

OUR LADY OF LOURDES AND ST JOHN FISHER PARISH
Roman Catholic Diocese of East Anglia
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Week commencing Sunday, 22nd December 2019

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – Year A, Weekday Cycle II, Psalter Week 4

SERVICE & MASS TIMES

Dates	OLOL Community https://www.ololsawston.org.uk	SJF Community http://cambournerc.com
Saturday, 21.12.2019 (O Oriens)	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 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Maria's intentions)
Sunday, 22.12.2019 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT (O Rex Gentium)	8.45 am: Holy Mass (Martin, Jackie & family, Culleton) 11.15am: Holy Mass (Pro populo)	17.00: Holy Mass (Annexe) (Private Intentions)
Monday, 23.12.2019 (O Emmanuel)	9.15 am: Morning Prayer 9.30 am: Holy Mass (Cressencio & Noyelia)	
Tuesday, 24.12.2019 CHRISTMAS EVE THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD	9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am. Holy Mass 2.00 pm Knanay Catholic Holy Mass 6.00 pm Vigil Mass of Christmas (Pro populo) 9.00 pm Holy Mass during the Night of Christmas	4.00 pm Vigil Mass of Christmas (Cynthia Murzello+)
Wednesday, 25.12.2019 CHRISTMAS DAY	10.00 am: Holy Mass during the Day of Christmas	8.00 am Holy Mass at Dawn of Christmas (Private Intentions)
Thursday, 26.12.2019 S STEPHEN THE FIRST MARTYR - FEAST	9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am: Holy Mass (All our Altar Servers) 7.00 pm-7.30pm Quiet Prayer	19.15: Holy Mass followed by Rosary and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Private Intentions)
Friday, 27.12.2019 S JOHN AP & EVANGELIST FEAST	9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 a.m. Holy Mass (Benefactors)	19.15 Holy Mass (Private Intentions)
Saturday, 28.12.2019 HOLY INNOCENTS FEAST	9.15 am: Morning Prayer 9.30 am: Holy Mass (Fr. Peter Stevens+) 10.00 am Confession, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary	16.00 Confession 17.00 Vigil Mass for The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph (Alfred De Souza†)
Sunday, 29.12.2019 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH	8.45 am: Holy Mass (Pro populo) 11.15am: Holy Mass (Bishop Brian Nobel+)	17.00 Holy Mass (Thanksgiving from Conçalves family, (Maria's intentions.))

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: Ann Moriarty, Jan Kisielowski, Mick Singleton, Arthur Crutchley, Margaret Mcconnon, Grace Waite, Darryl Charles Bates, Evelyn Singleton, Leonard Rice, and Fr. John Fennell

LAST WEEK, THERE WERE 100 PEOPLE AT 5PM MASS (SJF), 124 PEOPLE AT 8.45AM (OLOL), 139 PEOPLE AT 11.15AM MASS (OLOL), AND 80 PEOPLE AT 5PM MASS (SJF). TOTAL 443 PEOPLE ATTENDING MASS IN THE PARISH.

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

- **OLOL: Offertory:** £181, Standing Orders: £752, Stipends: £90, Priests Retirement Fund: £257, Priests Training Fund £20.

- **SJF:** Saturday collection: £167.55, Sunday collection: £127.30, Standing Orders: £217, Priests Retirement Fund: £17.

* **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.

* **CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS:** Envelopes for your donations are ready to collect this Saturday / Sunday. If you would like to donate by cheque, please make it payable to OLOL & SJF Parish for Sawston, or SJF Church for Cambourne. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

FROM DON ANDREA RIGHI:

Dear Fr. John, Christmas is coming and this is the time to remind everyone who are close to me with their affection shown during the year. Between these there are you and I want send you my best wishes for a good and peaceful Christmas. Please, give my best to parishioners and say to them that we aren't alone, the Light of Christ shines even brighter in the darkness. That light illumines our life and enables us to discover the face of the other that stands around us. We aren't individual, we are free person in the same way of Jesus. An individual man thinks "save yourself!", he is worried about your belongings, but a person thinks "I'm here to share my life with the other like Jesus has done for me". Only in this case we are free indeed because Jesus makes us free, otherwise we are servant of our self and our sins.

Have a good Christmas time with your community in Sawston!

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; £50 and £300 donations, 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

+ **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.

+ **NEW YEAR MASS:** There will be Mass on New Year Day at the Blue School at 12.15 noon. Everybody welcome.

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.

+ **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS** for years 3 and above begins on Sunday, 12th January, 5.00 pm-6.00 pm. Please email: amyharrison37@yahoo.co.uk for further information. Application forms are on the Parish website. Any forms already issued should be completed and returned as soon as possible, preferably before 12th January 2020.

+ **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 Uppgate, Poringland, Norwich. Organised by the Diocesan Youth Service.

OTHER NEWS

+**The God Who Speaks:** 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.

+ **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

+ **Medjugorje Pilgrimage** 28th April - 5th May 2020. £645 half board including flights. For full information please contact Nessa Tjinakiet. Email tjinakiet@hotmail.com or 01223 860871.

+ **St Thomas Aquinas Study Weekend:** will be held at St Dominic's Convent, Station Road, Stone Staffs ST15 8EN, 31st January - 2nd February, 2020. The topic of the weekend will be "Our Participation in the Trinitarian Life," presented by Sr Mary Magdalene, OP of the Dominican sisters of Cambridge. There will be opportunities for Mass and prayer with the sisters, as well as discussion and some meals together (either at the convent or a local restaurant). The cost of the weekend is £160; Students £100; (Senior concessions possible upon request). The weekend begins Friday evening with an introduction at 8 pm. There will be two talks on Saturday and one on Sunday morning. If interested, contact Sr Valery Walker, OP., 01785 812091 or Email: valerywalker@yahoo.co.uk

+ **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.

+ **CAFOD Office Volunteer** wanted in Cambridge on Monday or Thursday mornings: Office volunteers are key members of the CAFOD team. We're looking for someone who can carry out administrative tasks and help CAFOD to build strong partnerships with the local Catholic community. For more information contact: Jane Crone, CAFOD Volunteer Centre, Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology, 14 Grange Rd Cambridge. CB3 9DU, C.358552 or 07779 804252.

* **Cambridge Central Mosque**, Mill Road Would you like to take part in free guided tour of this wonderful new building? The architecture and design, and it also incorporates many eco-conscious and sustainable features. The guiding principle of the architect's brief was 'a British mosque for the 21st century' and as such there are many references to local associations as well as traditional Islamic ones. It is a truly inspiring building on many different levels. Tours are usually at the weekend, but it may be possible to arrange another time. If you are interested please speak to Chris or Martin Avery or contact us on 01954 781233 or averycm@ntlworld.com

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]* 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.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah (7:10-14)

The maiden is with child.

Responsorial Psalm: (Ps 23:1-6. R. Cf. vv.7,10)

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

Second Reading: St Paul to the Romans (1:1-7)

Jesus Christ, descendant of David, Son of God.

Gospel Acclamation: (Mt 1:23)

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)

*Jesus is born of Mary who was betrothed to Joseph,
son of David.*

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 (Is. 7:14) *[If no hymn is sung]*

**Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and
his name will be called Emmanuel.**

CAFOD PRAYER

God-with-us,
you came and made your home among us,
nurtured and protected by Joseph and Mary
As we prepare to celebrate your birth
be with us now,
especially with those who are seeking refuge,
who long for a place to call home.
Comfort and protect them, O Lord.
Amen



4th SUNDAY OF *Advent*