



SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

16th February 2025 · Year C · Weekday I · Psalter II

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TIMES OF CEREMONIES

Sunday 16th Feb	SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME		
	9am	Mass	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	11am	Solemn Mass	<i>Holy Souls in Purgatory (AC)</i>
	4.30pm	Vespers & Benediction	
	5.30pm	Mass with Cantor	<i>Emilia Bersalona +</i>
Monday 17th	<i>Feria</i>		
	10am	Mass	<i>John O'Brien +</i>
Tuesday 18th	<i>Feria</i>		
	10am	Mass	<i>Edward Costello</i>
	5pm	Vespers (said)	
	5.30pm	Mass (said)	<i>John Sander +</i>
Wednesday 19th	<i>Feria</i>		
	7.30am	Mass	<i>Jacqueline Sioyer +</i>
	10am	Mass	<i>Victor Boyet Maranan +</i>
Thursday 20th	<i>Feria</i>		
	10am	Mass	<i>John Fitzmaurice (F) +</i>
Friday 21st	<i>S Robert Southwell</i>		
	7.30am	Mass	<i>Leslie Hudson +</i>
	10am	Mass	<i>Winifred Saxon +</i>
Saturday 22nd	The Chair of St Peter		
	10am	Solemn Pontifical Mass for Deacons	<i>Thanksgiving</i>
	6pm	Mass (Anticipatory)	<i>Lorna Kellett +</i>
Sunday 23rd	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME		
	9am	Mass	<i>Thanksgiving for the Caasi Family</i>
	11am	Solemn Mass	<i>John Mongan & Family</i>
	4.30pm	Vespers & Benediction	
	5.30pm	Mass	<i>Pro Populo</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*parish@sjbcathedral.org.uk*Sunday*

8am

Holy Qurbana

10am

Mass & Confessions

4pm

Holy Qurbana

A message from Fr Alan...

The power of prayer in the Universal Church:

When I first arrived at the cathedral, I received an email from Maureen Hyland, a woman who lives in Australia asking for our prayers for her friend Phil who had been diagnosed with an aggressive cancer. I was able to celebrate a Mass for Phil and asked the people at the Mass to pray for Phil. Maureen is not known to me, but she had written to many cathedrals and communities throughout the world.

Last week, she wrote to me with an update, and, with her permission, I would like to pass on her gratitude to the cathedral community and ask for your continuing prayers:

Maureen writes:

With 2025 well underway, I thought it was time to send you an update on what has become a seemingly miraculous answer to our prayers.

Back in 2022, I contacted you from Melbourne, Australia and asked for prayers for my friend Phil Bawden who had been diagnosed with an incurable and very aggressive cancer. He had been given an outside chance of surviving for five months. At the time, seeking prayers was the only thing I could think of doing to bring some comfort to Phil and his wife (and my dearest friend) Maryrose. I promised Phil that, for as long as he is with us here on Earth, I will remain on my 'virtual journey' around the world to do just that.

So, here I am today, nearly three years after making that vow, letting you know that my journey continues. Phil is still with us, and he and Maryrose have, together, celebrated many milestones that three years ago seemed so impossible. Even as I type this, I am feeling totally overwhelmed and brought to tears as I contemplate the magnitude of the messages I have received from others like you. I have had more than 350 responses from church communities, religious congregations and individuals from 69 different countries. Can you believe this?

That reaction alone, to me, is a miracle. I never dreamed this would happen. Every one of the responses forms a page in a book I created for Phil when I imagined perhaps getting a dozen or so replies. You can imagine how thick that book is now, and it is a continual inspiration to both Phil and Maryrose. So, you can see why I needed to send you an update and once again thank you for replying to my original request. To me, this is the miracle of prayer, and you are part of that miracle.

'Cursed is the man who trusts in man; blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord.'

Thus says the LORD: 'Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a shrub in the desert and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

'Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.'

Responsorial Psalm**Ps 1:1-2. 3. 4, 6. R Psalm 40(39):5a**

Blessed the man who has placed his trust in the LORD.

Second reading**1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20**

'If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile.'

Brothers and Sisters: If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile, and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 6:23ab

Alleluia, alleluia.

Rejoice and leap for joy, says the Lord,
for behold, your reward is great in heaven.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 6:17, 20-26

'Blessed are you who are poor. Woe to you who are rich.'

At that time: Jesus came down with the Twelve and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon. And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and spurn your name as evil on account of the Son of Man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.'

HYMN NUMBERS FOR 9AM MASS:

934, 944, 814, 856

NEWS AND EVENTS

The 10am Mass on Saturday 22nd February will be a Jubilee Mass for Deacons - Bishop Peter will preside. There will be no Adoration or Confessions as there will be baptisms and a wedding directly after the Mass.

The appointment of two new Cathedral Canons – Bishop Peter has appointed Fr Sean Connolly and Fr David Finegan as two new Canons of the Cathedral Chapter of Canons. We wish them every blessing in their new appointment.

How are you preparing for Lent? Come to “Don’t forget the Holy Spirit”, a day of renewal at St Laurence’s Church, Milton Road, Cambridge 1st March 2025 10:00 – 16:00 with Guest speakers Fr Matt Anscombe & Caroline Sadd. The day includes Mass (10:30), praise & worship, inspiring talks, real-life accounts of transformation, reconciliation, exposition & prayer ministry. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and Coffee will be available.

For more info email: renewaleastanglia@gmail.com or phone Pam Smith: 07869652115

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 17th February** and then on **Monday 3rd March**.

The Duckett Library – will be closed during half-term on Sunday 16th, Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th February – reopening on Sunday 23rd February. Please leave returned books in the box outside the library door.

Fr Alan is turning 60 soon and we are having a party – all invited – on Sunday 9th March at 12.30 in the Narthex. Please sign up on the list at the back of the Cathedral so that we can sort out the catering. If you can help with setting up tables and chairs or bringing a dish to share, please note that down on the sign-up sheet. Thank you.

Save the date – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party – in the Narthex from 4pm – organised by the Youth Group to fundraise for Flame 2025. Get your pancakes in before Lent starts and support our young people going to Flame 25 – the largest Catholic Youth Conference in the UK.

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The Cathedral Shop is now stocking **The Jubilee Companion Booklet** and is available to purchase for £1.50. This booklet aims to assist and enrich your celebration of this Holy Year and will help you to ponder and pray on the themes. It also includes prayers and hymns to assist with your journey through the year.

"SPRING into SPRING!" - with *St John's Walking Group!* If you enjoy walking outdoors, meeting other parishioners and you would like gentle exercise after the long winter, why not sign up for the Group! For more information contact John on 07977470491 or at jjmclean44@gmail.com."

African Night – Saturday 22nd February from 6pm. Come along for music, dance, African food, stalls and more. Tickets are £18 per adult / £16 in advance (via Eventbrite only), children under 11 free, raising funds for Doctors without Borders.

Save the date - Thursday 27th February - coffee morning and raffle for Tambogrande. All welcome at 74 Highland Rd NR2 3NW (Andrew and Sarah Ebelewicz). from 10.30-12.30.

St Patrick's Night, Saturday 22nd March - Join us for an evening of live entertainment and good food! Indulge in a delicious homemade Irish Stew and bring along your favourite Irish dessert. Tickets are £10 each, including your stew. The bar will also be open! All profits go towards the building fund. To book contact Sarah on 01603 724380 or bookings@sjbcathedral.org.uk.

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea - Treat your mums, step-mums, grandmas and all to a delicious afternoon tea this Mother's Day. It is the perfect gift to say thank you to someone special. Available on Saturday 29th March, between 11am and 1:30pm. Booking is required along with a £10 non-refundable deposit per person. Any allergens or dietary requirements can be catered for with prior notice. To book - contact Sarah on 01603 724380 or bookings@sjbcathedral.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, Mary Gledhill, 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.