

The Epiphany of the Lord - Year C
Psalter Week 2

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CHURCH OPEN

Daily 8am until dusk.

COFFEE HUB

Saturdays 10am – 11.30am

CONFESSIONS

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

BAPTISMS

Please contact the parish office.

EMERGENCY PRAYER LINES

9am–9pm 276577, 351499, 354060

THE PILGRIM

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**Roman Catholic
Diocese of East Anglia
Registered Charity
number: 278742**

Saturday	4 th	January	Christmas Feria
9 am		Rosary	
9.30 am		Mass	
10 am		Confessions	until 10.30 am
5.30 pm		Confessions	until 5.50 pm
6 pm		Mass	Ellen Williams + (CW)
7.30pm		Mass in Polish	
Sunday	5 th	January	The Epiphany of the Lord
8 am		Mass	
9.30 am		Mass	For the People
11 am		Mass	Fr Simon Blakesley (AGD)
5 pm		Ablaze Mass	
Monday	6 th	January	Christmas Feria
9:30		Mass	
12.00 pm		Funeral Mass	Margaret Wallman +
Tuesday	7 th	January	St Raymond
12:30 pm		Mass	
Wednesday	8 th	January	Christmas Feria
11.00 am		Funeral Service	Julian Speck +
5.30pm		Confessions	until 5.50pm
6pm		Mass	
6.30pm		Adoration	until 7pm
Thursday	9 th	January	Christmas Feria
9.30		Mass	
Friday	10 th	January	Christmas Feria
12.30 pm		Mass	
Saturday	11 th	January	Christmas Feria
9 am		Rosary	
9.30 am		Mass	Secular Franciscans & Holy Souls (MD)
10 am		Confessions	until 10.30 am
5.30pm		Confessions	until 5.50 pm
6 pm		Mass	
7.30pm		Mass in Polish	
Sunday	12 th	January	Baptism of the Lord
8 am		Mass	For the people
9.30 am		Mass	Jim and Sheila Brickle + (CC)
11 am		Mass	Francis Andrew Clark (AGD)
4.30 pm		Mass in Tagalog	

We welcome Myla Mei into the Church who was baptised this week

Parish Offering:

Many thanks for your offerings to the parish last weekend. Please do continue to give via an internet bank payment. Our details are:
ST LAURENCE'S CHURCH
Sort Code: 09-01-53
Account Number:
14255486

Readings for Saturday (CTS 121)

Readings for Sunday (CTS 125)

First Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6

The glory of the Lord has risen upon you
Psalm 72 (71)

All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

It has now been revealed that the Gentiles are fellow heirs of the promise.

Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

We have come from the east to worship the king.

Those recently deceased

Brian Phillips, Pat Morris, Anne Maddocks, Gina Compagni, Elena Corlito, Elizabeth Barrand, Patrick Mongan, Julia Reeve, Rick Glasswell, Eileen McEwan, Jean Blackburn, Helen Kennedy, Kathleen Keady, Bob Goodyear, Maureen Cox, Patricia Murphy.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Michael Bernard Conroy, Nora Creek, Clifford Ryan, Mary Hannigan, Tracey 'Teresa' Wallman, Luigi Maio, Henryk Novak Vera Blanchfield, Milly Anderson, Catherine Pintold, Mabel Corbett, Gertrude Sylvester, Ada Elsie Howard, James Martin, Rosella Walne Pauline Creek, May Knight Cristina Celentano, Kath Taylor, Carol Buttress, Gwen Penn, Anna Sabnani, Connie Goodyear, Elizabeth Scullin Susan Bridget Grice, Robert Zuzer, James Raphael Brennan, Mary Ronayne Monica Fahy, Frances Parnis, Michael Reilly James Kettyles, Danny Hill, Teresa Matus

Those who are sick

John Mongan, Peter Bradshaw, Shelly Ward, Chris Duckworth, Mary Holmes, Sennan Bolger, Tony Cook, Daniel Clark, Sue Goodbody, Mary & Paul Black, Satti Apudrai, Leo & Claire Rossiter, Fiona Bolger, Darcie DaCosta, Margaret Plumb, Austin Wynne, Frank Kennedy, Jane Bradshaw, Teresa Brett, Isabel Grande, Doreen Crampsey, Maria Trebiciani, Martin Cox, Charles McEwan, Ruth Lindsey-Scott, Madeline Stacey, Nora O'Reilly, Rebecca Londei, Maria Carmen Morgan, Rebecca Morgan, Anne Baytell, Patricia Bentley.

I am happy to be able to say now that Fr. Robin Mampallithadathil CRM, your new parish priest, will arrive here in St Laurence in time for the weekend of 18/19 January – which is now only 2 weeks away! Fr Robin is a member of the *Adorno Fathers* (Order of Clerics Regular Minor – CRM). During 2025, up to two more Adorno Fathers will join Fr Robin here at St Laurence, which will be their first established community in the UK. Having a community of Consecrated Religious serving the community as priests creates a special dynamic in the parish, and a great opportunity for a deepening of faith for all of us. Cambridge as a whole will be blessed, too, in having another Religious community living, working, and praying in the city. Fr Robin, who is originally from Kerala, is very experienced and has been a priest for well over 20 years. He has also been, among other things, a seminary rector and religious superior. We pray for and get ready to welcome Fr Robin and the *Adorno Fathers*, and we pray for ourselves as the people of the parish, too, that we may receive them with open hearts and ready wills. Since my own purpose for being among you was simply to act as a pastoral place-holder until your new stably-appointed parish priest was able to arrive, next weekend will be my last weekend in St Laurence, and so this week will be my final ‘full week’. As I mentioned last week, thank you for your welcome, and for looking after me these 3 months! *Fr Simon*

Notable and New

EPIPHANY: The 6 January falls on a Monday this year, and so in in England & Wales, the Epiphany is transferred to this weekend. At the start of the new year, it’s customary to bless chalk so that we can write a blessing on the lintel of our front doors. Blessed chalk is available after each Mass, as well as a little sheet explaining what this is, and how to do it!

ABLAZE MASS: As it is the first Sunday of the month this weekend, there will be a celebration of the Ablaze Mass, and after that Mass, there will be pizza and a parish celebration in the hall. All are welcome.

BISHOP'S CONSULTATION: As mentioned in his pastoral letter last week, Bishop Peter is asking all parishes in the Diocese to consider some questions he has posed about future pastoral provision. Our responses will inform the Diocesan strategy being developed by Autumn 2026. St Laurence's Parish Pastoral Council has discussed the questions and formulated some initial thoughts. We invite all parishioners to consider these and submit comments by 15 January. Copies of the discussion document, which includes more details and information on how to respond, are available in the porch and on the Parish website at: www.saintlaurence.org.uk/forum/.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Our PPC met before Christmas, and minutes from the meeting are now available at www.saintlaurence.org.uk/ppc/. Fr Robin, our new Parish Priest, was able to attend, and it was great to begin to introduce him to Parish life in this way. At the meeting Michanne Haynes-Prempah was elected as the new Chair of the PPC, taking over from Stephen Warde, and Edward Acton was elected as the new Vice Chair. Thanks and best wishes to them.

PARISH ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION FOR CHILDREN: Catholic Safeguarding regulations now require all parishes to keep an attendance register for those church activities involving young people and adults at risk, plus contact details for the responsible adult (if appropriate). Over the past few months, a system has been developed within the parish that will enable families to register either online or in-person. We will be introducing this process over the next few weeks. For the moment this relates to Children’s Liturgy only. Information and guidance will be available after 9:30 & 11:00am Masses on 10 & 17 January. Guidance notes and a video will also be available demonstrating how to sign up. Children’s Liturgy would like to thank all those involved with the development of the registration process.

COFFEE HUB: A reminder that the Coffee Hub has started again, and open in the parish hall after the Saturday morning Mass until about 11.30am. All are welcome.

Parish groups and meetings

CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE: will meet at 11:30am on Friday, 10th January 2025. There will be a light lunch after the 12.30pm Mass to which everyone is invited. The raffle held at the Christmas lunch raised £40 for the youth pilgrimage to Rome in 2025.

Other news

PLEASE PRAY FOR parishioners Maggie Wellman and Julian Speck who have both died recently, and for their families who mourn them. Maggie’s funeral Mass will be on Monday 6 January at 12 noon. Julian’s funeral service will be on Wednesday 8 January at 11am. All are welcome.

9:30AM MASS - SPRINKLING SONG CHORUS: Come, O come, come to the river flowing from the body of Christ. We'll go down, deep in the water, but in the Lord we shall arise.