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Saturday morning after Mass;
Before Mass on Saturday
evening; or by arrangement.

EMERGENCY PRAYER LINE (9am—9pm)

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'THE PILGRIM' MAGAZINE

pilgrim@saintlaurence.org.uk

6.00 p.m. Vigil Mass (Lea Stewart Langley [sick])

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

REMEMBRANCE DAY

8.00 a.m. Mass (Parish)
9.30 a.m. Mass in School (Wedding Anniversary of Mr. & Mrs Da Costa)
11.00 a.m. Mass (Noelin's intention)

Monday 13th November Feria
9.30 a.m. Mass (Patrick Martin)

Tuesday 14th November Feria
9.30 a.m. Mass (Arulpragasam+)

Wednesday 15th November Feria
9.30 a.m. Mass (Joyce Gregory+)

Thursday 16th November Feria
9.30 a.m. Mass (P.J. Deane+)

Friday 17th November Feria
12.30 p.m. Mass

Saturday 18th November Feria
9.30 a.m. Mass
6.00 p.m. Vigil Mass (Lea Stewart Langley [sick])

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.00 a.m. Mass
9.30 a.m. Mass in School (Parish)
11.00 a.m. Mass (Rev. Fr. Julian Black+)

5.00 p.m. Ablaze Mass

In this A3 edition:

- Parish News
- Parish Forum update
- Key dates for Advent and Christmas

Are you a Parish group that could use a little more space to share news in one of our larger issues? Contact the office.



Join us for a cup of coffee or tea and a chat in the Parish Room immediately after 11am Mass.

SUNDAY READINGS

1st Reading: Wisdom 6: 12-16

Wisdom is often personified in the Old Testament as a female (Lady Wisdom), and is described in today's reading as accessible to those who seek her. The search for and attainment of wisdom is important because it concerns right attitudes to life.

Psalm Response

For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

The early Christians were expecting the imminent return of Christ and were concerned about what would happen to those who had already died. Paul reassures his readers that they will not be abandoned but that they will be with Christ at his glorious second coming.

Gospel: Matthew 25: 1-13

This is one of a number of parables about vigilance as the Christian awaits the coming of God's kingdom. The particular point being stressed in the parable is that of foresight. Vigilance alone is not enough, we also need to be prepared for the unexpected, so as not to be caught unawares when the time for action arrives.

N.B. Change of Mass Time

Every Wednesday from 13th December Mass will now be at 12.30 p.m. and NOT 9.30 p.m.

Cafod Connect 2:Peru

This weekend is our regular collection "*A Pound for Peru*" when each family is asked, if possible, to give £1 to fund our parish project which supports two poor parishes in Peru. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Baptism Preparation Evening MONDAY 20TH NOVEMBER AT 7.30 p.m.

On this evening we have a preparation session for parents, godparents or family members planning for or wanting more information about Baptism. Do come along - you will all be very welcome.

'Catholicism'

Join us for the second episode of '**Catholicism**' presented by Bishop Robert Barron, on **Friday 17th November** in the parish room. Please arrive at 7.15 p.m. start and bring a small amount of food to share - but if you are unable to bring something, don't let it stop you from coming.

Ordination of Deacon Jay to the Priesthood Friday 8th December

We will be hiring a Coach from St. Laurence's to St. John's Cathedral, Norwich on **Friday 8th December** leaving St. Laurence's at **4.15 p.m.** for Mass at **7.00 p.m.** If any parishioner would like to join us please leave your name with Pat in the Office or leave a message on the Answerphone (**704640**). Thank you.

Remembering our deceased relatives, friends and members of our parish during November

At the front of the Church on the altar steps, you will find a book dated for November in which you are invited to **PRINT** the name of the deceased to be included in the prayers of the Mass for that day.

SVP Mass of Anointing - 3p.m. 25th November at St. Laurence's followed by tea and cakes

Anointing of the Sick is the Sacrament by which those who have health worries or bear the burden of the years, receive comfort, strength and the grace of healing. SVP is **able to offer transport. If you need a lift please phone/text 07799 320331 or email svp@saintlaurence.org.uk**

Catholic Womens' League, Cambridge Section

The League are happy to welcome anyone who cares to come, not only to our **2nd Friday of the month** lunches but also to lunches **every Friday** after the **12.30 p.m. Mass throughout Advent**. The proceeds as ever will go to charities. It will be just soup and bread with none of Mary's delicious cakes during Advent!

Report from October's Parish Forum

The **Parish Forum** is an open meeting of the Parish. All are welcome to attend. This is an important part of our Parish life: hear what is going on in the Parish, discuss ways to improve and grow our community, help Fr Pat make important decisions about how the Parish works. We met most recently on October 16th, and here are some of the things that we discussed.

Main topic: 2018 anniversary year

Our foundation was laid on 8th March, 1958, and the new Church was dedicated on 24th August. So, in 2018, we celebrate 60 years in our current buildings. That's just one significant anniversary—Fr Bob will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of being ordained Presbyter. The Forum agreed that we should mark this year in some way, both so that we can celebrate together as a community and because “60 years at St Laurence's” could support our evangelisation in the wider community: highlighting the presence and role of our Church in Cambridge. A number of good suggestions were made at the meeting, including:

- Installing a commemorative board in the Church listing Parish priests during the life of the Parish
- A celebration Mass and ‘bring and share’ garden party in the Summer
- Inviting past priests back for a Mass, possibly on St Laurence's Day (10th August)
- Organising a display of photos of St Laurence's, past and present
- A “Song's of Praise” with other local churches.

We agreed that we would like to organise a programme of activities between March and August, and to ask for volunteers who might be prepared to help with this one-off task (see the notice below).

Other topics

Live streaming of Mass

A team has been investigating this and has spoken to one likely supplier about details and costs. The Forum agreed that we wanted to proceed, after some discussion about licensing issues for broadcasting

music and recording of broadcasts. The team will look into these issues and try to get quotes from an alternative supplier. If anyone has experience in this area, please let us know, via the Office.

New weekday Mass time

The Forum agreed to change the time of the Wednesday weekday Mass to 12:30pm, beginning in Advent (i.e., from Wed 6 December).

Advent and Christmas

We agreed the programme for Advent and Christmas (see notice overleaf). There will also be house Masses during Advent—contact the Office if interested in hosting a Mass during this season, or at any time.

First Communion and Confirmation

We thanked Sue Price for her many years of work with the First Communion classes at the Church and were pleased to hear that the new class would be starting on 4th November, with a slightly different programme, including greater parental involvement. The new Confirmation group is now also underway.

Next Forum: Church buildings

The next meeting on **Thurs, 8th Feb, 8pm**. One main topic will be ideas for repairs, refurbishments, or new facilities in the Church buildings and grounds. Ideas include repainting the walls, and re-carpeting the altar steps. Do you have any ideas? Submit them to the email address below, or contact the Office.

If you have any other ideas or topics that you would like to see discussed, please email forum@saintlaurence.org.uk

Parish Forum dates for 2018

All meetings are at 8pm in the Parish rooms.

Please note the dates in your diary, and join us if you possibly can.

Thursday 8th February

Monday 23rd April

Thursday 5th July

Monday 8th October

60 years at St Laurence's

Can you help?

We need volunteers to join a team to help organise a few activities and social events to celebrate this landmark. See the report above.

A small commitment for a limited time only!

Can you help?

Email forum@saintlaurence.org.uk

Many thanks for your generous offering to the parish last week of **£1068** plus **£637** each week by banker's order.

Retiring collection last week for **St. Edmund's Fund** raised **£124**

Advent and Christmas

3rd December - First Sunday of Advent.

17th December, 4pm - Parish Carol Service.

24th December is the Fourth Sunday of Advent, as well as Christmas Eve. The usual Saturday vigil and Sunday Masses will be held.

Christmas Eve, 5pm - Children's Christmas Mass.

Christmas Midnight Mass will begin with carols and readings at 11.15. Mass at midnight.

Christmas Day - Masses at 9am and 11am.

Boxing Day - Mass at 11am.

6th January - Parish Epiphany party; after the Saturday vigil Mass.

Advent lunches

The Catholic Women's League will hold lunches each Friday during Advent, after the 12:30 Mass.

All welcome to join. Proceeds will go to charity.

World Day of the Poor

In his message for the first World Day of the Poor, to be celebrated on **19th Nov.**, Pope Francis urges us, whatever our means or background, to unite in love, in acts of service to one another, and in genuine encounter. Some ways to do this in our Parish is to support CAFOD and our 'Pound for Peru' campaign, volunteer for SVP (svp@saintlaurence.org.uk), contribute to our Advent Giving Tree (details in later newsletters). Also, OLEM are looking for help with the Cambridge Churches Homeless Project in Dec - parishcentre@olem.org.uk

Meet and Chat

On 20th November 2 - 4p.m. in the Parish room. If you would like a lift, please contact an **SVP** member or call Liz on **07771 613102**.

SVP

The **SVP** would be grateful for Baby Milk formula "**SMA stage 2**" for over 6 months old. If you are able to help, please contact a member of the **SVP**, phone us on **07547 598735** or leave a tin in the Narthex clearly labelled. Thank you.

Lost Property

Please have a look in the **Lost Property Box** in the Narthex. There are a number of 'lost' items which if not claimed will be donated to Charity Shops in the near future. Thank you.

Our next Ablaze Mass will be next Sunday 19th November at 5.00 p.m.

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 moments.

Soulfood Prayer Group

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

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time :

Noreen Gullick, Sarah Stewart, Harold Fordham, John Drury, Ethel May Egan, Noel Boot, Lazarie Virginia Tavener, Mary Willett, Iris Keogh, John Glasscock, Terence Anthony George, Helen Turner, Filippantonio Filigno, John George, John Sylvester.

Also for those who are sick:

Louise McEwan, Martin Cox, Charles McEwan, Ruth Lindsey-Scott, Madeline Stacey, John Steel, Hyeyoen Kim, David Tomlinson, Patrick Hickey, Diogenes Da Costa, Kathie Scott, Marina Rowland, John Gannon, Teresa Brett, Angel Fernandez Garcia, Nora O'Reilly, Rebecca Londei and Portia Pedragosa.