

SAINT JOHN FISHER COMMUNITY

Roman Catholic Diocese of East Anglia (Charity No. 278742)

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Week beginning: Sunday 10th December 2023 – 2nd Sunday in Advent

(Year B; Psalter Week 2)

DATE	OBSERVANCE/ INTENTION	MASS	EVENTS/NOTES
Sat 9th Dec	Tom Robinson+	17:00 Vigil Mass	
Sun 10th Dec 2 nd Sun in Advent	Bernhard Hedeler+	17:00 Holy Mass	
Mon 11th Dec	Detleif Stuhler+	12:30 Holy Mass	
Tue 12th Dec	Valentine and Bessy+	12:30 Holy Mass	
Wed 13th Dec	Souls in Purgatory	12:30 Holy Mass	
Thu 14th Dec	Keith Austin	18:30 Holy Mass	
Fri 15th Dec	Persons with disabilities	18:30 Holy Mass	
Sat 16th Dec	Pro Populo	17:00 Vigil Mass	Indian Club Carols
Sun 17th Dec 3 rd Sun in Advent	Souls who died with Coronavirus or War	17:00 Holy Mass	Second collection for Dependant Priests' Fund

Parish Donations: please give using the DONA contactless machine, cash at Offertory, or by BACS to our Barclays account: 33031454, sort code: 20-17-20

Last week you gave: Standing Orders £1,234.00, Offertory £150.50, DONA £tbc

There were some teething troubles with the margin printing last week – we hope these will be sorted out over the coming weeks.

The bulletin is designed to be read as a two-sided landscape document rather than a folded booklet. Please submit notices to Joe by 18:00 on Wednesdays by email: sjf.cambourne@rcdea.org.uk

Cambourne Indian Club Christmas Carols

On Saturday 16th December, stay after Mass for 15 mins of Carols and bring a small cash donation for Jimmy's Night Shelter.

Christmas Eve Mass

After the 24th Dec 16:00 Christmas Vigil, stay for a short social. Bring cakes/biscuits and rejoice together as a community!

Seeds of Change

Growing through Liturgy of The Word. A new group for children and young people begins on Thursday 11th January 2024; held in the Cambourne Church Annexe from 16:30-18:00. Registration forms can be found on the SJF website under 'Children and Youth Ministry'. For further details, contact Michelle R or Joe C at: info@seeds-of-change.org.uk

Our Lady of Lourdes Quiz Night

*** Date for your Diary ***

This will be Friday 22nd March 2024 at OLOL Church Hall, Sawston. Proceeds will go to Mary's Meals (for schoolchildren in Africa). More details will follow after Christmas, but if you'd like any information in the meantime, please contact Quizmaster-Bernie Flood: bjflood@timicomail.co.uk or 07808 296383

Welcome to Visitors!

We hope you feel welcome and will join us for refreshments after Saturday Mass

Saturday Mass Ministries

Thank you to all who have volunteered. We use SPOND for planning; please sign up, contact Aga: iwaszka@live.com for help if you need it. We need you and are grateful for your offer!

Sunday Mass Ministries

Could you help gather a group to help set up etc so that the burden (and joys!) are shared? The Mass is flourishing with beautiful music and help is needed for a reverent start, offertory procession, servers support etc. If this is 'your' Mass, it is possible you can help. Great thanks to those already doing this! Contact Shanti: smpais12@gmail.com.

Children's Liturgy

We need more people to volunteer for both Saturday and Sunday Mass so that this can run regularly and other ministries supported. There is a book to follow and support and DBS arranged. Please offer! It is great fun and means a great deal to families. Hopefully you may only have to lead once every six weeks or so. Contact: mary@mansfield.co.uk

Christmas Masses

It is only a few weeks until we welcome Baby Jesus once again!

Masses in Cambourne will be:

Sunday 24th Dec - 16:00 (Vigil)

Monday 25th Dec - 08:00

There will be a short Nativity after the Vigil

First Reading *(A reading from the prophet Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11)*

‘Console my people, console them’ says your God. ‘Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.’

A voice cries, ‘Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low. Let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’ Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, ‘Here is your God.’

Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm *(84(85):9-14)*

(R) Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace.

His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land **(R)**

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced.

Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven **(R)**

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit.

Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps **(R)**

Second Reading *(A reading from the second book of Peter 3:8-14)*

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, ‘a day’ can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation *(Luke 3:4,6)*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight,
and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel *(Mark 1:1-8)*

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you;

he will prepare your way.

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.

And so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, ‘Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.’

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 for our salvation he came down from heaven, (*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.