

OUR LADY OF LOURDES AND ST JOHN FISHER PARISH
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Week commencing Sunday, 23 DECEMBER 2018
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year C, Psalter Week 4

SERVICE & MASS TIMES

Dates	OLOL Community https://www.ololsawston.org.uk	SJF Community http://cambournerc.com
Saturday, 22.12.2018 Advent Feria <i>(O Rex Gentium)</i>	9.15 am: Morning Prayer 9.30 am: Holy Mass (Joseph & Letizia Anniversary†) 10.00am: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and Confession	4.00 pm Confession 5.00 pm Sunday Vigil Mass for 4 th Sunday of Advent
Sunday, 23.12.2018 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>(O Emmanuel)</i>	8.45 am: Holy Mass (Pro populo) 11.15 am: Holy Mass (Frances Ong Way Heng†)	5.00 pm: Holy Mass
Monday, 24.12.2018 CHRISTMAS EVE THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD	9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am: Holy Mass (Joseph & Letizia Anniversary†) 6.00 pm: VIGIL MASS FOR CHRISTMAS (Frances Ong Way Heng†) 9.00 pm: HOLY MASS DURING THE NIGHT OF CHRISTMAS (Lukasz)	4.00 pm VIGIL MASS OF CHRISTMAS
Tuesday, 25.12.2018 CHRISTMAS DAY	10.00 am HOLY MASS DURING THE DAY OF CHRISTMAS (Frances Ong Way Heng†)	8.00 am HOLY MASS AT DAWN OF CHRISTMAS
Wednesday, 26.12.2018 S. STEPHEN	9.15 am: Morning Prayer 9.30 am: Holy Mass (Tommy Foody†)	
Thursday, 27.12.2018 S JOHN	9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am Holy Mass 7.00 pm Quiet Prayer	7.15 pm: Holy Mass 7.45 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary
Friday, 28.12.2018 HOLY INNOCENTS	9.15 am: Morning Prayer 9.30 am: Holy Mass (Fr John Fennell†)	7.15pm: Holy Mass
Saturday, 29.12.2018 S THOMAS BECKET	9.15 am: Morning Prayer 9.30 am: Holy Mass 10.00am: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and Confession	4.00 pm Confession 5.00 pm Sunday Vigil Mass for THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS MARY & JOSEPH (Alfred De Souza†)
Sunday, 30.12..2018 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH	8.45 am: Holy Mass (Anna Turzanska & Families (F)†) 11.15am: Holy Mass	5.00 pm: Holy Mass

NOTICES

Welcome all visitors and regular Mass participants. Please stay for coffee/tea in the foyer after SJF 5pm Vigil Mass on Saturday, in the Presbytery after OLOL 8.45 am Sunday Mass, and in the Church Hall after OLOL 11.15 am Sunday Mass.

In Memoriam: All who have gone before us, especially members of our communities whose anniversaries occur around this week: Ann Moriarty, Jan Kisielowski Mick Singleton, Arthur Crutchley, Margaret McConnon, Grace Waite, Evelyn Singleton, Leonard Rice, Fr. John Fennell, Anthony Ross

With our sympathies to Patrick & Family, and prayers for Katharine Branigan RIP who peacefully passed away on Tuesday 18th December 2018. Her Funeral will be down in Axmouth Church, Devon in the second week of January and a Memorial Service in Cambridgeshire in due course. Details to follow.

Collections: Thank you very much for your great generosity. Last week you gave:

OLOL: Offertory Collections: £190, Standing Orders: £785; Stipends: £90, Donation: £100.

SJF: Standing Orders: £167, Saturday collection: £166, Sunday Collection: £54, Stipends: £15.

There is a Second Collection this weekend for Dependent Priests' Fund.

SJF COMMUNITY NEWS

+ We are grateful to so many people who faithfully and silently serve the community every week in various ways. To aid the memory, here are some people who have special ministries this Saturday: **HC Ministers: Justin, Panchami, Mel. Altar Servers Supervisors: David and Serrita. Readers: Tony, Anita.** Please find a replacement if you are unable to carry out your ministries

We still need more readers, especially young people, to do the second reading & bidding prayers. There is also urgent need of volunteers to help with other ministries: preparing the church for Mass, supervising altar servers, HC ministers, etc. Please let Fr. John know if you could help.

+ **Good news:** SJF Community's bank account is now up and running. If you would like to donate, please make cheques payable to **SJF CHURCH**. Bank transfer details: Barclays Bank UK Plc, Cambridge Branch, Sort code: 20-17-20, Account number 33031454.

If you could contribute by standing order, please take a form to fill in and return it to Patrick, or you can do it online. All moneys given to OLOL and SJF Parish but intended for SJF Community will be transferred to the new bank account.

Sunday Mass in December will be a bit different. Mass will be at 5pm on Sunday 23rd, and 30th. It is very good that the Sunday Mass attendance has remarkably increased. There will be rotas for altar servers, readers, and special ministers of Holy Communion. Please come and help with the preparations for our Sunday Mass.

+ **Good news about Confirmation in Cambourne:** There are 9 candidates at the moment for the Confirmation class in Cambourne, so the Bishop will come to Cambourne for the Confirmation Mass at 5pm on Saturday 15th June, 2019. If anybody would like to join the group, please let Fr. John or Lorretta know. Further information about the class will be published soon.

CAMBOURNE CATHOLIC IGNITE YOUTH DAY: CALLED TO BE SENT – Sat, 12th January 2019 from 1.30 p.m. Till late! For young people of all ages! Reflection, activities, a Mass preparation, shared meal and fun! More details to come! See Mel and Lorretta.

OLOL COMMUNITY NEWS

* **CHRISTMAS OFFERING - 22/25 DECEMBER 2019:** Those wishing to gift aid any offering during the above period please use the envelopes that will be handed out at the beginning of the masses for this purpose so we can reclaim the tax. Many thanks.

* **Quiz Night: a date for your diary** The next Quiz Night in the Church Hall will be on Friday, 1st February. Further details will follow after Christmas but please put it in next year's diary now!

* **Catechism Classes:** for children in the school years 1 & 2 will be looking at the fundamental truths of the Catholic faith through the lives and teachings of our popular saints. **The classes will be held in OLOL hall from 10.15am to 11am on:** 24 February; 28 April; 16 June. Please contact Agata agatad_urso@hotmail.com or Nieva at nievacortez@gmail.com for information.

***PARKING in OLOL CAR PARK** is at a premium at busy services such as Sunday Masses. To make best use of the available space drivers are asked not to leave large spaces between vehicles and to park as neatly as possible. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

First Holy Communion 2019: Please visit OLOL website for information. Please give the form to Fr. John asap.

*** Confirmation preparation:** Open to all children in Year 9 and older. Classes will run every Tuesday, 7pm to 8.30pm (term-time only) in the Parish Hall. There are now 11 candidates in Sawston areas. **Confirmation date: 11.15 Mass on Sunday 16th June 2019.** We will be exploring the main teachings of the Church alongside sacrament preparation and all young people are very warmly welcome to come and find out more about our Catholic faith. For more information please visit OLOL website or contact Sophia at sophiacorpas@yahoo.co.uk.

*** The Diaries of St. Patrick's Missionary Society** are now available. Please take a copy and make a £3.50 donation.

*** OLOL Toddlers Group** meets every Friday at 10.30am until 1pm in the church hall, 135 High Street, CB22 3HJ.

DIOCESE NEWS

EPIPHANY CANDLELIGHT MASS followed by hotdogs, a bonfire and fireworks for all young people from across the Diocese. Date & place: 5pm-7pm on Sunday 6th January 2019 at the White House, Poringland NR14 7SH.

PARISH NEWS

+ **Peter Ho** will join Fr. Michael Johnstone to Jamaica from 9th to 23rd January 2019 as a volunteer with Missionaries of the Poor. They also ask for donations of nearly new summer clothes for babies & adults, and cosmetics for women. Further information at michael.johnstone@rcdea.org.uk, or 07476 198078, or peter.ho@rcdea.org.uk.

+ **ALIVE IN FAITH:** Many thanks to those who prayed for and participated in OLOL campaign. The pledged figure at present is £83,000-00 (138% of our initial target). There are still about 10 more people who are thinking of joining. It is hoped that we may realise Fr. John's dream of £100,000! This is definitely a very positive sign of our community's commitment to our future.

PRAYER IN FRONT OF THE CHRISTMAS CRIB:

**God of every nation and people,
from the very beginning of creation
you have made manifest your love:
when our need for a Saviour was great
you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary.
To our lives he brings joy and peace,
justice, mercy, and love.**

**Lord,
bless all who look upon this manger;
may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus,
and raise our thoughts to him,
who is God-with-us and Saviour of all,
and who lives and reigns forever and ever.
Amen.**

OTHER NEWS

STAY STRONGER FOR LONGER is a free information event for those who are 65+ from 10am to 12 noon on Wednesday 23 - 1 - 2019 at Chaplefield Way Communal Building, Sawston, CB22 3SY. Please see poster in church or phone Ellen on 01954-713294 for information.

CAMBRIDGE CHURCHES HOMELESS

PROJECT (CCHP) For four Winter months each year a rota of Cambridge churches and the synagogue open their doors to people who are homeless. They provide hot food, mattresses, sleeping bags and companionship. This year it was most heartening that over 300 volunteers came forward to help with the project and many of them were young people. A number from our congregation are involved.

*** FOOTPRINTS CAFE** A group of local people have rescued the community cafe attached to Sawston Free Church. What was the OWL Cafe is now called Footprints. Part of its mission is to offer work experience and training to people who have learning difficulties. Negotiations are underway with Social Services to ensure that the full cohort of trainees are able to return. In the meantime your support for this not-for-profit venture is essential. Do please give it your support.

*** ORDER OF MALTA PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES- Friday, 3 May to Thursday 9th May 2019** for sick, disabled, or older pilgrims – Please contact Mrs Kim O'Connor at k6oconnor@aol.com, or see Notice Board at back of church for details.

MESSAGE from Fr Ferdinando - "Approaching Christmas I'm thinking about the communities of Sawston and Cambourne with affection and gratitude. How are you? How is life going on?"

I'm studying Thai language here in Bangkok: it's demanding but very interesting! I'm living in a parish near BKK Chinatown, so the community is partly Thai, partly Chinese, and the Masses here are said in either languages.

I always remember all your help, your welcoming spirit and enthusiasm and I wish you all the best for this Christmas and the coming year. I hope we'll have the opportunity to meet again (here or there...) and – in any case – to keep in touch!

My email is ferdinando.pistore@gmail.com

God bless you Merry Christmas and Happy New Year"

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER

In the Service of the Transmission of Faith - Pray for teachers who help others learn about God. Pray that these teachers use words and examples their students understand.

Entrance Antiphon (Cf. Is 45:8)

Drop down dew from above, you heavens and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Prophet Micah (5:1-4)

Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: (Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19. R. v.4)

God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

Second Reading: letter to the Hebrews (10; 5-10)

Here I am! I am coming to obey your will.

Gospel Acclamation: (Alleluia is sung) (Lk. 1.38)

I am the handmaid of the Lord: let what you have said be done to me.

Gospel: (Luke 1:39-45)

Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and our salvation
he came down from heaven,

(please bow)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Communion Antiphon (Is 7:14) (if no hymn is sung)

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

