



## SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

19<sup>th</sup> January 2025 · Year C · Weekday I · Psalter II

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### TIMES OF CEREMONIES

<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>		
	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>
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>S Sebastian</i>		
	10am	Mass	<i>Souls in Purgatory</i>
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<i>S Agnes</i>		
	10am	Mass	<i>Robert Reid (F) +</i>
	5pm	Vespers	
	5.30pm	Mass	<i>Souls in Purgatory</i>
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<i>Feria</i>		
	7.30am	Mass	<i>Souls in Purgatory</i>
	10am	Mass	<i>Patricia &amp; Derek Mitchell +</i>
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<i>Feria</i>		
	10am	Mass	<i>Souls in Purgatory</i>
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>S Francis de Sales</i>		
	7.30am	Mass	
	10am	Mass	<i>Souls in Purgatory</i>
<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>The Conversion of S Paul</b>		
	10am	Mass & Adoration	<i>Priscilla Rato</i>
	6pm	Mass (Anticipatory)	<i>Angelica &amp; Ana Lisa Cruz</i>
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>		
	9am	Mass	<i>Margaret Gleeson +</i>
	11am	Solemn Mass	<i>Anna Maria Crosskill +</i>
	4.30pm	Vespers & Benediction	
	5.30pm	Mass	<i>Pro Populo</i>

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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***19th January 2025: No Mass this week due to redecorating**

No Holy Qurbana at this Church.

No University Chaplain Mass

## **A message from Fr Alan...**

Though we do not celebrate the 1<sup>st</sup> of January in the Church as anything notable - it is merely the secular calendar that moves from one year to the next - the date is still marked by the feast of Mary Mother of God and this time of year is noticeable within the Church as we enter into 'Ordinary Time'.

If you remember last year, we had a very early Lent, so we were barely into Ordinary Time when, before we knew it, we had moved to Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent. This year, however, Ash Wednesday is particularly late (05 March) and so we have plenty of time to get over Christmastide and to start to prepare for Lent more effectively.

I enjoy the start of Ordinary Time immensely; the clutter of Christmas decorations, trees and cards have all been removed and the house looks more open and accessible - we still have the crib up in Cathedral House and that will stay there until the Presentation of the Lord (or Candlemas) on 02 February. I really enjoy the fresh look of the cathedral with her green altar frontal and green vestments altered only by the occasional feast day or solemnity - the rhythm of the Church calendar has its own comforting feel to it during this time. This period somehow anchors me and helps me to look ahead and to all that is to come our way this year. There is much to organise as we celebrate the Jubilee Year in harmony with the rest of the Universal Church - our cathedral teams are going to be fairly stretched as we welcome different groups from around the diocese to this sacred place.

There is, however, no time to relax! The catechetical term has begun, and we once again have Sunday afternoons buzzing with life as the children are taught about the Gospel, our adult instruction classes have recommenced along with marriage instruction and there are the schools to cater to as well. It is the steadiness of the pace that helps to breathe life into our parish and give us a sense of calmness through repetitious familiarity.

### **Children's Liturgy**

Our children's liturgy at 09:00 on Sundays is extremely popular and our catechists work hard to ensure that the classes are full of fun and learning. The class is, however, not a babysitting facility for parents to drop the children off and then leave the premises for ANY reason at all. If your child attends the liturgy in the Narthex, then it is expected that this is to relieve you (the parent/guardian) to attend the Mass. Our safeguarding protocol insists that a responsible adult is readily available for the child should anything happen and you are needed in an emergency. I struggle to actually believe that a parent would simply leave their child and not be here for them, but I have been informed that this is, sadly, the case. You **MUST** stay at the cathedral whilst your child attends the liturgy - we cannot take on this responsibility on your behalf.

### **Holy Apostles**

I visited the church this week to see how our contractors are doing, and I really am impressed. the church looks so much cleaner, fresher and brighter and the sanctuary area really does 'pop out' in its contrasting colour. The whole place seems larger and brighter - an excellent way to begin Ordinary Time in our community. This week the contractors will finish the sacristy, kitchen and bathroom.

I have been promised that the church itself will be ready for Mass next weekend, 26 January. It has been a few weeks of inconvenience and upheaval, but I am convinced that it will be worthwhile and that our community that attends Mass there will appreciate the new look. In the summer months we will attend to the outside of the building as well. Thank you, once again, for your patience.

**'The Lord delights in you.'**

For Sion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch.

The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married.

For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

**Responsorial Psalm****Ps 96(95):1-2a. 2b-3. 7-8a. 9-10ac. R3****Response to the Responsorial Psalm:**

*Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.*

**Second reading****1 Corinthians 12:4-11****'The one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.'**

Brothers and Sisters: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills

Alleluia, alleluia.

God called us through the gospel,  
so that we may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia.

**Gospel**

**John 2:1-11**

**'This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee.'**

At that time: There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding seventy or one hundred litres. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. And he said to them, 'Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.' So, they took it. When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.'

This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

**HYMN NUMBERS FOR 9AM MASS:**

**473, 757, 823, 832, 713**

## NEWS AND EVENTS

**Mass of the Infant Jesus / Sinulog Festival** – will be held in the Cathedral this Sunday at 1.15pm with the Fiesta Celebration afterwards at The Willow Centre, Cringleford, NR4 7JJ. All are invited.

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

**The Duckett Library** - has as display of books linked to the Jubilee Year including some CAFOD Jubilee leaflets.

**School vacancy available** - for a Headteacher at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Peterborough. Please see Diocesan website for more details:

<https://www.rcdea.org.uk/schools/school-vacancies/>

**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](mailto:stjohnfhc@gmail.com)

**St John the Baptist Catholic Multi Academy Trust** - which includes 11 Catholic schools in our Diocese is looking to appoint **Head of HR**. For more information please check the Trust website: [www.stjohnthebaptist-cmat.org.uk](http://www.stjohnthebaptist-cmat.org.uk) or e-mail [recruitment@ndhs.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@ndhs.org.uk)

**Community of Our Lady of Walsingham - House Appeal** -In honour of the Presentation of the Lord on 2nd February - the *World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life* - could you help a new, growing, religious community? The **Community of Our Lady of Walsingham** seeks donations to establish a mission house in Walsingham where they can expand their work of spiritual accompaniment, hospitality and supporting young people to grow in faith. The community will pray for all benefactors and are grateful for donations of any amount which can be made at [www.walsinghamcommunity.org/maryshouseappeal](http://www.walsinghamcommunity.org/maryshouseappeal)

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## NEWS AND EVENTS

**Mass Intentions** – there is currently a long wait for Mass Intentions, so we strongly recommend giving as much notice as possible if a preferred date is requested. With many thanks for your patience.

**For Valentine's Day** - treat a loved one to an afternoon tea at The Garden Cafe. Join us on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:bookings@sjbcathedral.org.uk)

**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 21<sup>st</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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>

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



## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.*