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, 13th December 2020

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT – Year B, Weekday Cycle I, Psalter Week 3 SERVICE & MASS TIMES

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER 2020. For a Life of Prayer We pray that our personal relation with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer		
Saturday, 12.12.2020 Our Lady of Guadalupe	9.30 am: Holy Mass	17.00: Vigil Mass for 3rd Sunday of Advent
Sunday, 13.12.2020 3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudate Sunday)	8.45 am: Holy Mass 11.15 am: Holy Mass (Patrick Kelly+)	17.00: Holy Mass (Pro populo)
Monday, 14.12.2020 S John of the Cross PD	9.30 am: Holy Mass	12.30: Holy Mass (Holy Souls)
Tuesday, 15.12.2020 Advent Feria	9.30 am: Holy Mass (Dawn O'Sullivan+)	12.30: Holy Mass
Wednesday, 16.12.2020 Advent Feria	9.30 am: Holy Mass	12.30: Holy Mass
Thursday, 17.12.2020 Advent Feria (O Sapientia)	9.30 am: Holy Mass (Forgotten souls in Sawston)	12.30: Holy Mass
Friday, 18.12.2020 Advent Feria (O Adonai)	9.30 am: Holy Mass (Private Intentions)	19.15: Holy Mass
Saturday, 19.12.2020 Advent Feria (O Radix lesse)	9.30 am: Holy Mass	17.00: Vigil Mass for 4th Sunday of Advent
Sunday, 20.12.2020 4th Sunday of Advent (O Clavis David)	8.45 am: Holy Mass (Pro populo) 11.15 am: Holy Mass	17.00: Holy Mass (Hermogin Mendonca+)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: (Ph 4:4-5)

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

PENITENTIAL RITE

Priest: Have mercy on us, O Lord. All: For we have sinned against you. Priest: Show us, O Lord your mercy. All: And grant us your salvation.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah (61:1-2,10-11)

I exult for joy in the Lord

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.

'I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels.

'For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.'

Responsorial Psalm: (Lk 1:46-50,53-54. R. ls 61:10)

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour. He looks on his servant in her nothingness; henceforth all ages will call me blessed. **R**

The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name! His mercy is from age to age, on those who fear him. **R**

He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty. He protects Israel, his servant, remembering his mercy. **R** Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians (5:16-24)

May you all be kept safe, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of the Lord.

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus.

Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything – hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

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: John (1: 6-8, 19-28)

There stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me.

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light.

This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied:

> a voice that cries in the wilderness: Make a straight way for the Lord.'

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

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:)

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

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

NOTICES

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

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS: In the current circumstances it is no longer practical to take a cash collection each week. If you wish to give an offering, please give by standing order or make a bank transfer. If this is impossible for you, we will accept cash or cheque placed in an envelope. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

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

- OLOL: Standing Orders: £785, Donations: £10.

- **SJF:** Standing Orders: £299, Donations: £100, Easter Offerings: £25.

+ Please contact the Parish Office by 12 Noon on Tue<u>sday 15 December</u> if you would like your intentions for yourselves, or for your loved ones - living or deceased - to be included in our prayers and Mass this coming week.

+ CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS: Due to special circumstances, times for Masses are regularly updated on our websites: www.ololsawston.org.uk and http://cambournerc.com.

+ All Masses for OLOL & SJF Parish are live streamed on YouTube: **Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint John Fisher Parish**, and Facebook: **Cambourne Catholic Church**.

Please continue to book in advance of coming to church on the Parish mobile 07754-227468. Could I also encourage you to think ahead to the Xmas Eve and Xmas Day services and book for them as soon as you are able. Places are still limited.

+ MASS INTENTIONS: If you would like to make a donation to SJF Church or OLOL Church for a Mass or prayers at your request, please use the provided envelop for cash and cheque, or by BAC with the reference YOURSURNAME+MASS

* **DONATIONS:** If you would like to make a donation by cheque, direct debit, or standing order to SJF Community (Cambourne), or OLOL Community (Sawston). For reference, please put YOUR SURNAME+DONATION.

- 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.

* **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.

SJF NEWS

- RADIO MARIA ENGLAND YOUTH (RMEY) Faith Vibe from 5pm to 6pm every Friday. Look for Radio Maria England on your DAB radio. For information please visit https://radiomariaengland.uk and click LISTEN NOW.

- WHATSAPP PRAYER GROUP is 24/7 - do join us our send intentions to Loretta or Liz - no need or gratitude too small! Lpeck229@gmail.com or Beljuchristy@yahoo.co.uk

+ MARIA'S FUNDRAISER FOR FR. SANDRO'S MISSION Maria has crocheted decorations for Fr Sandro's Mission – they cost 3 for £10 and pictures of them can be found on the Cambourne Catholic Church Facebook page.

+ ADVENT WREATHES & TABLE DECORATIONS:

Sylvia and Marissa are making advent table decorations and advent wreaths with natural materials for Fr Sandro's Mission in Ethiopia. Prices are £10 each and can ordered from us. Delivery can be as early as Sunday 29th or 06 Dec. In past years we would run workshop but due to the current climate, we are going to make and deliver to your door. All the money raised will go straight to Fr Sandro's Mission, i.e we are donating all the materials and our work. Cash or Cheque on Delivery payable to SJF Church. To place an order please email Sylvia at: shlucato@gmail.com

+ CAMBOURNE CHURCH CAR PARK will be closing on Christmas Eve at 6.15pm. Those attending Mass will be able to leave the car park until 6.30pm but please could we ask for all cars to be out of the car park by this time.

OTHER NEWS

+ SAMARITAN'S PURSE – Operation Xmas Child – Shoebox Appeal Judy Searle did a wonderful job organising and collecting most of the 45 shoeboxes from parishioners, who not only filled a shoebox, but some also donated extra items as well, to make up other boxes. It was a wonderful effort by our community, given the current circumstances, and for that reason all the more necessary. This is the first year we have joined in this project but let us hope we can do even better next year! We received a certificate from the National Organisation saying:

"THANK YOU FOR PACKING Operation Christmas Child Shoe box gifts and sending LOVE, HOPE AND JOY to precious children around the world."

+ ADDENBROOKES HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY are looking for lay visitors to visit the patients on a weekly basis. The online training course starts on Wednesday 24th February 2021. Please email: chaplaincy@addenbrookes.nhs.uk or phone 01223 217769.

+ The Cambridge Justice and Peace Group invites you to a reflection during Advent on Pope Francis's recent encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*. Further details: http://groupspaces.com/cambridgejandp/

+ Christmas Cards: The SVP at St Laurence's has some fabulous Christmas cards for sale. These cards are all individual and recycled from used cards. They are priced at £1 for the small ones, £1.50 for most of the rest and £2 for particularly large or embellished ones. Please email: svp@saintlaurence.org.uk or phone 07421 253100.

+ **Children's Christmas Story:** The Donkey's Journey - which is the Nativity journey and story from the donkey's point of view. This story invites children to follow in the hoof-prints of a humble donkey as he travels to a star-bright stable in Bethlehem. To order or to find out more about the book, please visit www.isaiahbooks.co.uk

+ CHILD'S BIBLE PROJECT: by Aid to the Church in Need UK. This is a very good programme for parents to work with their children. Please visit https://acnuk.org/resource/childsbible-project.

+ NEWMARKET CATHOLIC CHURCH needs a parish administrator. If you are interested, please phone Fr Christopher on 01638-662492 / 666305, or visit www.olise.co.uk for for information. Deadline: 20th December 2020.

+ CAFOD WORLD GIFTS are available in church and online: https://cafod.org.uk . Please support those who are less fortunate than us, especially during this special season. Many thanks.

+ FREE READINGS FOR MASS: can be found on www.universalis.com