

SAINT DOMINIC'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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23-11-2025		<i>Thirty Fourth & Last Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
Saturday 22	6.00 pm	Deceased Kristina's Family+ / Z Wator & Family+	Missa in Vigilia
Sunday 23	9.30 am	Pro Populo	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
	5.30 pm	Ecumenical Evensong Prayer Service	
Wednesday 26	8.30 am	Holy Souls+ (SH) / Danuta & Jan Talik+	Feria
Thursday 27	8.30 am	HRH Diana Spencer+ (SF) / Barbara Czopek+	Feria
Friday 28	9.00 am	Stations of the Cross	
	9.30 am	Stefania & M Talik+	Feria
Saturday 29	6.00 pm	Byrne & Conry Families Deceased+ (MM)	Missa in Vigilia
Sunday 30	9.30 am	Pro Populo	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOTE: During Advent until the Christmas Season Stations of the Cross will be said privately.

Confessions: Sat. 5.40 – 6pm, Sun. 9.10 – 9.30am.

Mass Intentions: Request forms are available in the porch.

Queen Elizabeth Hospital Visits RC Chaplain Fr Gordon Adam 01533 772220 or Fr Erico.

Emergency Contacts: King's Lynn 01553 772220: Wisbech 01945 583466: Swaffham 01760 721418: Ely 01353 662759.

Anniversaries: Jean Carrit, Garrett Freeman, Sidney Banwell, Nora McKenna, Helena Pexton, Joseph Ballantyne, Anna Harvey, Thomas Dunbar, Deirdre Hanley, Pacita & Dotisimo Sumicad, Anthony McGlone, Patrick Regan, Lilian Behrendt, Mary (Billie) Giles, Florence Packer, John Heffron.

Please pray for the sick in our parish: Ann Aelberry, Babs Biggadike, Cathleen Bradshaw, Len Boulden, Stephen Clarke, Julian Foord, Eileen Groves, Mike Larcey, Mark Orton, Pauline Roberts, Paddy Satchwell.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE FOR CHRIST THE KING: St Dominic's invites everyone to this 45 minutes' service of prayers and hymns with the Churches Together Choir at 5.30 pm on Sunday 23 November followed by tea and biscuits in the parish room.

PARISH CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: This is an important fundraiser for our church. Please collect raffle tickets for yourselves from the church porch after this weekend's masses and also any extra tickets you think you can sell to friends and relatives. Please return ticket stubs with names and telephone numbers and place them in the box labelled Christmas Raffle in the porch. Kindly, pay for tickets using the Dona card reader in the porch, choosing the Christmas Raffle option. If you cannot pay by card, cash payment will be accepted, but it should be provided in a clearly labelled and sealed envelope and deposited into the Repository cash box, or handed to Fr Erico, or to the parish treasurer, Janelle.

In addition, if possible, please donate prizes for the raffle.

POSADA: In the spirit of a lovely Mexican tradition re-enacting Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem, we invite parishioners to host a statue of Mary and Joseph and their donkey in their homes during Advent. It's a wonderful way to celebrate Advent and look forward to the birth of Christ at Christmas. Please sign the Posada rota in the parish room if you would like to host Mary and Joseph on their journey.

RECOMMISSIONING OF MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: takes place on the Solemnity of Christ the King, 23 November.

MISSIO RED BOXES: Please return your Red Box to the sacristy by the end of November for the annual count. If you would like a Red Box, please contact our Missio rep, Joe Walton. It is such an easy and effective way to help the missions.

REPOSITORY: Christmas cards are now available and Christmas gifts will be available to purchase from the 1st Sunday of Advent.

YOUTH DAY: Sunday, 23 November, is Youth Day. There will be a second collection for our Diocesan Youth Service at the weekend masses. The DYS runs a variety of events and pilgrimages across the diocese and its Ignite Team shares the Gospel with young people and children in parishes and schools. Find out more at www.rcdea.org.uk/youth. Please pray for our young people.

DIOCESAN YOUTH SERVICE RETREAT: For women aged 18 to 35 in York from 6 to 8 March 2026. The cost is £145. Bookings close 14 December. See www.rcdea.org.uk/weekend-retreat-for-women-age-18-35/ for more details and to book.

CAROL SINGING: Come and sing lots of your favourite carols with Downham Market & District Churches Together in Tesco's foyer from 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm on 3, 8, 11, 15, 19 & 23 December. Everyone is welcome. This is in aid of *Christmas Dinner in a Box* for needy local families. See the poster for more details.

CHRISTMAS IN DOWNHAM: Downham Market & District Churches Together warmly invite you to celebrate the coming birth of Christ and enjoy a wonderful evening of songs at the Town Hall on Tuesday 16 December at 7 pm. Tea, coffee and Christmas treats will be available afterwards. Everyone is welcome.

PRAYER GROUP: Our next meeting is on Wednesday 26 November at 2 pm in the parish room. All are welcome.