



St Etheldreda's

WEEK BEGINNING 19 NOVEMBER 2023 - 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NEWSLETTER

Mass Times

Sundays: 9 am (English)

11 am (Sung Latin)

Monday-Friday: 1 pm

The Parable of the Talents



The Rector Writes...

BY FR TOM THOMAS IC

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. The liturgical year draws to a close, the long winter nights and the readings of these Sundays remind us of the end of times. The parable of the talent reminds us that it does not belong to us but belong to the master. We are called upon to live it fully and do business with it often taking a risk, using our imagination, taking initiatives, sometimes challenge our world, it's attitudes and values. The talent we have received are life, faith and grace. We are called to be salt, light, yeast to make our world fertile that we can share the common good and live in peace and harmony. All the other things like war, injustice, inequality, disharmony and death come from sin and the evil one. Stay awake! Be attentive!



Visit our newly designed website: www.stetheldreda.co.uk for a splendid 3D Virtual Tour, a history of St Etheldreda's, pages devoted to Sacraments: weddings and baptisms, a photo gallery, Mass times and much more besides.

Etheldreda, Princess, Abbess, Saint

Etheldreda's World - Princess, Abbess, Saint by Dr Charles Moseley from Oxford University, who wrote this book to mark 1,350 years since St Etheldreda founded a monastery on the site of what is now Ely cathedral in 673 AD. What was it like to be a Princess (c. 636-679 AD) an Abbess in a land where the old gods were still honoured by many? What power did women in her position wield? What did it mean to be revered as a Saint? This excellent book is available from the Presbytery. **Price £12.99.**

Sunday's Music (11am)

Clemens non Papa Missa caro mea
Clemens non Papa De Profundis
Clemens non Papa O Bone Jesu
Credo III, Salve Regina, Domine salvum fac
Organ Voluntary: J S Bach Prelude in G major BWV 550

Music Director: Robert Patterson

Today's Readings

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; [9 am
Mass only: Psalm 127: 1-5. Response: 'Oh blessed are those who fear the Lord']; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-30.

Thought for the week

The fact that we have a body leads us to feel that we have lost entirely our loved ones the moment they are snatched away from our senses, being unable to see them, to hear them speak, or to speak to them; but, how much more sublime is the perception of the faith! Faith reassures us that the affections and the memories of the person who is no longer visible to our eyes have not perished; and that such a person is still thinking about us, loves us with a purer love, and is grateful for all the benefits received while in this world; and being nearer to the throne of grace and mercy, has more power to intercede in our favour.

Blessed Antonio Rosmini

Support Us



Original Altar of St Etheldreda's

We are currently searching for any drawings/photographs/images of the original high altar that would have been installed in the church when it was reconsecrated in 1879 and before the installation of the current altar (which is a post-war replacement). Would anybody have any images of the original altar? If so, please could you share these with us?

Donation Appeal

Donation Appeal. We hope you will consider continuing to support St Etheldreda's. We are cutting costs where appropriate but it would be of immense help if you would consider supporting the parish by setting up a regular standing order. This can be done either by completing the standing order form available from the cloister table or through our parish [Diocesan microsite page](#). Individual donations can be made through either our Digital Collection Plate (DONA) that can be found in the cloister table

Supporting the Choir

If you would like to help sponsor the choir, please take a Choir Sponsorship Form from the cloister table, fill in your details and drop it though the presbytery letter-box.

Retreat-Pilgrimage to Italy

In the footsteps of Blessed Antonio Rosmini with Fr David Tobin IC.

13-23 May 2024

Visiting: **Rovereto** (birthplace of Rosmini), **Verona** (city of Romeo and Juliet), **Bergamo** (city of Pope John XXIII), **Domodossola** (from where Rosmini sent his missionaries of the Institute of Charity; from the beautiful Sacro Monte Calvario for the conversion of England), **Stresa** and Lake Maggiore. £1,645.00 Ensuite No single room supplements. Please contact the retreat organizer for further details:

Anthony Weaver, Tel. 0207 379 7273
Email: retreatsdover@gmail.com

St Etheldreda's Choir on 3 CDs

(1) Catholic Collection (Aid to the Church in Need) includes: *Missa de Angelis*, *Soul of My Saviour*, *Panis angelicus* and other much loved music. (2) Christus Rex (Aid to the Church in Need) includes: *Salve festa dies*; *Christus vincit*; *Ave verum corpus*; *O felix Roma*; and other much loved music. (3) O Holy Night (Seventeen Carols including *Adeste Fideles*, *O Holy Night* and *Hark the Herald Angels*. (Available also on audio cassette.) **Each CD £10.**

or our DONA webpage link -

<https://donate.mydona.com/st-etheldredas-ely-place>.

If you are a UK tax-payer, please consider gift aiding your donation. Any donation you make will be increased by 25% at no expense to yourself. If you have any queries about how to donate please contact our Parish Administrator at enquiries@stetheldreda.com. Your donations will enable us to meet the costs of the day-to-day running of the Parish. Thank you for your support.

Collections

9 am: **£96.60**; 11 am: **£330.70**

Donations made by standing order, calculated weekly, amount to **£313.50**. (This figure does not include donations under the Choir Sponsorship scheme)

Christmas Services

Monday 11 December: 6.30 pm, Parish Carol Service.

Sunday 24 December (Christmas Eve): 9 am Mass (English), 11 am (Sung Latin), 11.30 pm: Carols; Midnight: Sung Latin Mass.

Christmas Day: 10 am Family Mass (English) with Carols. (No other Mass on Christmas Day.)

Sunday 31 December: Feast of the Holy Family. Masses at 9 am and (sung Latin) 11 am.

Mass Intentions

Sun 19th November 2023
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00 am
Catherine & James Kelly RIP
11.00 am
For the people of the parish

Mon 20th November 2023
Feria
1.00 pm
Elizabeth Hennessy & Family

Tue 21st November 2023
The Presentation of the Virgin Mary
1.00 pm
Leslie Barnett RIP

Wed 22nd November 2023
St Cecilia
1.00 pm
Sebastian Fernandes RIP

Thu 23rd November 2023
Feria
1.00 pm
Maria Josefina Fernandes RIP

Fri 24th November 2023
St Andrew Dũng-Lac
1.00 pm
Joseph Wilcox RIP

Confessions

Monday–Friday after
1pm Mass; and at call.

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