

OUR LADY OF LOURDES AND ST JOHN FISHER PARISH
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Week commencing Sunday, 1st December 2019

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – Year A, Weekday Cycle II, Psalter Week 1

SERVICE & MASS TIMES

Dates	OLOL Community https://www.ololsawston.org.uk	SJF Community http://cambournerc.com
Saturday, 30.11.2019 S ANDREW Ap. Patron of Scotland, FEAST	9.15 am: Morning Prayer 9.30 am: Holy Mass (Doreen Brown†) 10.00 am Confession, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary	16.00 Confession 17.00 Vigil Mass for the 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT with Baptism of Sofia - (Luzia Soares†), (Malcolm Nightingale)
Sunday, 1.12.2019 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT	8.45 am: Holy Mass (Pro populo) 11.15am: Holy Mass (Margaret Smith†) (Francis Ong Wa Heng†)	17.00: Holy Mass
Monday, 2.12.2019 Advent Feria	9.15 am: Morning Prayer 9.30 am: Holy Mass (Letizia & Michael†)	
Tuesday, 3.12.2019 S Francis Xavier P (Migrants' Day)	9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am. Holy Mass (39 victims +)	12.15 Holy Mass (at Blue School) (Private Intentions)
Wednesday, 4.12.2019 S John Damascene PD	9.15 am: Morning Prayer 9.30 am: Holy Mass	
Thursday, 5.12.2019 Advent Feria	9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am: Holy Mass 7.00 pm-7.30pm Quiet Prayer	19.15: Holy Mass followed by Rosary and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday, 6.12.2019 S Nicholas	9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 a.m. Holy Mass 7-10 pm. Night Vigil (Vianney Mission for Priests and New Vocations)	19.15 Holy Mass (Benefactors)
Saturday, 7.12.2019 S Ambrose B	9.15 am: Morning Prayer 9.30 am: Holy Mass 10.00 am Confession, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary	16.00 Confession 17.00 Vigil Mass for 2nd Sunday of Advent (Alfred De Souza†)
Sunday, 8.12.2019 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT	8.45 am: Holy Mass (Pro populo) 11.15am: Holy Mass (John Smith's Thanksgiving)	17.00 Holy Mass (Thanksgiving)

NOTICES

* **Welcome** all visitors and regular Mass participants. Please stay for coffee/tea in the foyer after SJF 5.00 pm Vigil Mass on Saturday; in OLOL Presbytery after 8.45 am Sunday Mass, and in the Church Hall after 11.15 am Sunday Mass.

In Memoriam: All who have gone before us, especially members of our communities whose anniversaries occur around this week: Maximilian Carney, Margaret Magoris, Olive Herring, Joe Higgins, Leonard Patterson, Marie Chritine Dennehy, Arthur Manning, Margaret Stanford, Bill Kelly, John Gray, and Marie Jopson.

THIS WEEKEND: There will be a second collection for St Patrick's Mission in Africa in celebration of the "Flying Nuns of the Desert."

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the Dependent Priests' Fund.

LAST WEEK, THERE WERE 107 PEOPLE AT 5PM MASS (SJF), 117 PEOPLE AT 8.45AM (OLOL), 150 PEOPLE AT 11.15AM MASS (OLOL), AND 17 PEOPLE AT 3PM MASS (SJF). TOTAL 391 PEOPLE ATTENDING MASS IN THE PARISH.

* **COLLECTIONS:** Thank you very much for your generosity.

- **OLOL: Offertory:** £275, Standing Orders: £752, Stipends: £80, Donations: £47.

- **SJF:** Saturday collection: ££134, Sunday collection: £22.20; Standing Orders: £217.

* **DONATIONS:** If you would like to make a donation by cheque, direct debit, or standing order, please see below:

- **CAMBOURNE:** Cheques payable to **SJF CHURCH**. Bank transfer details: Barclays Bank UK Plc, Cambridge Branch, Sort code: 20-17-20, Account number 33031454.

- **SAWSTON:** Cheques payable to **OLOL & SJF PARISH**. Bank transfer details: Barclays Bank UK Plc, Cambridge Branch, Sort code: 20-17-20, Account number 03187187. Please note that although this is named as a parish account it is in fact the Sawston account.

* **LEGACY & WILLS:** If you would like to leave a legacy or include the Parish in your will, please contact Fr. John or a member of the Finance Committees.

FROM DON SANDRO BARBIERI: I hope you still remember Don Sandro who stayed in our Parish for a couple of months last year to learn English. He is now working in Ethiopia, and is known as Abba Sandro according to the local custom and he recently sent the following email.

Dear Father John,
Thank you very much for helping me and Abol's community. I will be happy if you can help us support the catholic school. In my compound there is a kindergarten with about 170 children. We started last year and we are becoming good. There are 3 teachers with degree and 2 assistant teachers, 1 cleaner. Their salaries are:
1 teacher 100 € every month for 12 months

1 assistant teacher 70 € every month for 12 months
1 cleaner 50 € every month for 12 months
If your community can contribute paying a salary of one teacher or more, it will be wonderful
Or, if you prefer, we offer first aid every day to the children: wounds, burns, infections, insect bites ... so we have to buy a lot of material like disinfectant, plasters, gauzes, antibiotic creams. Every month is around 200 €, also because we send people to the health centre or to the hospital when we can't do anything. And for any thing, in Ethiopia, the people must pay.
If you need more information, don't be worry to ask me.
God bless you and Sawston and Cambourne communities.

In response to the above we have received a donation of £100 from Sawston, and the salary of one teacher for 12 months by a Cambourne family. If anyone else wishes to support Abba Sandro's community, moneys can be sent directly to either of the Parish accounts and marked "Ethiopia". In addition we will take a second collection on Epiphany Sunday ('Christmas Day' in Ethiopia).

SJF COMMUNITY NEWS

+ **SJF Advent Activities:** Please come and join us to learn something about Advent in the church foyer on Sunday 8th December from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm. Make your own Advent Candle Table decoration. Everyone welcome to join in this event, get your children to put down their phone and do something more creative instead. We would like to raise fund to support Abba Sandro's school in Ethiopia, too.

+ **CHRISTIAN FORMATION:** Six topics will be taught in Cambourne. The first three took place on Wednesday 6, 13 and 20 Nov. and went very well. Cost will be £15 per session with possible subsidy by SJF Church. Accreditation possible with written assignment but certification of attendance awarded to all. Time: 7.30pm - 9.30pm (with varied activities and time to socialise).

Dates remaining **The Sacraments; 26th February - Living a Moral Christian Life; 4th March: - The Church; 11th March - The Person of Christ.** (NB please note last 3 dates of this course have been amended). If interested please contact Lorretta Peck, or Mel ASAP. Email: melanie.marie.ward@gmail.com

+ **MASS EVERYDAY:** There may be Mass every day for SJF Community in the new calendar year. Suggested times for Mass: Mondays at 7.15pm; Tuesdays & Wednesdays at 12.15 noon; Thursdays & Fridays at 7.15pm; Saturdays & Sundays at 5pm. Many thanks to a family who pledged to pay for the rent on Wednesdays for one year.

+ **Invitation from the Union of Catholic Mothers:** St Neots UCM Foundation celebrates our 30th Anniversary this year and we are having a Mass on Monday 9th December at 7pm at St Joseph's Church, 39 East Street, St Neots PE19 1JU. We would be delighted if some of the ladies in Cambourne parish will join us. At the Mass we will renew our promises to the UCM, and after Mass we will be having some refreshments in our Parish House. You will all be very, very welcome.

+ **CAMBOURNE FOODBANK** is in need of volunteers for Thursday mornings and other times. Please contact Julie Whitbread if you think you could help, even occasionally. Julie.whitbread@cambournechurch.org.uk

LOLO COMMUNITY NEWS

* **Quiet Time before Mass:** It is recommended that we keep silence for a few minutes before Mass. Silence gives us the opportunity to listen to God's voice in our hearts and helps us to prepare ourselves for the Mass.

* **Last Call for OLOL Seniors' Christmas Dinner:** On Saturday 7th December at the Footprints Cafe (Sawston Free Church) 12.00 for 12.30pm. Please put your name on the board in the entrance to church this week or next week and take a reminder slip. Voluntary contributions invited on the day. To arrange lifts contact Kevin McMullen on 07710 545113.

* **Hope into Action** have been befriending a family from Syria with the support of your prayers and donations. On this Sunday December 1st they will join us in the hall for tea/coffee after 11.15 Mass. They look forward to meeting as many of us as possible.

+ **A new initiative aimed at children in the school years 1 and 2** will start soon in OLOL. The classes will be looking at the fundamental truths of the Catholic faith through the lives and teachings of our popular saints and will be held in the Parish Hall on Sundays from 10.15 to 11.00 on the following dates:- 8 Dec 2019, and in 2020 26 Jan, 22 Mar, 19 May, 14 June, and 12 July. If you are interested, please e-mail Agata (agatad_urso@hotmail.com or Nieva (nievacortez@gmail.com))

* **For Your Diary 2020: There will be a talk by Sue Price (Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology) on the Gospel according to Matthew, followed by tea and cakes at 3pm on Wednesday 4th March in the church hall. It is an opportunity for all of us to understand more about the God Who Speaks.**

* **Vianney Mission** will have a Night Vigil from 7pm to 10 pm on Friday 6th December at OLOL Church to pray for priests and vocations. Everybody is welcome.

DIOCESAN NEWS

+ **The World's Big Sleep Out - December 7th:** The Diocesan Youth Service and Caritas are working together to host our own sleep out event as part of *'The World's Big Sleep Out.'* This is an international campaign that invites people to sleep out in solidarity with those experiencing homelessness and displacement, and raises money for homeless charities. For more information, or to donate, please see www.rcdea.org.uk/youth

+ **The Diocesan Catechist's course** (which is for anyone who wants to be confident in talking about Christ and Church teaching) begins at the end of October. This is a distance-learning course spread over two school years. Bishop Alan has asked that every parish in the Diocese should have someone who has completed the course! – if you think you might be interested, visit www.theannunciation.org.uk or email Carol on catholic1812@gmail.com

+ **A YEAR OF THE WORD' from Advent 2019:** 2020 is the 1,600 anniversary of Saint Jerome's death and the 10th of Verbum Domini - Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation on 'The Word of the Lord'. The Bishops of England and Wales are

marking these events by designating 2020 a year of focus on the Bible. The Diocese is taking part in this. For more information, please visit: <http://catholicnews.org.uk/thegodwhospeaks>

OTHER NEWS

+ **Samaritan's Purse** needs volunteers from 10am -12.30pm, 1.30pm - 4pm, 6.30pm - 9pm (Monday 2nd to Friday 6th Dec.) to pack shoebox gifts at Unit 11, Sawston Trade Park. Please contact Laurie on 0781-5555370.

+ **Heart & Mind to Bethlehem:** Advent Quiet Day at Margaret Beaufort Institute, 12 Grange Road, Cambridge, CB3 3DU, on Saturday 7th December 2019, from 11am to 3pm. To book, please email: mbitadm@hermes.cam.ac.uk. Cost: £15 pay on the day. Refreshments provided, but please bring your own lunch.

+ **HASLINGFIELD ECUMENICAL SERVICES** there will an Advent Taize services at All Saints, Haslingfield, on Wednesday, 5th December at 7.00 pm. All welcome.

+ **Radio Maria England** is recruiting a full-time technical supervisor, based in Cambridge. Competitive salary and other benefits offered. Please contact Harry Ngatchu, Operations Manager, at radiomariaengland@gmail.com

+ **HANDICAPPED CHILDREN'S PILGRIMAGE TRUST** appeals for volunteer helpers to support disabled children from Cambridgeshire on HCPT Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 12th-18th April 2020. A week of fun, singing and service. They are also keeping a lookout for potential children. If any families whose children have disabilities or are going through a particularly hard time, who could benefit. Contact: group104@hcpt.org.uk.

+ **Sawston Time Bank** – Timebanking is a way for people to help others in their community and be rewarded for it – in time. Everyone has something to give and it is about sharing knowledge, skills and interests. To find out more see Noticeboard or look on Sawston Timebank Website or email Timebank@sawston.org.uk

+ If you are concerned about hearing then this workshop is for you. Free informal, friendly and open to all. 9 December 2019 10 am – 12.30 pm at Sawston Medical Centre, London Rd, Sawston, Cambridge, CB22 3HU To find out more phone 07927 128535 or 01223 849798 or book online www.Cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk/living-well

+ **WORKING WITH MISSIONARIES OF THE POOR** Fr Michael Johnstone is again taking a group to Kingston, Jamaica in January to work as Volunteers with the Missionaries of the Poor. Anyone age over 18, male or female, is welcome to join the group. Please contact Fr. Michael: 01603 664118. Email fr.mcjohnstone@gmail.com

+ **CAMBRIDGE JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP:** Maggie and the socials team would very much like some help with organising the monthly socials for the refugee families. These are hugely valuable opportunities for the families to see each other and for our volunteers to meet the families. Please contact her via www.cambridgerefugees.org .

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER 2019

Universal:

That every country determine to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority

Entrance Antiphon: *[If no hymn is sung]*

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah (2:1-5)

The Lord gathers all nations together into the eternal peace of God's kingdom.)

Responsorial Psalm: (Ps 121:1-2,4-5,6-9. R. Cf. v.1)

**I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'**

Second Reading: St Paul to the Romans (13:11-14)

Our salvation is near.

Gospel Acclamation: (Ps 84:8)

**Alleluia, alleluia!
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.
Alleluia**

Gospel: Matthew (24:37-44)

Stay awake so that you may be ready.

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 (Ps 84:13) *[If no hymn is sung]*

**The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall
yield its increase.**

CAFOD PRAYER

Eternal God,
you will come when we do not expect you
Help us to welcome you now in one another,
to reach out to our sisters and brothers
in need of care and support.
And in this way
may we be found ready
when you come again in glory.
Amen.



