1st Sunday of Advent - 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.

EMERGENCY PRAYER LINES

9am-9pm 01223 276577

THE PILGRIM

pilgrim@saintlaurence.org.uk

Roman Catholic Diocese of East Anglia Registered Charity number: 278742

Saturday	29 th	November	Feria	
9:00 am		Rosary		
9:30 am		Mass	For the People	
10:00 am		Confessions	until 10:30 am	
5:30 pm		Confessions	until 5:50 pm	
6:00 pm		Mass	Lucjan Gawędzki + (AG)	
7:30 pm	+b	Mass in Polish		
Sunday	30 th	November	1 st SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
8:00 am		Mass	Mirosław & Bronisława Procyszyn +(BM)	
9:30 am		Mass	Elizabeth & John, Samuel Mensa Family	
11:15 am		Mass	Tanga Jacqueline (MC) Deceased members of the Di Pietro-	
5 pm		Mass in Italian	Zengeni Family	
Monday	1 st	December	Advent Feria	
<u>6:30 pm</u>		Fr Robin	Celebrated by Rt. Rev. Peter G. Collins	
		Induction Mass		
Tuesday	2 nd	December	Advent Feria	
12:30 pm		Mass	Richard Dobson + (KR)Mass for	
7:00 pm		Mass		
Wednesday	3 rd	December	St Francis Xavier (Migrants' Day)	
9:30 am		Mass	5	
7:00 pm		Solemn Mass	Feast of St Francis Xavier	
Thursday	₄ th	December	Luis Paterno + (NAP) Advent Feria	
Thursday 9:30 am	4	Mass	Benjamin, Catherine Mensah-Konyo	
9.30 am		iviass	Family	
6:30 pm		Holy Hour	Adoration and Confessions	
Friday	5 th	December	Advent Feria	
12:30 pm	•	Mass	Adventiend	
7:00 pm		Mass &	Night Vigil Adoration	
		Adoration	Marciniak Siblings (ZN)	
Saturday	6 th	December	Advent Feria	
8:15 am		First Saturday		
		Devotions		
9:30 am		Mass		
10:00 am		Confessions	until 10:30 am	
5:30 pm		Confessions	until 5:50 pm	
6:00 pm		Mass	For the People	
7:30 pm		Mass in Polish	•	
Sunday	7 th	December	2 nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
8:00 am		Mass		
9:30 am		Mass	Tom Merrill + (EA)	
11:15 am		Mass	Christopher Hill + (EA)	

We congratulate Alexander, who was baptised this week & welcome him into the Church

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 1095)

First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

They anointed David king over Israel. *Psalm 122*

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the LORD.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:12-20

He has transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son.

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Those recently deceased

David Lewis, Anthony Masterson, Rita Taylor, Susan Littlechild, Pauline Brown, Mary Black, Reginald John Sherlock, Teresa Morris, Christopher Duckworth, Ruth Kent, Christine Magid, Austin Wynne, Brian Phillips, Pat Morris

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Leo Morgan, Antonina Ustymenko, Christopher Wall, Edna Brown Silvia Maio, Anna Fedorczuk, Ellen Maddison, Sarah Mitchell, Cilika Duric Frances Rolph, Jean Angus, Margaret Murray Marie Madeleine, Joscelyne Bernard Clarke, Eric Barraud, Josephine Spooner, Ann Mark, Robert Abraham Collett, Carlo Celentano, Daniel O'Callaghan, Patricia Howard, Roger Osbourn Lily Wilkin

Those who are sick

Joyce Adams, 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, Jane Bradshaw, 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

<u>FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC NIGHT VIGIL</u>: On Friday 5th December, as every first Friday of the month at St Laurence's, there will be a Eucharistic Night Vigil from 7:30 PM until 9:30 AM the following day. Parishioners who would like to sign up for Adoration should write their names on the schedule located at the entrance of the church.

FR ROBIN'S INDUCTION DAY: Bishop Peter will celebrate Fr Robin's Induction Mass on Monday, December 1st at 6:30 PM. All parishioners are welcome to attend. There will be a bring-and-share feast afterwards in the Parish Hall.

THE SYNOD-DISCUSSING THE FINAL DOCUMENT: When he received the Final Document from the Synod just over a year ago, Pope Francis stated that it has the authority of the Magisterium - that is that it is to be treated as Church teaching - so it's good to find out what the document says and its relevance to us in our parish. All are invited to meet for a conversation in the Spirit based on the Final Document of the Synod. We will meet in the church hall at 11am for about an hour on Wednesdays in December, the 3rd, 10th, and 17th. We very much hope you can join us. If you would prefer to meet in the evening, either at Church or on Zoom, please let the office know and we will see if something can be arranged.

<u>PILGRIM MAGAZINE</u> Sarah Sykes and Nora Darby have co-edited *The Pilgrim* magazine for the last 12 years and provided a valuable service to the Parish but now feel it is time to step back and let others 'take up the mantle'. They have produced their final edition, Advent 2025, and would like to thank everyone who has contributed over the years. If there is anyone who might be interested in continuing the Pilgrim Magazine, Sarah and Nora will be happy to answer questions or queries you might have. Send to Sarah/Nora via pilgrim@saintlaurence.org.uk

THE GIVING TREE will be in the narthex and online from 30th November. SVP is grateful that parishioners have always responded generously to this opportunity to spread the joy of Christmas. If you are able to contribute, please take a tag from the Giving Tree in the narthex, you can pick a gift from the online wish list on the SVP page of the parish website (Go to - Ministries/SVP) or donate any hamper item of your choice. Your gifts and hamper items will be distributed to: Children and families known to SVP, elderly people via CAMMS Meals on Wheels service & homeless people via Wintercomfort. Please note all gifts and hamper items need to be returned to church by 1 p.m. Sunday 14th December, at the latest.

PARISH GROUPS

NEIGHBOURHOOD PRAYER GROUPS: The Histon based neighbourhood group will not meet as scheduled on Monday,1st December at 7pm as it would clash with Fr Robin's induction Mass. The next evening meeting will be the first Monday in January.

OTHER NEWS

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Due to the celebration of Christ the King, there will be no separate liturgy for Children this Sunday; they are invited to join the rest of our community to celebrate during Mass. Children liturgy will be back the following Sunday. Children's Liturgy is available most Sundays during the 9:30 am and 11:15 am Masses. This special service invites young children to join our volunteers in a separate room after the opening hymn, where the Gospel is shared in an engaging way. Children rejoin the main congregation after the offertory. Parents or older siblings can join very young children. For safety, please preregister your child on the parish portal at portal saintlaurence.org.uk to ensure we have a contact number. This helps us focus on the Gospel. If you have questions about registration, feel free to ask our volunteers after Mass.

<u>PRAYING FOR OUR DECEASED LOVED ONES</u>: The month of November is traditionally dedicated to remembering and praying for those who have died. We all have deceased loved ones who hold a special place in our hearts but maybe we didn't get to tell them how much we loved them or how important they were to us? Perhaps there was something unresolved between us? Within the Communion of Saints, the bonds of love are for eternity, so it is never too late to express our feelings. To help us in our prayer for our departed loved ones, there are some remembrance leaflets available at the back of Church. Please help yourself, and when completed, post them into the <u>Communion of Saints Box</u> on the sanctuary. We will pray for all these intentions and at the end of the month, the papers will be burned.

SVP ITEMS REQUESTED PLEASE: "SVP ITEMS REQUESTED PLEASE: The SVP is seeking your support for some families in need. We are looking for a Double Buggy, Hoover, Tumble drier, children's table and a Cot. If you can help please contact Catharine Warren on 07421 253100 or email: catharine@dchdr.uk Thank you for the generous donations of clothes for boys. We appreciate your continued support for the SVP and those we assist!"

<u>INVOLVEMENT IN PARISH ORGANISATION</u>: Following the first meeting of our new Parish Council, we would like to restart some volunteer groups to help organise different aspects of Parish life. We plan groups for: Faith and faith sharing; Communications; Buildings & grounds; Social activities; Office and staffing; and Lay ministry coordination. If you would like to become involved, please contact the PPC at ppc@saintlaurence.org.uk

YOUR PARISH IS CALLING YOU! DO YOU HAVE A TRADE THAT CAN HELP OUR CHURCH? If you have a special talent and you are happy to answer a calling from your Parish to advance our church, then please make yourself and your talents known to Fr Robin, email: robinjosephcrm@rcdea.org.uk. Everything is needed and helpful. We look forward to expanding our parish family with new members.

<u>OLEM/ST LAURENCE LUNCHCLUB</u> The Christmas lunch will be held on Tuesday 2nd December. Cost: three courses £24, two courses £18. If you would like to join & would like a lift please contact Joel (07825 402869) or Nessa (01223 850716) by Friday 28th Nov.