

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 24th December 2023 – 4th Sunday in Advent

(Year B; Psalter Week 4)

DATE	OBSERVANCE/ INTENTION	MASS	EVENTS/NOTES
Sat 23 rd Dec	Pro Populo	17:00 Vigil Mass	Collection of thanksgiving for Fr John.
Sun 24 th Dec <u>Nativity of The Lord</u>	Zieba Family	16:00 Christmas Vigil	Refreshments and Nativity after Mass. Collection of thanksgiving for Fr John.
Mon 25 th Dec	World Unity and Peace	08:00 Christmas Mass	
Tue 26 th Dec	St Stephen	12:30 Holy Mass	
Wed 27 th Dec	Souls in Purgatory	12:30 Holy Mass	
Thu 28 th Dec	Holy Innocents	18:30 Holy Mass	
Fri 29 th Dec	Our SJF Community	18:30 Holy Mass	
Sat 30 th Dec	Octave of the Nativity	17:00 Vigil Mass	
Sun 31 st Dec <u>The Holy Family</u>	Rose & Abey's Thanksgiving	17:00 Vigil 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

Please submit bulletin notices to Joe by 18:00 on Wednesdays by email: sjf.cambourne@rcdea.org.uk

Cambourne Indian Club Christmas Carols

Thank you to the Indian Club for the Carols last Saturday and for those who donated to 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

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 See also our website: click on 'Children and Youth Ministry'

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

CAFOD Co-ordinator at SJF

If you are able to take this over during 2024, please speak to Mel Ward

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 second book of Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14,16)*

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan:

'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me; if he does evil, I will punish him with the rod such as men use, with strokes such as mankind gives. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm *(Psalms 88(89):2-5,27,29)*

(R) I will sing forever of your love, O Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **(R)**

I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: I will establish your dynasty for ever and set up your throne through all ages. **(R)**

'He will say to me: "You are my father, my God, the rock who saves me."

I will keep my love for him always; with him my covenant shall last.' **(R)**

Second Reading *(A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Romans 16:25-27)*

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation *(Luke 1:38)*

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the handmaid of the Lord:

let what you have said be done to me.

Alleluia!

Gospel *(Luke 26-38)*

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour.

Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.'

Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

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.