

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

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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

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Roman Catholic

Diocese of East Anglia

Registered Charity

number: 278742

Saturday	20 th	December	Advent Feria - O Clavis David
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	For the People
7:30 pm		Mass in Polish	
Sunday	21 st	December	4 th SUNDAY OF ADVENT - O Oriens
8:00 am		Mass	
9:30 am		Mass	
11:15 am		Mass	Augusta Deane (NA)
4:00 pm		Carol Service	
7:00 pm		Mass	Christmas Novena Mass
Monday	22 nd	December	Advent Feria - O Rex Gentium
9:30 am		Mass	
7 pm		Mass	Christmas Novena Mass
Tuesday	23 rd	December	Advent Feria - O Emmanuel
9:30 am		Mass	
7:00 pm		Mass	Christmas Novena Mass
Wednesday	24 th	December	CHRISTMAS EVE
9:30 am		Mass	
5:00 pm		Vigil Mass	
11:30 pm		Christmas Carols	
12 midnight		Midnight Mass	Jacinta Richard Simon + (TC)
Thursday	25 th	December	CHRISTMAS DAY
9:00 am		Mass at Dawn	Miroslaw & Bronislawa Procyszyn + (BM)
11:00 am		Mass of the Day	Corazon Rivera-Barrera +, Emerito Yabut Barrera + & John Cacapit (JRC)
Friday	26 th	December	St Stephen
11.00 am		Mass	Ernest Otto Wherle + (F)
Saturday	27 th	December	St John
9:00 am		Rosary	
9:30 am		Mass	George Taylor + (F)
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	28 th	December	THE HOLY FAMILY
8:00 am		Mass	Laurent Hennequin's Birthday (M&GH)
9:30 am		Mass	Giacinta Farrugia's & Emmanuelle Muscat + (CL)
11:15 am		Mass	
5:00 pm		Mass in Italian	Giuseppe Ruggiero & Rosa Di Schiena +

We congratulate Olanna Janelle and Obinna Joel, who were baptised this week, and welcome them 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 42)

First Reading: Isaiah 7: 10-14

Behold, the virgin shall conceive.

Psalms 24(23)

Let the Lord enter; He is the king of glory.

Second Reading: Romans 1: 1-7

Jesus Christ, descended from David, Son of God.

Gospel: Matthew 1: 18-24

Jesus was born of Mary, who was betrothed to Joseph, son of David.

Those recently deceased

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, Christine Magid, Austin Wynne, Brian Phillips, Pat Morris

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

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

Those who are sick

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

MORNING MASS ON TUESDAY 23rd WILL BE AT 9.30 AM because of Christmas flower arrangements and decorations in Church.

OFFICE HOURS: The office will be closed the week after Christmas. For any urgent matters, please email office@saintlaurence.org.uk or call 01223987091

CAR PARKING REGISTRATION LIST: Starting Saturday, the 20th, a list of vehicle registration numbers will be displayed in the Narthex near the car park tablet. Please ensure your car is registered. If it is not, contact the office as soon as possible.

A BIG THANK YOU FROM SVP, to St Laurence's parishioners and the nursery Little Hands in Bourn, for your generous donations to the GIVING TREE. You have helped 23 families with hampers of goodies and gifts for their children, many homeless people with vouchers (for Wintercomfort to distribute) and you gave around a 100 treats for local elderly people, which Meals on Wheels will deliver with a Christmas meal. THANK YOU for spreading the joy of Christmas.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP FOR BETHLEHEM CHRISTIANS: Thank you to everyone who helped and supported the sale of olivewood items from Bethlehem. A total of £169 was raised, plus any online payments made, and will be forwarded to the craftsmen via the Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood.

PARISH GROUPS

NEIGHBOURHOOD PRAYER GROUPS:

The Arbury and King's Hedges prayer group will meet on **Monday 29th December at 7.30 pm.**
If you would like to join, please contact Erminia (e.carillo79@gmail.com) for directions.

The Histon, Girton and Oakington prayer group will meet on **Monday 5th January 2026 at 7pm.**
If you would like to join, please contact Barbara (b.quail@ntlworld.com) for directions.

The Northstowe/Barhill/Longstanton prayer group will meet on **Friday 9th January at 7pm.**
If you would like to join, please contact Sandy at 07714 462151 for directions.

OTHER NEWS

PLEASE PRAY FOR JOYCE ADAMS, who recently passed away, and for her family as they mourn her loss. Joyce's Requiem Mass will take place on Friday, 9th January at 12.30 pm, followed by a cremation service at Huntingdon crematorium at 2.30 pm. All are welcome to attend.

RETRouvaille HELPS MARRIAGES: It can bring hope and healing to relationships. Next date: 12th February 2026.
www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 07887 296983

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.



Christmas Liturgies

Christmas Eve: 9.30 am – Final Mass of Advent

5.00 pm – Vigil Mass of Christmas, oriented towards children and families

11.30 pm – Christmas Carols

12 midnight – Mass during the Night (Midnight Mass)

Christmas Day: 9.00 am – Mass of Dawn

11.00 am – Mass during the Day

Boxing Day: 11.00 – Mass of St Stephen

New Year's Eve: 9.30 am Mass

11.00 pm – Thanksgiving Holy Hour followed by Midnight Mass with benediction and thanksgiving.

New Years' Day: 12.30 am Mass of Mary, Mother of God

Confessions: 20 December: from 10 am to 12 pm and 4.30 pm to 6 pm

23 December: from 10 am to 12 pm and 5 pm to 7 pm