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CONFESSIONS

Sat. morning after Mass;
before Mass on Sat.
evening; or by
arrangement

EMERGENCY PRAYER

LINES 9 A.M. - 9 P.M.

276577, 351499, 354060

THE PILGRIM

pilgrim@saintlaurence.org.uk

6.00 p.m. Vigil Mass (Anna Reynolds+)

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.00 a.m. Mass (Michael Collins [sick])

9.30 a.m. Mass in School (Parish)

11.00 a.m. Mass (Denise Poulsen+)

Monday 10th December Blessed Martyrs of E. Anglia

9.30 a.m. Mass (Tony Collins+)

Tuesday 11th December Advent FERIA

9.30 a.m. Mass (Michael Collins [sick])

Wednesday 12th December Advent FERIA

12.30 p.m. Mass (Theo [thanksgiving])

7.30 p.m. Last Scripture meeting

Thursday 13th December St. Lucy

9.30 a.m. Mass (Tony Collins+)

Friday 14th December St. John of the Cross

12.30 p.m. Mass (Michael Collins [sick])

Saturday 15th December Advent FERIA

9.30 a.m. Mass

6.00 p.m. Vigil Mass (Tony Collins+)

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2nd collection for Dependent Priests' Fund

8.00 a.m. Mass (Norah & Joseph Harrison+)

9.30 a.m. Mass in School (Michael Collins [sick])

11.00 a.m. Mass (Christiana Omoregie+)

4.00 p.m. ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

SUNDAY READINGS



1st Reading: Baruch 5: 1-9

God remains faithful to his exiled people, and will restore Jerusalem to her former splendour in the sight of the nations.

Psalm Response

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

2nd Reading: Philippians 1: 3-6, 8-11

St. Paul prays for his people that their love may increase all the more, with knowledge and full insight, so that they may choose what is best and be ready for the Day of Christ.

Gospel: Luke 3: 1-6

John the Baptist preaches his message of repentance for the forgiveness of sins and promises that the whole of humankind shall see the salvation of God.

Parish Penitential Service

This will be on **FRIDAY 14TH DECEMBER** at **7.30 p.m.** when we will meet as individuals and as a community for a time of reflection and prayer.

There will also be an opportunity to celebrate the *Sacrament of Reconciliation* after the service. Everyone very welcome.

9.30 a.m. Mass at St. Laurence's School

Tea and Coffee will be served after this Mass on **Sunday 16th December** (**Gaudete Sunday**)

Catholic Women's League Advent Lunches

These will take place after the **12.30 p.m.** Mass on **Friday 7th , 14th and 21st December.**

After the Mass on the **14th December** there will be a Christmas party. Donations will be for **CWL** charities. All are welcome.

Scripture meeting

Last meeting **12th December (Upper Room)**

Winter clothes needed for girls and boys (baby to age 13)

If you have warm children's clothes you are happy to donate, please leave them in the narthex in bags clearly labelled **SVP** or to arrange collection email svp@saintlaurence.org.uk or phone/text Catharine on **07421 23100**. Thank you.

Advent Giving Tree

Look out for the Giving Tree on the **first Sunday of Advent, 2nd December**. If you would like to give a gift or hamper item, please choose a tag, buy the item and return it to church, **AT THE LATEST** by **11 a.m.** on the **3rd Sunday of Advent, 16th December**.

This year we will donate the Christmas gifts you give to: **Wintercomfort and Cambridges Churches Homelessness Project for homeless people; to the Meals on Wheels service for elderly people and to local families and parishioners known to the SVP within East Anglia.**

Cafod trip to Poland

Jeanette and Andrew Milbourn would like to thank all of you who bought Advent wreaths and to those who kindly gave donations. We reached our target of £200.

There will be a presentation evening, probably in February, to tell you all about our trip and what we learnt.

Recycling

As part of being a ***LiveSimply*** parish we try to recycle as much as possible. We need someone to periodically empty the Recycling for Good Causes box in the Narthex and arrange with the parish office for its collection. Please contact Mary Watkins on **07985275346**

Repository

Please visit the Repository after Mass. We have a small collection of Christmas Cards and Stocking Fillers for this festive season.



Many thanks for your generous offering to the parish last week of **£1086** plus **£637** each week by banker's order.

Retiring collection last weekend for **Connect 2: Peru** raised **£243**

Help with transport from 9.30 am Mass needed

Do you live in Histon and attend 9.30 am Mass? Would you be able to give a fellow parishioner a lift home on either a regular basis, or as part of a team? If you are able to help please contact Leonie Isaacson either at 9.30 am Mass or via nonie.isaacson@ntlworld.com

Rosary Group

The Rosary Group will meet **every Wednesday afternoon** after the **12.30 p.m. Mass**. We gather in front of Our Lady's statue. All welcome.

Holy Hour Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is every Wednesday **6.00 p.m. until 7.00 p.m.** All welcome even for just a few minutes.

Soulfood Prayer Group

Every **1st** and **3rd** Tuesdays at **8.00 p.m.** at St. Laurence's and every **2nd** and **4th** Tuesdays at **7.30 p.m.** in the Church of Our Lady & the English Martyrs.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Janet Smith, Ethel Smith, Margaret Rowan, Jim Barrett, Nora Gluza, John Regan, Peter Fury, Rota Haywood, Anne Cronin, Noreen Gullick, Sarah Stewart, Harold Fordham, John Drury, Ethel Egan, Noel Boot.

Also for those who are sick: Louise McEwan, Martin Cox, Charles McEwan, Ruth Lindsey-Scott, Madeline Stacey, Hyeyoen Kim, David Tomlinson, Patrick Hickey, Diogenes Da Costa, Marina Rowland, Teresa Brett, Nora O'Reilly, Rebecca Londei, Portia Pedragosa, Maria Carmen Morgan, Rebecca Morgan, Pearl & Brian Phillips, Lynda McIntyre, Marina and Inge Giles and Anne Maddocks.