

OUR LADY OF LOURDES AND ST JOHN FISHER PARISH
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Week commencing Sunday 11th December 2022
3rd Sunday of Advent – Year A, Weekday Cycle II, Psalter Week 3

SERVICE & MASS TIMES

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER 2022

Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

Dates	LOL Community www.ololsawston.org.uk	SJF Community http://cambournerc.com
Saturday, 10.12.2022 Bls Henry Heath & John Robinson PP & Comps Mem	9.30 am: Holy Mass	17.00: Vigil Mass for Third Sunday of Advent (Bernhard Hadelert† 1st Ann.)
SUNDAY 11.12.2022 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Gaudete Sunday)	8.45 am: Holy Mass (Francesco & Sara) 11.15am: Holy Mass (Pro populo)	17.00: Holy Mass (John & Clara D'Mello†)
Monday, 12.12.2022 Our Lady of Guadalupe	9.30 am: Holy Mass (Private Intention)	12.30 am: Holy Mass (Thanksgiving)
Tuesday, 13.12.2022 St Lucy	9.30 am: Holy Mass (Patrick & Maggie Kelly†)	12.30 am: Holy Mass (Wendy Gillespie†)
Wednesday, 14.12.2022 St John of the Cross	NO MASS IN CHURCH TODAY Installation of Canon Peter Collins as the 5 th Bishop of East Anglia in Norwich at 11.30 a.m. which will be live streamed at the website www.sjbcathedral.org.uk	NO MASS IN CHURCH TODAY
Thursday, 15.12.2022 Advent Feria	9.30 am: Holy Mass (Canon John Cossert†)	18.30 pm: Holy Mass (Fr David Johnston†)
Friday 16.12.2022 Advent Feria	9.30 am: Holy Mass (Benefactors)	18.30 pm: Holy Mass
Saturday, 17.12.2022 (O Sapientia)	9.30 am: Holy Mass (Holy Souls)	17.00: Vigil Mass Fourth Sunday of the Advent
SUNDAY 18.12.2022 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT(O Adonai)	8.45 am: Holy Mass (Pro Populo) 11.15am: Holy Mass (Bill Ash†)	17.00: Holy Mass (Cynthia Marcello†)

ORDER OF MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: (Phil 4: 4-5)

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.

PENITENTIAL RITE

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into
the peace of God's kingdom.
You come in word and sacrament to strengthen
us in holiness.
You will come in glory with salvation for your
people.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

A reading from the prophet of Isaiah (35:1-6,10)

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult,
let the wasteland rejoice and bloom,
let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil,
let it rejoice and sing for joy.

The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it,
the splendour of Carmel and Sharon;
they shall see the glory of the Lord,
the splendour of our God.

Strengthen all weary hands,
steady all trembling knees
and say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy
for those the Lord has ransomed shall return.

They will come to Zion shouting for joy,
everlasting joy on their faces;
joy and gladness will go with them
and sorrow and lament be ended.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm (145(146):6-10)

R. Come, Lord, and save us.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. **R.**

It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

A reading from the letter of St James (5:7-10)

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming.
Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the
precious fruit of the ground until it has had the
autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have
to be patient; do not lose heart, because the
Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make
complaints against one another, brothers, so as
not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the
Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates.
For your example, brothers, in submitting with
patience, take the prophets who spoke in the
name of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation (sung) (Is61:1(Lk4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia! The spirit of the Lord has been
given to me. He has sent me to bring the good
news to the poor. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew (11:2-11)

John in his prison had heard what Christ was
doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are
you the one who is to come, or have we got to
wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go
back and tell John what you hear and see; the
blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are
cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are
raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to
the poor; and happy is the man who does not
lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began
to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go
out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in
the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to
see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those
who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces.
Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet?
Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he
is the one of whom scripture says:

'Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you.

'I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

The 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 for 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: (If no hymn is sung)(Cf. Is 35: 4)

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

NOTICES

In Memoriam: All who have gone before us, especially those whose anniversaries occur around this week: Violet Victoria Parkinson, Patrick Kelly, Mark Croker. Bridget Morgan, Teresa White Michael Patrick Byrne, Mary Heathwaite, and Jane Watson

Our sympathies and prayers for the repose of the soul of Halina Pearce whose funeral will be at Cam Valley Crematorium on 15 December at 1.00 pm.

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

OLOL: Standing Orders: £904; Dona: £65.87; Donations: £50;

SJF: Standing Orders: £372; Donations to Altar: £15; Dona: £9.84; Missio: £20.

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

SAWSTON: Cheques payable to **OLOL & SJF PARISH**. Bank transfer details: Barclays Bank UK Plc., 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.

TEA /COFFEE is served after 5pm Vigil Mass at SJF in Cambourne; and 8.45am & 11.15am Sunday Masses at OLOL in Sawston. Please join the serving teams or stay for a chat with friends.

NEW BISHOP FOR EAST ANGLIA: Canon Peter Collins will be ordained as the 5th Bishop of our Diocese this Wednesday, 14 December. Please continue to pray for him and his ministry among us. There is NO MASS in our Parish on that day, but you can participate in the live-streamed Mass from the Cathedral website www.sjbcathedral.org.uk

The new Bishop plans to visit our Parish on Sunday 4th June 2023 for 11.15am OLOL Mass and 5pm SJF Mass. It is hoped that there are candidates for Confirmation. Please contact Fr John if young people or adults would like to be confirmed on that special occasion.

Catholic Listening and Prayer Ministry:

Whatever you are going through right now it can help to talk. The Diocese of East Anglia has recently launched a ministry of listening and prayer. The ministry offers a series of sessions with trained people of faith to listen and pray with you and suggest where you could go to get further help if

necessary. To make an initial appointment, please leave a message at 01603 957653. Calls are confidential and someone will get back to you within 48 hours. Please be aware this is NOT a crisis line.

SAINT JOHN FISHER COMMUNITY

Cambourne Christmas Hamper is a community activity during this special season. Please leave your donations in the church foyer. If you know anyone who may benefit from the Christmas Hamper Scheme, please advise your church leader privately. More information can be found on Cambourne Church noticeboard or Facebook.

CHRISTMAS WREATH & TABLE DECORATION WORKSHOP SUNDAY DECEMBER 11TH 1:30-4:30 AT CAMBOURNE CHURCH ANNEXE-FUNDRAISER FOR MISSIO: Make your own natural decoration this Christmas in our in person workshop. Mostly natural materials, a very friendly atmosphere. 4 pm last admissions. Wreaths will be £15 and table decorations £10. Booking and enquiries to shlucato@gmail.com. Booking not essential but helps us to plan materials. We accept orders that should be collected at Cambourne Church on 11th. Deliveries will have an extra £2 for petrol.

Music Book Dedication: our flourishing music group need more copies of Laudate Full Music (Both books for £50) and the Guitar and Melody editions (£30). Would you like to donate to have a copy dedicated in memory of a loved one as we have done with our pew copies. They will be looked after carefully and really help support Aga, Shumona and this very special ministry. Talk to Aga or Mel at Sat. 5pm Mass.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES COMMUNITY

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS FOR THE CHURCH, if parishioners feel able/want to, could you buy a cyclamen for the church/crib with a pot/saucer so we can water them. Thank you.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023: Classes will run from January to June 2023 and will take place on Wednesdays 6-7pm in the Parish Hall. The first class is on Wednesday 4th January. First Holy Communion will be on Sunday 11 June 2023 at 11.15 am.

PARISH FORUM: Following on from our extremely successful Parish Supper, there will be four Parish Forums/meetings in 2023 to discuss how we will move forward in the Synodal Process. We need your thoughts and ideas for the future development of our parish, so please make a note of the dates and come brimming with ideas!

The first Forum is on **Wednesday 11th January**, whilst the others will be **19th April. 12th July** and **11th October**. All will be in the parish hall starting at **7.30pm**. Everybody is welcome.

A SCRIPTURAL JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT is a short course focusing on the readings for each Advent Sunday, and walking with the people we meet in them. This group will meet for a time of reflection, bible study and shared learning. Meetings take place in the church from 7.00 - 8.30. with the final session on

Thursday 15th December - Joseph: keeping company with Mary.

Lifts can be arranged if you would like to come but need transport. Email clare@drwatkins.co.uk for more information or to arrange transport. EVERY-ONE IS WELCOME!!

SHORT INTERDENOMINATIONAL TAIZE SERVICE FOR ADVENT – to be held in Haslingfield Methodist Church on Wednesday 14, December at 7.00 p.m. All welcome.

WARM HUB: Each Monday and Friday afternoon (12.30pm-4.30pm) throughout the Winter a 'Warm Hub' is being created in the OLOL church hall. This will be a place where anyone can come to find warmth, companionship and light refreshments. It is in operation now, and is supported by volunteers from OLOL, Sawston Free Church and St Marys. Do pass the word around.

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT-A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: We're now reviving this event. It will be on Friday 10th March. Proceeds will go to Cambridge City of Sanctuary, who help refugees. More details to follow after Christmas but if you'd like more information please contact Quiz Master Bernie on bjflood@timicomail.co.uk Thank you

GENERAL NEWS

St Alban's Catholic Primary School, Cambridge: Post vacancy for Finance and HR position. We are looking for a Finance and HR position starting January 2023. If you are interest in the post, please email office@stalbans.cambs.sch.uk or visit the website www.stalbans.cambs.sch.uk. The closing date is 09:00 on Monday 19 December 2022.

EQUIPES NOTRE-DAME: Or 'Teams of Our Lady' is a worldwide Catholic organisation and movement that helps Christian married couples to explore, deepen, and pay witness to their Faith. It is for all couples in whatever stage of married life. It is not a course; not an occasional enrichment experience; not a rescue for relationships in difficulty; but a steady presence embodied by like-minded couples who together desire, for and through their marriages, to be close and draw closer to God.

Contact: central@teamsgb.org.uk ; telephone 01604 583584, or visit www.teamsgb.org.uk for more information