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time [Ps Wk 3]	StC OLSE	9:00am Sunday of the Word of God 11:00am	Ints. Halpin Family People of the Parish

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

StC - Sundays & Wednesdays after Mass.

OLSE - by Request and on the last Friday of the Month after Mass

<u>Ext. Ministers</u>	<u>OLSE</u>	<u>St.C</u>
18 th January	Paul Mulligan	Peg Hunter
	Tom Koning	Anna Grant
25 th January	Elizabeth Howe	Anna Grant
	Kathleen Woodhouse	Peg Hunter
<u>Readers</u>	<u>OLSE</u>	<u>St.C</u>
18 th January	Janet Walmsley-Heron	Chris Davey
25 th January	Tom Koning	Lorna Hutchinson

Information and Events

Rosary Group: Monday afternoons from 2.00pm in the StC Meeting Room

Bible Study Tuesdays from 4pm to 5pm in the Garnet Room at OLSE.

Mothers' Prayers: Held every other week; the next gathering will be on Monday 19th January 2:30pm in the Garnett Room at OLSE.

The **Why Be Lonely Club** continues, on the **first Friday of each month**. While Nick's absence continues to be keenly felt, we are sure that his spirit of kindness and humour continues to permeate the gatherings. The afternoons, from **2pm to 4pm at St C's** are open to all and everyone is very welcome. You don't have to be lonely to join in - by coming along, you will be helping someone else to feel less lonely.

The next gathering will be held on Friday 6th February.

Spirituality: The monthly sessions will be continuing this year. Before this, though, we will be gathering feedback on the sessions so far. They have been running now for a couple of years on a monthly basis. We want to make sure that the sessions are addressing what parishioners are seeking. Any thoughts or feedback you have is most welcome. The post boxes in the entrance of each church are available for you to drop a line, or, if you prefer, simply speak to Paul Mulligan (paul.mulligan4@hotmail.com) at OLSE and/or Patricia Barkess (patriciabarkess@gmail.com) at StC. The sessions are for the benefit of all, so they need to be suitable. That includes how they are presented; what they are called; when they are held, and any other considerations that you might raise.

All feedback is most welcome.

The first session this year will be held at **OLSE on Friday 30th January**, on **ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI** - more information in next week's newsletter

URGENT HEALTH NOTICE: The NHS are currently advising that anyone with a high temperature or a persistent cough, even if mild, stay at home. To protect our more vulnerable members we are all asked to take this advice to heart.

This Sunday, 18th January, is **PEACE SUNDAY**. The Bishops' Conference encourage us all to use the day to reflect on the Pope's message for the World Day of Peace on the 1st January (see over for a further extract from the Holy Father's message). **Pax Christi** promote Peace Sunday with the support of the Bishop's Conference and have produced a number of resources to help us reflect including a liturgy and activities for children. You can download these from the Peace Sunday 2026 page on their website www.paxchristi.org.uk. Today, on this Peace Sunday, there is a retiring collection to support Pax Christi's work which includes promoting nonviolence as a way of resolving conflict, advocacy and campaigning for peace and peace education in schools. You can also donate via their website: www.paxchristi.org.uk/product-category/peace-sunday-appeal/

Envelopes from Pax Christi are available for donations towards their work

A summary of the provisional **PARISH CALENDAR** is now displayed on the church noticeboards. The plan has been drafted with close attention to the feedback received at the Celebration Mass and meal held on 25th October, so the plans for the year build upon the enthusiasm and communion so evident at that and other parish events. **Your feedback on the events and activities planned is encouraged** to help ensure that the events planned are actually what you would like to see happening in the parish!

Christian Unity Week will take place this week, **18th to the 25th January**. The main activity locally is the Churches Together **FAITH MEAL** to be held on **Friday 23rd January at THE WAY Church in Hunstanton**. We hope for a good attendance from our Catholic Community. If you would like to attend, please enter your name on the list in the church porch, and indicate if you need transport.

Also as part of **Christian Unity Week**, **Fr Michael Rear**, a familiar face for many in the parish since he has supplied to say Mass on numerous occasions over the years, is to give a talk on **Saint John Henry Newman** entitled **One Body, One Spirit**. This will be hosted by Norfolk and Waveney Churches Together, and held in the Methodist Chapel in Little Walsingham on 22nd January starting at 6.30pm. The talk will be based on Fr Rear's recently published book *Doctor of the Church - An Introduction to Saint John Henry Newman* (October 2025)

LIST of the SICK TO BE PRAYED FOR: Anyone who would like her/his name to be included in this List is invited either to email the Parish Office or complete, sign and return the **form printed overleaf**. Please note that it must be the sick person who gives permission for this by their signature [Data protection laws]. ***To remove your name from the list please contact the Parish Office.***