

The Baptism of  
the Lord  
Year A  
Psalter Week 1

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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

[pilgrim@saintlaurence.org.uk](mailto:pilgrim@saintlaurence.org.uk)

### Roman Catholic

Diocese of East Anglia

Registered Charity

number: 278742

Saturday	10 <sup>th</sup>	January	Christmas Feria
9:00 am		Rosary	
9:30 am		Mass	Marennah Prempeh, Thanksgiving (MHP)
10:00 am		Confessions	until 10:30 am
5:30 pm		Confessions	until 5:50 pm
6:00 pm		Mass	Brenda and Lawrence West + (SB)
7:30 pm		Mass in Polish	
Sunday	11 <sup>th</sup>	January	BAPTISM OF THE LORD
8:00 am		Mass	Wanda Payne + (CB)
9:30 am		Mass	Danny Hill + (RC)
11:15 am		Mass	Agusto Pereira Luan (TD)
4:30 pm		Mass in Tagalog	
Monday	12 <sup>th</sup>	January	Feria
9:30 am		Mass	M M Joseph + (FRJ)
Tuesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	January	Feria
12:30 pm		Mass	Meriel's 21st Birthday (KR)
7:00 pm		Mass	
Wednesday	14 <sup>th</sup>	January	Feria
9:30 am		Mass	
7:00 pm		Mass	
Thursday	15 <sup>th</sup>	January	Feria
9:30 am		Mass	
6:30 pm		Holy Hour	Adoration and Confessions
Friday	16 <sup>th</sup>	January	St Fursey
12:30 pm		Requiem Mass	Maria Sylvester +
7:00 pm		Mass	
Saturday	17 <sup>th</sup>	January	St Anthony
9:00 am		Rosary	
9:30 am		Mass	
10:00 am		Confessions	until 10:30 am
5:30 pm		Confessions	until 5:50 pm
6:00 pm		Mass	
7:30 pm		Mass in Polish	
Sunday	18 <sup>th</sup>	January	2 <sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 am		Mass	For the People
9:30 am		Mass	Jim and Sheila Brickle + (CC)
11:15 am		Mass	Marthe Coubard (MCE)

### NEXT SUNDAY IS PEACE DAY

### CAR PARKING REGISTRATION

A list of vehicle registration numbers is displayed in the Narthex near the car park tablet. Please ensure your car is registered. If it is not, contact the office ASAP

### 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 129)

First Reading: Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7

Behold my servant, in whom my soul delights.

Psalms 29 (28)

**The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

Second Reading: Acts 10: 34-38

God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit.

Gospel: Matthew 3: 13-17

When Jesus was baptised he saw the Spirit of God coming to rest on him.

### Those recently deceased

Jane Bradshaw, Maria Sylvester, Joyce Adams, David Lewis, Anthony Masterson, Rita Taylor, Susan Littlechild, Pauline Brown, Mary Black, Reginald John Sherlock, Teresa Morris, Christopher Duckworth, Ruth Kent.

### Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Connie Goodyear, Elizabeth Scullin, James Raphael Brennan, Robert Zuzer Susan Bridget Grice, Danny Hill, Frances Parnis, James Kettles, Mary Ronayne, Michael Reilly, Monica Fahy Teresa Matus, Catherine Walmsley, John Sell Larry Reeve, Greg Prior Peter Thomas Ryan, Violet Mattinson, Isabel Fowell Matthew James Brett, Sue White, Anne Cruise, Hannah Mary Barrett Téresa Joan Mary Pritchard Charlotte Scott Corlito, Doris Arnold Kathleen Isden Maddocks, Patrick Garrett Robert Callanan.

### Those who are sick

Alex Riches, Fatima da Costa, 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, 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 Bentley.

## NOTABLE AND NEW

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Why not join our Children's Liturgy team? We are incredibly blessed to have so many children and young families in our parish! To keep our Children's Liturgy thriving at both Sunday morning Masses, we are looking for a few more friendly faces to join our team. Many of our long-term volunteers have recently moved away, leaving our rota quite short. It is a deeply rewarding act of service, and you will always be paired with an experienced volunteer—you'll never be expected to lead a session until you feel completely ready. Want to learn more? contact Jim at (07952) 705684 or Maggie at [Maggie.cliturgy@gmail.com](mailto:Maggie.cliturgy@gmail.com). No commitment. We hope to hear from you. Thanks

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – ST CARLO ACUTIS GROUP:** The St Carlo Acutis Group is looking for volunteers to help support our growing and joyful ministry for young people aged 8–13. The group meets every second Saturday of the month, from 3:30pm to 5:30pm, and provides a faith-filled, fun, and welcoming space for our young people to connect, learn, and grow together. We are seeking volunteers who can assist with setting up before the session, ordering and arranging pizza, general logistics and tidying up, supporting activities, crafts, and small group work during the session. You don't need to lead sessions or prepare content — just a willingness to help and support the children during the afternoon. If you'd like to get involved or would like more information, please contact Teresa and Zuzanna at [youthgroup@saintlaurence.org.uk](mailto:youthgroup@saintlaurence.org.uk)

**THE SYNOD – DISCUSSING THE FINAL DOCUMENT:** As planned, before Christmas we held three conversations in the Spirit based on Parts I-III of the Final Document of the Synod. The group grew each week and generated a list of suggested actions, many echoing suggestions made when we had synodal conversation previously. A list of suggestions made so far is displayed in the porch. We now plan three further sessions, covering Parts IV and V, plus Next Steps. We will meet in the church hall at 11 am for about an hour on Wednesdays in January, 14th, 21st and 28th. Father Robin will again be with us and the more voices we hear, the better. Do join us.

**WORLD LEPROSY DAY, SUNDAY 25 JANUARY 2026** is a time to pray for and stand in solidarity with people affected by leprosy around the world. We remember the work of the John Bradburne Memorial Society, inspired by John Bradburne, who devoted his life to caring for those with leprosy at the Mutemwa Leprosy Care Centre in Zimbabwe. Please keep the people of Mutemwa in your prayers and consider supporting this vital work through prayer, awareness, or donation. [www.johnbradburne.com](http://www.johnbradburne.com), Tel: 07979 187498, Post: JBMS, PO Box 32, Leominster, Herefordshire, HR6 0YB, Email: [info@johnbradburne.com](mailto:info@johnbradburne.com)

**PAX CHRISTI:** Peace Sunday will be held on Sunday, 18 January. The Bishops' Conference invites us to reflect on Pope Leo's message for the World Day of Peace, themed "Peace be with you all: towards an 'unarmed and disarming' peace." Pax Christi has produced resources, including a liturgy and children's activities, available on their Peace Sunday 2026 webpage at [www.paxchristi.org.uk](http://www.paxchristi.org.uk). Donations can be made online at [www.paxchristi.org.uk/product-category/peace-sunday-appeal/](http://www.paxchristi.org.uk/product-category/peace-sunday-appeal/).

**CAFOD AND CARITAS EAST ANGLIA EVENT:** Would you like to discover how Caritas is responding to conflict in Ukraine? Henry Wilson Smith CAFOD Ukraine Emergency Programme Officer will be talking about his work. On: Saturday 17 January 2026. Time: Coffee from 10.30am, talk starting at 10.45am, finishing at noon. At: St George's Parish Hall, Sprowston Rd, Norwich NR3 4HZ plenty of parking. All welcome

## PARISH GROUPS

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD PRAYER GROUPS:**

The Histon, Girton and Oakington prayer group will meet on Monday 19th January at 2pm. If you would like to join, please contact Barbara ([b.quail@ntlworld.com](mailto:b.quail@ntlworld.com)) for directions.

The Northstowe/Barhill/Longstanton prayer group will meet on Friday 23rd January at 7pm. If you would like to join, please contact Sandy ([trinityhopeful@outlook.com](mailto:trinityhopeful@outlook.com)) for directions.

The Arbury and King's Hedges prayer group will meet on Monday 26th January at 7.30 pm. If you would like to join, please contact Erminia ([e.carillo79@gmail.com](mailto:e.carillo79@gmail.com)) for directions.

## OTHER NEWS

**FREE WHEELCHAIR AVAILABLE:** The SVP has been offered a wheelchair, if you need one or know of anyone needing a wheelchair, please get in touch with Liz Campbell on 07771613102.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR MARIA SYLVESTER,** who recently passed away, and for her family as they mourn her loss. Maria's Requiem Mass will take place on Friday, 16th January at 12.30 pm.

**NEW DONA MACHINES:** When using the new machine for the first time, you will need to re-register for Gift Aid. Registering for gift aid helps maximise the impact of your donation. Donate anytime, anywhere by using the QR code below. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

