



FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

12th January 2025 · Year C · Weekday I · Psalter I

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TIMES OF CEREMONIES

Sunday 12th Jan	BAPTISM OF THE LORD		
	9am	Mass	<i>Souls in Purgatory</i>
	11am	Solemn Mass	<i>Daphne & Paddy Joyce +</i>
	4.30pm	Vespers & Benediction	
	5.30pm	Mass	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday 13th	<i>S Hilary</i>		
	10am	Mass	<i>Adrian & Christine D'Arcy</i>
Tuesday 14th	<i>Feria</i>		
	10am	Mass	<i>Frank Devany (F) +</i>
	5pm	Vespers	
	5.30pm	Mass	<i>Souls in Purgatory</i>
Wednesday 15th	<i>Feria</i>		
	7.30am	Mass	<i>Souls in Purgatory</i>
	10am	Mass	<i>Those suffering pain or discomfort</i>
Thursday 16th	<i>S Fursey</i>		
	10am	Mass	<i>Souls in Purgatory</i>
Friday 17th	<i>S Anthony</i>		
	7.30am	Mass	<i>Mark & Stella</i>
	10am	Mass	<i>Souls in Purgatory</i>
Saturday 18th	<i>Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday</i>		
	10am	Mass & Adoration	<i>Souls in Purgatory</i>
	6pm	Mass (Anticipatory)	<i>Fr George Fressanges (F) +</i>
Sunday 19th	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
	9am	Mass	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	11am	Solemn Mass	<i>Robert Duns</i>
	4.30pm	Vespers & Benediction	
	5.30pm	Mass	<i>Souls in Purgatory (AC)</i>

The Cathedral Church is open daily from 7.30am until 6pm

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Confessions

Tuesday: 6pm

Saturday: 10.30am

Saturday: 5.15pm

Sunday: 4.45pm

Rosary

The Rosary is prayed in the
Lady Chapel.

Monday to Friday after the
10am Mass.

Divine Office

Lauds is prayed in the
Precious Blood Chapel.

Monday to Friday at
9:40am.

HOLY APOSTLES CHURCH

Scarnell Road, Norwich NR5 8HT

Holy Apostle Masses for week commencing 12th January 2025:

No Holy Qurbana - please speak to Fr Jinu.

No University Chaplain Masses

12 January 2025 - 12:30 Chapel Break Hall, Harpsfield, Bowthorpe, NR5 9LG

19th January 2025 – No Mass this week due to continued works

A message from Fr Alan...

This week I celebrated an Epiphany Mass for the children at St Francis of Assisi school, I was unaware that this was their first day back at school after the Christmas break, but I was impressed at their enthusiasm, their joy at being back at school and for their enjoyment in singing, reading and participating in the Mass. It reminded me of my first day(s) back at school so many years ago and how there was that feeling of both anticipation alongside a quiet concern for the term ahead. I wonder how many of those children faced similar disquiet - especially those who were new to the school this year?

I was deeply impressed with their young minds when I asked them questions about the Epiphany and the Christmas story. Did I know what frankincense was when I was their age? Who was King Herod and why was he feared? Without fail, the children always came up with the answers with confidence and clarity. Granted, I did not ask them to actually name the Three Wise Men (but I bet they would have probably answered that as well!).

We are blessed to have three catholic schools in this parish amongst the many schools throughout the diocese. I am always conscious when I visit a school that these children and students are our future in the Faith and that it is crucial that the Faith is delivered in an accessible way that is fun and stimulating for them to grasp.

Ramp to the St Joseph's chapel

It was pointed out to me this week that the ramp to the St Joseph's chapel does not meet health and safety requirements. It is too steep, has no handrail and a wheelchair could easily fall off the side of the ramp onto the stone steps and cause serious injury to the person using the ramp. We have been instructed to remove it immediately - please bear with us as we source a more suitable method of assisting people who cannot manage the steps. Should you be unable to get to the Duckett Library because of the steps, please speak to one of the librarians who will be happy to source the books you require. Thank you for your patience.

Holy Apostles' update

The redecoration is coming along swiftly, and the church is looking resplendent in her lovely clean and crisp colours. I had hoped to celebrate Mass there next weekend (19th January) however, the contractors have said that this is unlikely and therefore there will be NO MASS at Holy Apostles next weekend. I am hoping that this will be the last week of disruption until the summer when the external paintwork will be addressed (with minimum inconvenience). Hopefully we will be able to reclaim our church for the weekend of the 26th of January - I will keep you posted, and I apologise to the parishioners whom I met at the church last Sunday as we were unable to contact everyone directly - thank you for your patient understanding.

READINGS AT MASS

Sunday 12th January 2025

First reading

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

'Behold my servant, in whom my soul delights.'

Thus says the LORD: Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights. I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.

He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law.

'I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you;

I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind,

to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 29(28):1-2. 3ac-4. 3b, 9b-10. R11b

The LORD will bless his people with peace.

Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly powers,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;
bow down before the LORD, majestic in holiness.

The voice of the LORD upon the waters,
the LORD on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the LORD full of power;
the voice of the LORD full of splendour.

The God of glory thunders;
in his temple they all cry, 'Glory!'
The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits as king for ever.

Second reading

Acts 10:34-38

'God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit.'

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: 'Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all — you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.'

Gospel Acclamation

Cf. Mark 9:7

The Heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered: "This is my beloved Son; listen to him".

Gospel

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

'When Jesus had been baptised and was praying, the heavens were opened.'

At that time: As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, 'I baptise you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Now when all the people were baptised by John the Baptist and when Jesus also had been baptised and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'

HYMN NUMBERS FOR 9AM MASS:

471, 99, 171, 636, 795

NEWS AND EVENTS

This weekend (11th/12th Jan) - Andy and Mary Clark from the charity, Network for a Better World will give an update on how our donations have helped in the parish of Sitima in Malawi. More details at www.n4bw.org.uk

Children's Liturgy - resumes after the Christmas break on Sunday 12th January at the 9am Mass.

The Teresian Prayer Group - meets again on Tuesday 14 January at 4.30pm in the Narthex Bar to reflect on the writings of St John of the Cross. All are welcome.

Mass of the Infant Jesus / Sinulog Festival – will be held in the Cathedral on Sunday 19th January at 1.15pm with the Fiesta Celebration afterwards at The Willow Centre, Cringleford, NR4 7JJ.

Hospital Mass - Mass is celebrated at 12 noon on the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month in the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital Chapel (Centre Block, Level 1). Our next Mass will be on **Monday 20th January** and then on **Monday 3rd February**.

St John's Cathedral SVP – wishes to thank parishioners for their generous donations and Notre Dame High School for the wonderful hampers. Giving Tree (organised by Norwich Food Bank) donated 26 Christmas presents; St Augustine's RC Primary School's Minnie Vinnies created a "Christmas Tree of Tins" which was shared with the SVP and Norwich Foodbank. Again, this Christmas, the SVP were able to help many struggling families and individuals made possible by your generosity. Grateful thanks and wishing you all a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

The Garden Café –will now be open from 9.30am - Monday to Saturday.

This newsletter is sponsored by:

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FLAME 2025 - The largest gathering of Catholic Youth in the UK is back - 15th March 2025 @ Wembley Arena. To book your ticket and join this year's Confirmation Group please follow the link to the online form - [FLAME 2025](#). Tickets are £30 per student and £40 per adult - includes transport. For more information, please email Jo Graham - stjohnfhc@gmail.com.

For Valentine's Day - treat a loved one to an afternoon tea at The Garden Cafe. Join us on Friday 14th February to indulge in a range of freshly made sandwiches, delicious seasonal savoury and sweet treats with unlimited tea and filter coffee. £19.95 per person. Top it off with some bubbly at just £6 a glass or £19 for the whole bottle! Available between 11:30am and 1pm. Booking is essential. We require £10 non-refundable deposit. Allergens and dietary requirement can be catered for with prior notice. To book: 01603 724380 / bookings@sjbcathedral.org.uk

A Year of Hope: An Introduction to the Jubilee Year with the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development- 2025 is a Jubilee year, but what does that mean? Catholic talk show host and author Nana Churcher, and CAFOD's Simon Giarchi will be hosting Fr Jan Nowotnik (Director of Mission for the Bishop's Conference), Christine Allen (CAFOD's Director) and Kayode Akintola (CAFOD's Head of Africa) and more for a lively start to the Jubilee. With a special appearance by Catholic band Ooberfuse. Saturday 18 Jan, 10:30am-midday, online. All welcome. Register here for free: cafod.org.uk/jubilee

Are you or someone you know hurting from past abortion(s)? Rachel's Vineyard is a healing ministry for those who are suffering from the trauma of abortion. The healing weekends offer a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can deal with painful post-abortive emotions and receive healing. **The next Rachel's Vineyard retreat weekend in our diocese will take place on March 21st -23rd 2025. With booking now open and a limit of 8 people per retreat, it is advisable to book early.** For more information about this retreat or to arrange a time to chat please contact Charlotte on 07958 235 270; or email to suffolk@rachelsvineyard.org.uk. Further information about Rachel's Vineyard or to find out about other retreat dates and locations please visit: <https://www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk>

INSTRUCTIONS FOR REGULAR SACRAMENTS

With all sacraments, we do try to accommodate the needs of the individual or couple seeking to celebrate in our Cathedral. However, we are bound by the Rite of the Catholic Church in terms of liturgy and music. The priest or deacon assigned to work with you will guide you as much as possible. In general, eulogies are NOT part of the Catholic rite of Funerals and, as such should be deferred to the crematorium or a suitable gathering of loved ones after the funeral.

Our Director of Music will assist you with appropriate music that matches the dignity of the service and is appropriate to the Cathedral - this will be from a choice of sacred music generally played on the cathedral organ (no pre-recorded music).

All readings in the Cathedral must come from Sacred Scripture - poems and prose that do not comply with this should be used at the reception after the service.

BAPTISMS

Infant Baptisms - baptism is the joy-filled initiation into the Christian life and is celebrated as a public event within the community. The Sacrament of Baptism takes place on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month at 11:30am. This is a joint celebration with up to three other families. Baptism preparation classes are held on the last Saturday of every month from 4.30pm - 5.15pm. This needs to be booked, in advance, through the parish office.

Adult Baptisms - generally take place at the Easter Vigil and conferred by the Bishop in his Cathedral. Candidates will need to undergo adult instruction classes for at least five months (usually starting in late September). Classes take place every Friday evening from 7pm - commencing in September.

Baptisms do not take place during the seasons of Advent and Lent. For all Baptism enquiries, please contact the parish office.

WEDDINGS

A minimum of 6 months' notice is required of any marriage taking place in the cathedral. Wedding couples should be resident within the parish boundaries or have some strong link to the cathedral. Please **do not** make any arrangements nor book any venue or make any concrete plans until you have secured a wedding date.

There is a three-fold requirement for marriage preparation; Catechetical and Liturgical preparation (a marriage instruction course at the cathedral toward the middle of January as well as a one-day course in Newmarket), Civil paperwork (through the townhall) as well as documentation required by the Catholic Church for the chancery and parish registers. This applies whether you are planning to be married in the Cathedral or if you plan to marry in a different location.

FUNERALS

At St John's Cathedral, funerals take place during the weekday 10am Mass. The Cathedral is generally booked through your funeral director - so please speak to them first about your needs and they will contact the Cathedral on your behalf.

Prayers for the Sick

Cathy Adams, Dr Michael Anibueze, Philippa Barnes, Ian Beyts, Jennifer Boland, Eleanor Bray, Amanda Caistor, Brenda Devany, Jonathon Fitzimmons, Sophia Gough-Solar, Mary Hatcher, Joe Heaney, Gill Horan, Paul Horan, Nancy Horner, David Jamieson, Joel McDonough, Anne O'Leary, Maria Osorio, Mary Newby, Gary Newton, Isobel O'Connor, Christopher Parish, Canon David Paul, Anthony Preston, Nicholle Sales, Reece Sales, Linda Sheppard, Christine Taylor, Peter Thorn, Mary Ward, Fr John Warrington, Peter Willets, Adrian Woods, the Wood Family, Patricia Woolley, Isobel Woolner, the Watson Family and Shane Wissner. [GDPR compliant]

Going into hospital? Please inform the hospital ward itself that the Catholic Chaplain is needed.