

OUR LADY OF LOURDES AND ST JOHN FISHER PARISH
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Week commencing Sunday, 15th December 2019

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – Year A, Weekday Cycle II, Psalter Week 3

SERVICE & MASS TIMES

Dates	OLOL Community https://www.ololsawston.org.uk	SJF Community http://cambournerc.com
Saturday, 14.12.2019 S John of the Cross PD	9.15 am: Morning Prayer 9.30 am: Holy Mass 10.00 am Confession, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary	16.00 Confessions 17.00 Vigil Mass for the 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Sunday, 15.12.2019 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Gaudete Sunday)	8.45 am: Holy Mass 11.15am: Holy Mass (Pro populo)	16.00 Ecumenical Christingle Service (Cambourne church hall) 17.00: Holy Mass (Annexe)
Advent Feria	9.15 am: Morning Prayer 9.30 am: Holy Mass (Benefactors)	
Tuesday, 17.12.2019 Advent Feria (O Sapientia)	9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am. Holy Mass	12.15 Holy Mass (at Blue School) (Alfred De Souza†)
Wednesday, 18.12.2019 Advent Feria (O Adonai)	9.15 am: Morning Prayer 9.30 am: Holy Mass	
Thursday, 19.12.2019 Advent Feria (O Radix Lesse)	9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am: Holy Mass 7.00 pm-7.30pm Quiet Prayer	19.15 CONFESSION 19.15: Holy Mass followed by Rosary and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday, 20.12.2019 Advent Feria (O Clavis David)	9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 a.m. Holy Mass	19.15 Holy Mass (Private Intentions)
Saturday, 21.12.2019 Advent Feria (O Oriens)	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 4th Sunday of Advent
Sunday, 22.12.2019 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT (O Rex Gentium)	8.45 am: Holy Mass (Pro populo) 11.15am: Holy Mass	17.00 Holy Mass

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: Mark Croker, Bridget Morgan, Teresa White, Michael Patrick Byrne, Mary Heathwaite, Jane Watson, Sarah Bridges, Mary Howlett, Eric Thompson, Catherine Milne and Helen Fagan

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

LAST WEEK, THERE WERE 94 PEOPLE AT 5PM MASS (SJF), 128 PEOPLE AT 8.45AM (OLOL), 164 PEOPLE AT 11.15AM MASS (OLOL), AND 80 PEOPLE AT 5PM MASS (SJF). TOTAL 466 PEOPLE ATTENDING MASS IN THE PARISH.

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

- **OLOL: Offertory:** £246, Standing Orders: £752, Donations: £63 & £195.

- **SJF:** Saturday collection: £121.82, Sunday collection: £83.31, Ethiopia: £150; Standing Orders: £217. Mass Stipends: £310.

* **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: Do 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. 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 materials 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 worry to ask me.

God bless you and Sawston and Cambourne communities.

In response to the above email we have received:

- SJF: £150 from Advent activities; £300 donation, and the salary of one teacher for 12 months.

- OLOL: £100 donation.

If anyone wishes to support Abba Sandro's community, money 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

+ **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 from 6th January 2020. Suggested times for Mass: Mondays, 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.

+ **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

OLOL 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.

+ **PARKING AT OLOL:** It would be helpful if drivers could park responsibly so that anyone who may need to leave before the end of Mass can do so. Your co-operation would be greatly appreciated.

HOPE INTO ACTION – Update

A young man, a resident of one of the Hope into Action houses in Sawston has, this week, moved on. He had been living in the house for only 6 months and, in that short time,

progressed enormously making many positive changes in his life including gaining full time employment for the first time.

Please remember him in your prayers as he continues his life's journey; also please pray for all those at Hope into Action, their partners and supporters who make such good news possible.

+ YOUTH GROUP- Please note the last meeting of the year will be on Wednesday 18th December, 6.30-8.00 pm. On this occasion the invitation is open to Year 4 up to 18 years.

+ 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 in 2020: 26 Jan, 22 Mar, 19 May, 14 June, and 12 July. If you are interested, please e-mail Agata (agata_durso@hotmail.com or Nieva (nievacortez@gmail.com)

+ For Your Diary 2020:

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

*** Wednesday 13th May: A social evening for the Parish with a talk by Anna Abram (Principal, MBIT). Please come for a piece of cheese and a glass of wine, and get to know each other as members of the parochial family.**

DIOCESAN NEWS

+ Epiphany Candlelight Mass - Sunday 5th January 5pm. For all young people and their families from across the diocese. Followed by hot dogs, a bonfire and fireworks. There will be a collection of presents for children who are refugees (please bring wrapped presents and indicate whether suitable for a boy or girl or either, and approximate age). Held at The White House, 21 Ugate, Poringland, Norwich. Organised by the Diocesan Youth Service.

+ 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>

+ CAFOD: During the year 2018-2019, SJF donated £6,748, and OLOL - £7,713. Total: £14,461. The whole Diocese donated £520,199. Many thanks for your generosity.

OTHER NEWS

+The God Who Speaks: Praying with the Gospel of Matthew: Advent/ Christmas themes. In response to the Bishops' initiative

to help people connect more with Scripture, OLEM are starting a new group to read and pray with Scripture (lectio divina). Why not come along and enter more deeply into prayer and knowledge of the Gospel? No prior knowledge or expertise is needed! Just come with an open heart. We meet at 18:30 in the parish hall of Our Lady and the English Martyrs. Email: scripture@olem.org.uk to let them know you are thinking of coming, please.' If anyone is interested in attending why not go along and learn and then perhaps we could form a group in Sawston.

+ HASLINGFIELD ECUMENICAL SERVICES - 20 December 2019. there will be Village Carol Singing at 6.30 p.m. at Wisby's Yard, Haslingfield. All welcome.

+ Radio Maria England is recruiting a full-time technical supervisor, as well as a part-time editorial assistant to be based in Cambridge. Competitive salary and other benefits offered for both positions.. 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.

+ 52nd International Eucharistic Congress, from 13th to 20th September 2020, in Budapest, Hungary. Everyone is invited. Information about the programme and registration: www.iec2020.hu/en/registration

+ 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

+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 .

+ CAMBRIDGE CHURCHES HOMELESS PROJECT We would like to THANK all the Volunteers who have come forward & to encourage those supporters who have not made contact to remember that the Project operates until the end of March , so there will be opportunities . There are many Morning Volunteer vacancies at this time in the new year , WE operate every Friday evening until the end of March . ALL BLESSINGS stephen@cchp.org.uk.

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]* Ph 4:4-5
Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah (35:1-6,10)

God himself is coming to save you.

Responsorial Psalm: (Ps 145:6-10. R. Cf. Is 35:4)

Come Lord, and save us.

Second Reading: St James (5:7-10)

Do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon.

Gospel Acclamation: (Is 61:1 (Lk 4:18))

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me.
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.
Alleluia**

Gospel: Matthew (11:2-11)

*Are you the one who is to come,
or have we got to wait for someone else?*

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 (Cf. Is. 35:4) *[If no hymn is sung]*

**Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.**

CAFOD PRAYER

God of All,
You sent your Son to be with us,
and bring good news to those who are poor.
Work through us now
and lead us to reach out to those who are in need
so that together we may
proclaim the good news
in all that we do.
Amen.

