

SAINT JOHN FISHER COMMUNITY

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

Place of Worship: Church Centre, High Street, Cambourne, Cambridgeshire, CB23 6GW

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Week beginning: Sunday 17th December 2023 – 3rd Sunday in Advent

(Year B; Psalter Week 3)

DATE	OBSERVANCE/ INTENTION	MASS	EVENTS/NOTES
Sat 16th Dec	Ann (Margaret) Goodrun+	17:00 Vigil Mass	Second collection for Dependant Priests' Fund. Carols after Mass.
Sun 17th Dec 3 rd Sun in Advent	O Sapientia Gaudete Sunday	17:00 Holy Mass	Second collection for Dependant Priests' Fund.
Mon 18th Dec	Thanksgiving for the Lagunday/Wilkinson Family	12:30 Holy Mass	
Tue 19th Dec	Our SJF Community	12:30 Holy Mass	
Wed 20th Dec	Souls in Purgatory	12:30 Holy Mass	
Thu 21st Dec	Our local care homes	18:30 Holy Mass	
Fri 22nd Dec	Persons with disabilities	18:30 Holy Mass	
Sat 23rd Dec	Pro Populo	17:00 Vigil Mass	
Sun 24th Dec 4 th Sun in Advent	Nativity of The Lord	16:00 Christmas Vigil	Refreshments and Nativity after Mass

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 £tbc, Offertory £tbc, DONA £tbc

Continued thanks to our Sawston friends
who are helping print our bulletin.

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!
There will be a short Nativity after the Vigil

Christmas Day Mass

This will be on Monday 25th Dec at 08:00

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

Retrouvaille

Do you need help in your marriage?
Retrouvaille has helped many couples find
new hope, nourishment and growth in
their marriage. For info, call or text:
07887 296983/07973 380443
Email: retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com
Website: www.retrouvaille.org.uk

First Reading (*A reading from the prophet Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11*)

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.’

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm (*Luke 1:46-50,53-54*)

(R) The Lord remembered his mercy.

My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my saviour. **(R)**

He looks on his servant in her nothingness; henceforth all ages will call me blessed.
The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name! **(R)**

His mercy is from age to age, on those who fear him.

He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty. **(R)**

He protects Israel, his servant, remembering his mercy,
the mercy promised to our fathers, for Abraham and his sons for ever. **(R)**

Second Reading (*A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians 5:16-24*)

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation (*Isaiah 61:1 (Luke 4:18)*)

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

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 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.