# OUR LADY OF LOURDES AND ST JOHN FISHER PARISH Roman Catholic Diocese of East Anglia (Charity No. 278742)

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## Week commencing Sunday 18th December 2022 4th Sunday of Advent – Year A, Weekday Cycle II, Psalter Week 4

#### **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	OLOL Community www.ololsawston.org.uk	SJF Community http://cambournerc.com
Saturday, 17.12.2022 (O Sapientia)	9.30 am: Holy Mass	17.00: Vigil Mass for Fourth Sunday of Advent (Holy Souls)
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†)
Monday, 19.12.2022 (O Radix lesse	9.30 am: Holy Mass (Bishop Peter's Intentions)	12.30 am: Holy Mass (Bishop Alan's Intentions)
Tuesday, 20.12.2022 (O Clavis David)	9.30 am: Holy Mass (Fr Alfred Bull†)	12.30 am: Holy Mass (Fr Peter Wynekus)
Wednesday, 21.12.2022 (O Oriens) St Peter Canisius,	9.30 am: Holy Mass (Thanksgiving)	12.30 am: Holy Mass (Holy Souls)
Thursday, 22.12.2022 (O Rex Gentium)	9.30 am: Holy Mass (Mgr. Charles Smith)	18.30 pm: Holy Mass (Private intentions)
Friday 23.12.2022 (O Emmanuel) St John of Kanty P	9.30 am: Holy Mass (Fr Anthony Wendling†	18.30 pm: Holy Mass (Fr Liam Brady†)
Saturday, 24.12.202 Advent Feria THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD VIGIL MASS	9.30 am: Holy Mass (Benefactors) 6.00 pm: Holy Mass Vigil Mass for Christmas (Pro populo) 9.00 pm Holy Mass during the Night of Christmas (Peace in Ukraine)	16.00: Vigil Mass FOR CHRISTMAS EVE (Thanksgiving)
SUNDAY 25.12.2022 CHRISTMAS DAY	10.00 am: Holy Mass during the Day of Christmas (All Families) 11.30 am: Holy Mass during the Day of Christmas (The Sick and the Housebound)	08.00: Holy Mass at Dawn of Christmas with Baptism

#### **ORDER OF MASS**

## **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.

## 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 (7:10-14)

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No,' Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.'

Then Isaiah said:

'Listen now, House of David:
are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men
without trying the patience of my God, too?
The Lord himself, therefore,
will give you a sign.
It is this: the maiden is with child
and will soon give birth to a son
whom she will call Immanuel,
a name which means "God-is-with-us."'

The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm (23(24):1-6)

# R. Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm. *R*.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things. *R*.

He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him.

Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. *R.* 

## R. Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory.

# A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (1:1-7)

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God who, according to the human nature he took was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

The word of the Lord.

# Gospel Acclamation (sung) (Mt1:23)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. Alleluia!

## **Gospel: Matthew** (1:18-24)

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph; being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to

save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel,

a name which means 'God-is-with-us.' When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

### 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)(Is 7: 14)

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;

and his name will be called Emmanuel.

#### **NOTICES**

In Memoriam: All who have gone before us, especially those whose anniversaries occur around this week: Michael Patrick Byrne, Mary Heathwaite, Jane Watson, Sarah Bridges, Mary Howlett, Eric Thompson, Catherine Milne, Helen Fagan, Ann Moriarty, Jan Kisielowski, Mick Singleton, Arthur Crutchley, Margaret McConnon, and Grace Waite.

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

**OLOL:** Standing Orders: £904; Dona: £44.04; Donations by Cantonese Community: £280; Hall: £25; Mass stipends: £20.

**SJF:** Standing Orders: £372; Donations: £100; Missio: £35.

**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.

# **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.

**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.

There will be CHRITMAS CAROLS BEFORE THE 9.00 P.M. MASS ON CHRISTMAS EVE.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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* in the parish hall starting at *7.30pm*. Everybody is welcome.

THE SENIORS CHRISTMAS LUNCH at the Footprints Cafe last Saturday was a great success. Thank you for your participation, especially your generous donation of £260. May you all have a joyful Christmas season.

#### **GENERAL NEWS**

BISHOP PETER COLLINS would like to to thank everybody for prayers and support, especially those who could participate in the live streamed Mass or go in person to his ordination as the fifth Bishop of East Anglia. He asks for continued prayers. He would like the Vicar General (Canon David Bagstaff), all the Deans, the Council of

Priests, and the Council of the Laity to continue their ministries until 24<sup>th</sup> June 2023 before he could officially arrange a new system for the Diocese.

ALAN HOPES, Bishop Emeritus of East Anglia would like to thank everybody for prayers and support to him during his time as Bishop of East Anglia. He asks for continued prayers. He retires at St. Simon Stokes Suit, OLEM Rectory.

**SAINT MICHAEL'S CHURCH, HUNTINGDON**, is a parish in our St Andrew's Deanery. They have a plan to build an extension to their church. Please buy the Christmas cards (£5 per pack on the table inside OLOL Church) to support them. If you would like to make a donation by BAC, please send it to:

Account Name: St. Michaels RC Parish Account

Sort code: 60-11-30

Account Number: 04803493

Your Gift Aid, if possible, would be great. Please visit www.stmichaelrc.org or contact Fr Philip Shryane on 01480 453257 for more information.

# St Alban's Catholic Primary School,

**Cambridge**: We are looking for a Finance and HR position starting January 2023. Please email office@stalbans.cambs.sch.uk or visit the website www.stalbans.cambs.sch.uk for more information. The closing date is 09:00 on Monday 19-12-2022.

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.

ADDENBROOKES HOSPITAL: if your loved ones are admitted to hospital, please ask the staff to contact a Catholic Chaplain for sacraments. If not emergency, please phone the Chappaincy Office and leave a message on 01223 217769. This number can be found on the front page of our weekly Bulletin, or visit www.cuh.nhs.uk/ourservices/chaplaincy for more information.