

# ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2019, NEW YEAR 2020 PROGRAMME

(Year A; Weekday Cycle II)

Dates	Our Lady of Lourdes Church (135 High Street, Sawston, CB22 3HJ)	St. John Fisher Church (Jeavons Lane, Cambourne, CB23 6AF)
Saturday 14-12-2019 <b>S. John of the Cross</b>	9.15am: Morning prayer 9.30am: Holy Mass 10am: Adoration, Confession, and Rosary	4pm: Confession 5pm: Vigil Mass for 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent
Sunday 15-12-2019 <b>GAUDETE SUNDAY</b>	8.45am: Holy Mass 11.15am: Holy Mass	3pm: Holy Mass followed by ecumenical Christingle
Monday 16-12-2019 Advent Feria	9.15am: Morning prayer 9.30am: Holy Mass	
Tuesday 17-12-2019 ( <i>O Sapientia</i> )	9.15am: Morning prayer 9.30am: Holy Mass	12.15: Holy Mass (at Blue School)
Wednesday 18-12-2019 ( <i>O Adonai</i> )	9.15am: Morning prayer 9.30am: Holy Mass	
Thursday 19-12-2019 ( <i>O Radix Iesse</i> )	9.15am: Morning prayer 9.30am: Holy Mass 7.00pm: Quiet prayer	7.15pm: Holy Mass 7.45pm: Adoration & Rosary.
Friday 20-12-2019 ( <i>O Clavis David</i> )	9.15am: Morning prayer 9.30am: Holy Mass	7.15pm: Holy Mass
Saturday 21-12-2019 ( <i>O Oriens</i> )	9.15am: Morning prayer 9.30am: Holy Mass 10am: Adoration, Confession, and Rosary	4pm: Confession 5pm: Vigil Mass for 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent
Sunday 22-12-2019 <b>4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> ( <i>O Rex Gentium</i> )	8.45am: Holy Mass 11.15am: Holy Mass	5pm: Holy Mass
Monday 23-12-2019 ( <i>O Emmanuel</i> )	9.15am: Morning Prayer 9.30am: Holy Mass	
Tuesday 24-12-2019  <b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>	9.15am: Morning Prayer 9.30am: Holy Mass  <b>6.00pm: Vigil Mass of Christmas</b> <b>9.00pm: Holy Mass during the Night of Christmas</b>	  <b>4pm: Vigil Mass of Christmas</b>
<b>Wednesday 25/12/19</b> <b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	<b>10am: Holy Mass during the Day of Christmas</b>	<b>8am: Holy Mass at Dawn of Christmas</b>
Thursday 26-12-2019 S. STEPHEN	9.15am: Morning prayer 9.30am: Holy Mass 7.00pm: Quiet prayer	7.15pm: Holy Mass 7.45pm: Adoration & Rosary.
Friday 27-12-2019 S. JOHN	9.15am: Morning prayer 9.30am: Holy Mass	7.15pm: Holy Mass
Saturday 28-12-2019 HOLY INNOCENTS	9.15am: Morning prayer 9.30am: Holy Mass 10am: Adoration, Confession, and Rosary	4pm: Confession 5pm: Vigil Mass for The Holy Family Sunday
Sunday 29-12-2019 <b>THE HOLY FAMILY</b>	8.45am: Holy Mass 11.15am: Holy Mass	5pm: Holy Mass
Monday 30-12-2019 <b>Christmas Octave</b>	9.15am: Morning prayer 9.30am: Holy Mass	
Tuesday 31-12-2019 <b>Christmas Octave</b>	9.15am: Morning prayer 9.30am: Holy Mass	12.15: Holy Mass (at Blue School)
Wednesday 1-1-2020 <b>MATER DEI</b>	9.15am: Morning prayer 9.30am: Holy Mass	12.15: Holy Mass (at Blue School)
Thursday 2-1-2020 <b>S Basil and S. Gregory</b>	9.15am: Morning prayer 9.30am: Holy Mass 7.00pm: Quiet prayer	7.15pm: Holy Mass 7.45pm: Adoration & Rosary.

Friday 3-1-2020 Christmas Feria	9.15am: Morning prayer 9.30am: Holy Mass	7.15pm: Holy Mass
Saturday 4-1-2020 Christmas Feria	9.15am: Morning prayer 9.30am: Holy Mass 10am: Adoration, Confession, and Rosary	4pm: Confession 5pm: Vigil Mass for The Epiphany Sunday
Sunday 5-1-2020 <b>THE EPIPHANY</b>	8.45am: Holy Mass 11.15am: Holy Mass	5pm: Holy Mass
Monday 6-1-2020 Christmas Feria	9.15am: Morning prayer 9.30am: Holy Mass	12.15: Holy Mass (at Annexe)
Tuesday 7-1-2020 Christmas Feria	9.15am: Morning prayer 9.30am: Holy Mass	12.15: Holy Mass (at Annexe)
Wednesday 8-1-2020 Christmas Feria	9.15am: Morning prayer 9.30am: Holy Mass	12.15: Holy Mass (at Annexe)
Thursday 9-1-2020 Christmas Feria	9.15am: Morning prayer 9.30am: Holy Mass 7.00pm: Quiet prayer	7.15pm: Holy Mass (at Annexe) 7.45pm: Adoration & Rosary.
Friday 10-1-2020 Christmas Feria	9.15am: Morning prayer 9.30am: Holy Mass	7.15pm: Holy Mass (at Annexe)
Saturday 11-1-2020 Christmas Feria	9.15am: Morning prayer 9.30am: Holy Mass 10am: Adoration, Confession, and Rosary	4pm: Confession 5pm: Vigil Mass for Baptism of the Lord Sunday
Sunday 12-1-2020 <b>BAPTISM OF JESUS</b>	8.45am: Holy Mass 11.15am: Holy Mass	5pm: Holy Mass

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The enchanting image of the Christmas crèche, so dear to the Christian people, never ceases to arouse amazement and wonder. The depiction of Jesus' birth is itself a simple and joyful proclamation of the mystery of the Incarnation of the Son of God. The nativity scene is like a living Gospel rising up from the pages of sacred Scripture. As we contemplate the Christmas story, we are invited to set out on a spiritual journey, drawn by the humility of the God who became man in order to encounter every man and woman. We come to realize that so great is his love for us that he became one of us, so that we in turn might become one with him.

I wish to encourage the beautiful family tradition of preparing the nativity scene in the days before Christmas, but also the custom of setting it up in the workplace, in schools, hospitals, prisons and town squares. Great imagination and creativity is always shown in employing the most diverse materials to create small masterpieces of beauty. As children, we learn from our parents and grandparents to carry on this joyful tradition, which encapsulates a wealth of popular piety. It is my hope that this custom will never be lost and that, wherever it has fallen into disuse, it can be rediscovered and revived.

The origin of the Christmas crèche is found above all in certain details of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem, as related in the Gospels. The evangelist Luke says simply that Mary "gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn" (2:7). Because Jesus was laid in a manger, the nativity scene is known in Italian as a *presepe*, from the Latin word *praesepeum*, meaning "manger".

Coming into this world, the Son of God was laid in the place where animals feed. Hay became the first bed of the One who would reveal himself as "the bread that came down from heaven" (Jn 6:41). Saint Augustine, with other Church Fathers, was impressed by this symbolism: "Laid in a manger, he became our food" (Sermon 189, 4). Indeed, the nativity scene evokes a number of the mysteries of Jesus' life and brings them close to our own daily lives.'

(From Pope Francis, *Admirabile Signum* 1-2)

*A Holy Christmas & A Blessed New Year*

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