

3rd Sunday of
Advent - Year A
Psalter Week 3

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CHURCH OPEN

Daily 8am until dusk.

COFFEE HUB

Saturdays 10 – 11.30am

CONFESSIONS

Please see schedule for
regular confession times.
Also available on request.

BAPTISMS

Please contact the
parish office.

ST. PATRICK'S SOS

PRAYERLINE

(London Catholic):

020 7434 9211

(Evenings 7-11 PM).

THE PILGRIM

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Diocese of East Anglia

Registered Charity

number: 278742

Saturday	13 th	December	St Lucy
9:00 am		Rosary	
9:30 am		Mass	For the People
10:00 am		Confessions	<i>until 10:30 am</i>
5:30 pm		Confessions	<i>until 5:50 pm</i>
6:00 pm		Mass	Ken Hutson & Parnis Family + (FH)
7:30 pm		Mass in Polish	
Sunday	14 th	December	3 rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT
			<i>Gaudete Sunday</i>
8:00 am		Mass	
9:30 am		Mass	
11:15 am		Mass	
4:30 pm		Mass in Tagalog	
Monday	15 th	December	Advent FERIA
9:30 am		Mass	M. Lopez-Rey + (F)
7 pm		Mass	<i>Christmas Novena Mass</i>
Tuesday	16 th	December	Advent FERIA
12:30 pm		Mass	Tommaso Zengeni's Birthday (EDP)
7:00 pm		Mass	<i>Christmas Novena Mass</i>
Wednesday	17 th	December	Advent FERIA (O Sapientia)
9:30 am		Mass	Jose Guterres Pereira + (MP)
7:00 pm		Mass	<i>Christmas Novena Mass</i>
			Gordon Hinchliff Mitchell + (KR)
Thursday	18 th	December	Advent FERIA (O Adonai)
9:30 am		Mass	
7:00 pm		Mass	<i>Christmas Novena Mass</i>
7:30 pm		Holy Hour	<i>Adoration and Confessions</i>
Friday	19 th	December	Advent FERIA (O Radix Jesse)
11:00 am		Requiem Mass	David Lewis +
12:30 pm		Mass	
7:00 pm		Mass	<i>Christmas Novena Mass</i>
Saturday	20 th	December	Advent FERIA (O Clavis David)
9:00 am		Rosary	
9:30 am		Mass	For the People
10:00 am		Confessions	<i>until 10:30 am</i>
5:30 pm		Confessions	<i>until 5:50 pm</i>
6:00 pm		Mass	
7:30 pm		Mass in Polish	
Sunday	21 st	December	4 th SUNDAY OF ADVENT (O Oriens)
8:00 am		Mass	
9:30 am		Mass	
11:15 am		Mass	
4:00 pm		Carol Service	
7:00 pm		Mass	<i>Christmas Novena Mass</i>

This weekend:
SECOND COLLECTION for the
Dependent Priests' Fund

Parish Offering

Many thanks for your
offerings to the parish. Please
do continue to give via the
internet bank payment. Our
details are:

ST LAURENCE'S CHURCH

Sort Code: 09-01-53

Account Number: 14255486

Readings for Sunday (CTS 38)

First Reading: Isaiah 35: 1-6a, 10

God himself will come and save you.

Psalms 146(145)

Come, Lord, and save us.

Second Reading: James 5: 7-10

Establish your hearts, for the
coming of the Lord is at hand.

Gospel: Matthew 11: 2-11

Are you the one who is to come or
shall we look for another?

Those recently deceased

Joyce Adams, David Lewis,
Anthony Masterson, Rita
Taylor, Susan Littlechild,
Pauline Brown, Mary
Black, Reginald John
Sherlock, Teresa Morris,
Christopher Duckworth,
Ruth Kent, Christine
Magid, Austin Wynne,
Brian Phillips, Pat Morris

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Colin Morris, Douglas
Jarrett, Marjorie Spencer
Eutiquio 'Maria' Quintana
Joan Jackson, John
Sylvester, Joseph Korpan
Marie Markham, Sybil
Wilson, Edward O'Mara
Michael Thomas Conroy
Albert (Tom) Davies,
Patrick Conroy, Doreen
Willis, Elsie McElhone
Irene Sharp, Robert
Gatland, Wendy Sheila
Cracknell, William Joseph
D'Arcy, Marie Logan,
Maurice Andrade, Ann
Kelly, Adeline Cook,
Brenda West

Those who are sick

Giovanni Cirillo, Anna
Battistelli, Florence
Gordon, Christine
Josephine, Ellen
McQuillan, Mary Gullick,
Augusta Dean, John
Mongan, Peter Bradshaw,
Shelly Ward, Mary
Holmes, Sennan
Bolger, Tony Cook, Daniel
Clark, Sue Goodbody, Paul
Black, Satti Apudrai, Leo &
Claire Rossiter, Fiona
Bolger, Darcie DaCosta,
Margaret Plumb, Frank
Kennedy, Jane Bradshaw,
Teresa Brett, Isabel
Grande, Doreen
Crampsey, Martin Cox,
Charles McEwan, Ruth
Lindsey Scott, Madeline
Stacey, Nora O'Reilly,
Rebecca Londei, Rebecca
Morgan, Marie Morgan,
Anne Baytell, Patricia

NOTABLE AND NEW

NOVENA IN PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS: Starting on Monday, December 15th, a Mass will be held every evening at 7pm as part of the novena for Christmas.

NEW PARISH TECH GROUP: Sean Martin, Richard Birkett, Martin Avery, Jhon Nuqui, Teresa Siu.

PARISH PRAYER LINE: This valued prayer ministry is closing. We are very grateful to those who have been part of this ministry over many years. From now on we will refer directly to the Diocesan Prayer lines, please see Newsletter front page for details.

HELP FOR BETHLEHEM CHRISTIANS: Poor Christian artisans who work in Bethlehem, supported by the Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood (FMDM), are suffering greatly since the outbreak of the Gaza war, with no pilgrims on whom they depend for their livelihoods. The sisters have paid the workers, and their beautiful olive wood items have been brought to the UK for sale. These are available to buy in the Parish Hall after Saturday evening Mass and Sunday Masses (prices £2-£3). Thank you

ADVENT ROSARY WALK: The Men of St Joseph invite you to join them on Saturday 13th December, praying the Rosary, walking by the river from St Laurence Church to the Radio Maria England Chapel. This will start at 10.30 am at St Laurence after Mass.

THE SYNOD-DISCUSSING THE FINAL DOCUMENT: Pope Francis affirmed this document has the authority of the Magisterium, meaning it is Church teaching. Join us for a conversation in the Spirit to explore what it says and its relevance to our parish. Our last meeting will be in the church hall at 11am on Wednesday the 17th for about an hour. If you prefer an evening session at Church or on Zoom, please contact the office.

PARISH GROUPS

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: raised £100 over the last 2 months for the Cambridge City Food Bank. Next Friday, there will be our last Advent lunch after 12.30 before Christmas. The 12th of December Christmas party was in aid of Arthur Rank. We intend to support Cambridge Women's Refuge in January. Just to mention that over the last financial year, Cambridge Catholic Women's League raised just short of £1000 (£962.00) for local charities.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PRAYER GROUPS:

The Histon, Girton and Oakington prayer group will meet on Monday 15th December at 2pm. If you would like to join, please contact Barbara (b.quail@ntlworld.com) for directions.

The Arbury and King's Hedges prayer group will meet on Monday 29th December at 7.30 pm. If you would like to join, please contact Erminia (e.carillo79@gmail.com) for directions.

The Northstowe, Barhill and Longstanton prayer group will meet on Friday 9th January at 7pm. If you would like to join, please contact Sandy (trinityhopeful@outlook.com) for directions.

OTHER NEWS

PLEASE PRAY FOR DAVID LEWIS whose Requiem Mass will take place on Friday, 19th December at 11 am. Afterwards, they will proceed to the Crematorium on Huntingdon Road. All are welcome to attend.

COFFEE HUB: will operate as usual on December 13th and 20th, but will close on December 27th and reopen on January 3rd.

SVP ITEMS REQUESTED PLEASE: The SVP is seeking your support for some families in need. We are looking for a COT, CHILDREN'S TABLE, HOOVER, TUMBLE DRIER and a PHONE. If you can help please contact either Catharine Warren on 07421 253100 or email: catharine@dchdr.uk or Liz Campbell on 07771 613102 or email: eac.liz@yahoo.com. We appreciate your continued support for the SVP and those we assist!"

RETRouvaille HELPS MARRIAGES: It can bring hope and healing to relationships. Next date: 12th February 2026. www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 07887 296983

Christmas Liturgies

Christmas Eve: 9.30 am – Final Mass of Advent

5.00 pm – Vigil Mass of Christmas, oriented towards children and families

11.30 pm – Christmas Carols

12 midnight – Mass during the Night (Midnight Mass)

Christmas Day: 9.00 am – Mass of Dawn

11.00 am – Mass during the Day

Boxing Day: 11.00 – Mass of St Stephen

New Year's Eve: 9.30 am Mass

11.00 pm – Thanksgiving Holy Hour followed by Midnight Mass with benediction and thanksgiving.

New Years' Day: 12.30 am Mass of Mary, Mother of God

Confessions: 20 December: from 10 am to 12 pm and 4.30 pm to 6 pm

23 December: from 10 am to 12 pm and 5 pm to 7 pm