

# SAINT JOHN FISHER COMMUNITY

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

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## Week beginning: Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 – The Holy Family

(Year B; Psalter Week 1)

DATE	OBSERVANCE/ INTENTION	MASS	EVENTS/NOTES
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Octave of the Nativity	17:00 Vigil Mass	
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec <u>The Holy Family</u>	Rose & Abey's Thanksgiving	17:00 Vigil Mass	
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2024	Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God	12:30 Holy Mass	
Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	New Year Intentions	12:30 Holy Mass	
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	The Most Holy Name of Jesus	12:30 Holy Mass	
Thu 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Souls in Purgatory	18:30 Holy Mass	
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Our SJF Community	18:30 Holy Mass	First Friday devotion after Mass
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Margaret Ann Norman+	17:00 Vigil Mass	
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan <u>Epiphany of the Lord</u>	Pro Populo	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: Future church £250, Christmas (online) £50 (cash) £236, DONA £4.92, Donation £25.

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

### Seeds of Change

Growing through Liturgy of The Word. A new group for children and young people begins on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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.

### Rachel's Vineyard

Rachel's Vineyard offers Catholic retreat weekends for those who are suffering after an abortion(s). The next retreat to be held in this Diocese will be 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> March 2024 in Suffolk. Contact Sona on: [sona@rachelsvineyard.org.uk](mailto:sona@rachelsvineyard.org.uk) or visit: [www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk)

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) Website: [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

**First Reading** (A reading from the book of Genesis 15:1-6,21:1-3)

The word of the Lord was spoken to Abram in a vision, 'Have no fear, Abram, I am your shield; your reward will be very great.'

'My Lord,' Abram replied 'what do you intend to give me? I go childless...'. Then Abram said, 'See, you have given me no descendants; some man of my household will be my heir.' And then this word of the Lord was spoken to him, 'He shall not be your heir; your heir shall be of your own flesh and blood.' Then taking him outside he said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as he had said, and did what he had promised. So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the time God had promised.

Abraham named the son born to him Isaac, the son to whom Sarah had given birth. The Word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm** (Psalms 104(105):1-6,8-9)

**(R) He, the Lord, is our God. He remembers his covenant for ever.**

Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

O sing to him, sing his praise; tell all his wonderful works! **(R)**

Be proud of his holy name, let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice.

Consider the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face. **(R)**

Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, the judgements he spoke.

O children of Abraham, his servant, O sons of the Jacob he chose. **(R)**

He remembers his covenant for ever, his promise for a thousand generations, the covenant he made with Abraham, the oath he swore to Isaac. **(R)**

**Second Reading** (A reading from the book of Hebrews 11:8-12,17-19)

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: *It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on.* He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead. The Word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation** (Hebrews 1:1-2)

Alleluia, alleluia!

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son.

Alleluia!

**Gospel** (Luke 2:22-40)

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: *Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord* – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.

Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said: 'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.' As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

**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.