

**4th Sunday of
Advent - Year C
Psalter Week 4**

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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 | 21 st | December | Advent feria - O Oriens |
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| 9 am | | Rosary | |
| 9.30 am | | Mass | |
| 10 am | | Confessions | <i>until 10.30 am</i> |
| 5.30 pm | | Confessions | <i>until 5.50 pm</i> |
| 6 pm | | Mass | For the People |
| 7.30pm | | Mass in Polish | |
| Sunday | 22 nd | December | 4 th Sunday of Advent - O Rex Gentium |
| 8 am | | Mass | |
| 9.30 am | | Mass | |
| 11 am | | Mass | Agusto Pereira Luan & Rosaria Jose Costa D. Ximenes (TD) |
| Monday | 23 rd | December | Advent feria – O Emmanuel |
| 9.30 am | | Mass | Julian Speck + & family |
| Tuesday | 24 th | December | Christmas Eve |
| <u>9.30 am</u> | | <u>Mass</u> | |
| 5pm | | Vigil Mass | |
| 11.30 pm | | Christmas Carols | |
| 12 midnight | | Midnight Mass | Michael Lawrence + (EMD) |
| Wednesday | 25 th | December | Christmas Day |
| 9am | | Mass at Dawn | B. & M. Proczynyn + (BM) |
| 11am | | Mass of the Day | For the people |
| Thursday | 26 th | December | St Stephen |
| <u>11 am</u> | | <u>Mass</u> | Ernest Otto Wherle + (F) |
| Friday | 27 th | December | St John |
| 12.30 pm | | Mass | George Taylor + (F) |
| Saturday | 28 th | December | The Holy Innocents |
| 9 am | | Rosary | |
| 9.30 am | | Mass | |
| 10 am | | Confessions | <i>until 10.30 am</i> |
| 5.30pm | | Confessions | <i>until 5.50 pm</i> |
| 6 pm | | Mass | For the People |
| 7.30pm | | Mass in Polish | |
| Sunday | 29 th | December | The Holy Family |
| 8 am | | Mass | |
| 9.30 am | | Mass | |
| 11 am | | Mass | Maria Vanzanella + (GC) |
| 2 pm | | Mass in Timorese | |

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 Sunday (CTS 76)

First Reading: Micah: 5:2-5a

From you shall come forth one who is to be ruler in Israel.

Psalms 80(79)

Bring us back, O God; let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10: 5-10

Behold, I have come to do your will.

Gospel: Luke 1:38

Why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

Those recently deceased

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

Adeline Cook, Brenda West John Gowans, Anne Spencer, Marie Ellen Williams, George William Harvey, Margaret Logan, Cosimo Possemato, Stephen O'Dea, Mary Nicholson, John Palles Joan Mary Williams, Mary Hannigan, Carlos Asensi Charles Edward Rippingale, Joan Lynn, George Taylor, Jack Bishop, Edward John Kelly, Elsie Duffy, Maurice Williams, Giovanni (John) Vanacore.

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, Brian Phillips, Anne Baytell, Patricia Bentley.

A very happy Christmas to you all, and to your families, and every blessing in the new year of our salvation, 2025: a year of jubilee in which we are invited to place all our hope in Christ.

Thank you to those who have already given me cards and Christmas gifts. In this difficult time of transition in the parish, the welcome that you have extended to me these months has been most heartwarming and encouraging, especially since, when I came to St Laurence's, I had only just recently arrived back in the UK and was still finding my feet again in our country and diocese.

In mid-January, your new stably appointed priest will arrive here in Cambridge (more information on that over the next few weeks!), and so as we prepare to begin 2025, we ask God's blessing on the parish community, as we look forward to the change, opportunities and different ways of thinking that this time of grace will bring.

The collection taken at Masses on Christmas Day is, by custom, a gift given to the priest personally. I'm very grateful for your kindness. *Fr Simon.*

Notable and New

CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: Please note that *weekday* Mass times will be a bit different during these Christmas holiday weeks (this will also help the Dominican Fathers generously cover some weekday Masses during the Christmas Octave). Please keep a close eye on the newsletter for Mass times. Different Mass times will be underlined as usual.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS SOCIAL EVENING – FRIDAY 27 DECEMBER 5 PM: All are welcome at a social evening – fun, films and fellowship for all ages – in the parish hall. Please do come along so that we can celebrate Christmas together.

COFFEE HUB: The Coffee Hub will be closed on Saturday 28th December but will open again on 4th January with revised times of 10am to 11.30am.

ADDENBROOKES VOLUNTEER: Thank you to those who have expressed interest in volunteering at Addenbrookes as a lay visitor. More volunteers are both welcome and needed, so please continue to speak to Fr Simon if you would like more information.

PARISH ODD-JOB VOLUNTEER: We are still looking for handy volunteers who would be able to help with odd jobs and handywork in our buildings (Church, Hall, Presbytery, etc). Speak to Fr Simon or email the Parish Office to find out more.

CAN YOU ADD A SEAFARER TO YOUR LIST THIS CHRISTMAS? *Stella Maris* - the Church's charity providing pastoral care to those who work at sea – would like to provide a gift for every Seafarer at sea on Christmas Day: "We hand out simple gifts like a warm hat or phone card. For many this is their only Christmas present". These gifts are in gratitude for those who deliver most of what we eat, buy and use this Christmas. Please visit stellamaris.org.uk/donate/

THE GIVING TREE: Thank you from the SVP to everybody who generously donated Christmas gifts. You have helped 15 families with hampers of goodies and gifts for their children, 61 homeless people with vouchers (via *Wintercomfort*) and you gave around 100 gifts for local elderly people, which Meals on Wheels will deliver with a Christmas meal. Thank you for spreading Christmas joy in our wider community this winter.

APF-MISSIO BOXES: This year's boxes need to be collected by the end of December. Tony Ashdjian will be at Masses on Fridays' 12:30 Mass and 6pm Mass on Saturdays. Any queries, please, phone Tony on 07814 082 032.

CHRISTMAS LITURGIES

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| Christmas Eve: | 9.30am | Final Mass of Advent |
| | 5pm | Vigil Mass of Christmas, oriented towards children and families |
| | 11.30pm | Christmas Carols |
| | 12 midnight | Mass during the Night (Midnight Mass) |
| Christmas Day: | 9am | Mass of Dawn |
| | 11am | Mass during the Day |
| Boxing Day: | 11am | Mass of St Stephen |
| New Year's Eve: | 6pm | Mass with benediction and thanksgiving, followed by parish party |
| New Year's Day: | 12.30pm | Mass of Mary, Mother of God |