



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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TIMES OF CEREMONIES

Sunday 16th March	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT		
	9am	Mass	<i>David G. Pattrick</i>
	11am	Solemn Mass	<i>Trevor William John Brown +</i>
	4.30pm	Vespers & Benediction	
	5.30pm	Mass with Cantor	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday 17th	S Patrick		
	10am	Mass	<i>Albert Hannan & Caroline Wensworth +</i>
Tuesday 18th	<i>Lent Feria</i>		
	10am	Mass	<i>Jim Swinley +</i>
	5pm	Vespers	
	5.30pm	Mass	<i>Joe Joseph +</i>
Wednesday 19th	S JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY		
	7.30am	Mass	<i>S Philomena & St John Vianney +</i>
	12pm	Chapter of Canons	<i>Nigel Smith</i>
Thursday 20th	<i>Lent Feria</i>		
	10am	Requiem Mass	<i>Mary Hunter +</i>
Friday 21st	<i>Lent Feria</i>		
	7.30am	Mass	<i>Francesca Maria Noakes (F) +</i>
	10am	Mass	<i>Ella Winterlich +</i>
	12pm	Stations of the Cross	
	5.30pm	Stations of the Cross	
Saturday 22nd	<i>Lent Feria</i>		
	10am	Mass	<i>Niamh Hodson (Dineen) +</i>
	6pm	Mass (Anticipatory)	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Sunday 23rd	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT		
	9am	Mass	<i>George Leverage +</i>
	11am	Solemn Mass	<i>Marta Nunes de Santana +</i>
	4.30pm	Vespers & Benediction	
	5.30pm	Mass	<i>Patrick Michael Dalton +</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

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Sunday

8am

Holy Qurbana

10am

Mass & Confessions

4pm

Holy Qurbana

A message from Fr Alan...

With much gratitude: I write to thank the many parishioners who were so generous to me as I celebrated my 60th birthday this week. Thank you for your generous contributions, gifts, cards and Masses that will be celebrated in various parishes throughout the diocese over the weeks ahead. For me, it was wonderful to see the parish come together after the 11:00 Mass last week and enjoy a delicious and varied lunch; the weather was also on our side so we could enjoy the garden. Thank you to the many volunteers who set up the hall, provided the meal and then took it all down again. The balloon arch and sculpture were particularly impressive as well as the cake(s). Thank you very much to all.

More thanks: Those who pray regularly on the Blessed Sacrament chapel would have noticed this week that there has been an enhancement to the comfort of the chapel through the purchase of pew cushions for the benches. This was all thanks to the very kind and generous offer of one of our parishioners who sits there regularly and wanted to make it more inviting and comfortable for everyone who finds solace in that chapel. Thank you for your generosity to the parish and to your fellow parishioners.

New catechesis programme: Next week at all of the Masses I will be announcing the introduction of a new web-based catechetical programme for all ages for our parish. More details will be released as we approach the weekend and then the launch will take place over the weekend. I am hoping that there will be something for everyone through exploring and utilising this package. Watch this space for more details!

Dogs: A reminder that only Registered Assistance dogs are permitted in the cathedral.

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

God enters into a covenant with Abram, the man of faith.

In those days: God brought Abram outside and said, 'Look towards heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your offspring be.' And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

And he said to him, 'I am the LORD who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.' And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking firepot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

Responsorial Psalm**Ps 27(26):1. 7-8b. 8c-9c. 13-14. R1a**

The LORD is my light and my salvation.

Second reading**Philippians 3:20-4:1****Christ will configure us to his glorious body.**

Brothers and Sisters: Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.

From a bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard:

'This is my beloved Son, listen to him'.

Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.

Gospel

Luke 9:28b-36

'As Jesus was praying, the appearance of his face was altered.'

At that time: Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah' — not knowing what he said. As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, 'This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!' And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

HYMN NUMBERS FOR 9AM MASS:

204, 88, 743, 970

NEWS AND EVENTS

CAFOD Friday Fast – please return all envelopes to the Sacristy or to the Parish Office.

Chapter of Canons – the daily Mass on Wednesday 19th March will be at 12pm with the Chapter of Canons.

Prayer and Adoration for Life – dates for your diaries, as the Assisted Dying Bill reaches its report stage in Parliament on April 25th, we continue our prayers for the protection of life at both the end of life and from its conception. There will be two opportunities for Prayer and Adoration during Lent for the Sanctity of Life on **Wednesday 2nd and Wednesday 9th April** where Holy hours will take place between 5-6pm. All welcome.

Stations of the Cross – will take place on Fridays during Lent at 12pm and 5.30pm, starting this Friday 7th March.

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 March** and then on **Monday 7th April**.

28th-29th March - 24 Hours Adoration with the Lord - starting with 10am Mass on Friday and running through the day and night up to 10am Mass on Saturday. Further information on the itinerary for the day is available on the Cathedral website.

The Duckett Library has a display of Lent reading available to borrow until after the Easter break – plenty of time to read them! Also, for Scott Hahn fans, he is giving a series of free online talks on 'The Seven Last Words' – register on the St Paul Center for Biblical Theology (stpaulcenter.com) under 'courses'.

Children's Liturgy sign up form - if your child/children are attending the Children's Liturgy at the 9am Mass, please scan the QR code here and fill in the registration form - just once this year to add their names to the register. A hard copy of the register will be available from next Sunday 9th March for parents to sign in when bringing their children to Children's Liturgy. Thank You



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Lenten Talks – a reminder that our third Lenten Talk on Gregorian Chant and the Liturgy will take place in the Narthex Hall at 7pm on Tuesday 25th March. No tickets necessary. All welcome.

Very many thanks for recent support for Tambogrande. The coffee morning, enjoyed by all raised a fantastic £208.50. £90 has been gifted as donations. Post 9am Mass coffee raised £39. This money pays for Wilma who works in a rural school network Grateful thanks to everyone.

Lenten Lunches - please join us for a hearty soup and roll every Sunday in Lent @ 12noon from 16th March to 13th April - featuring soups from around the world and in support of the Tambogrande project.

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. Donations of raffle prizes will be gratefully received!

Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea - Treat your mums, step-mums, grandmas and all to a delicious afternoon tea this Mothers' 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

New Garden Cafe Menu - Visit the Garden Cafe and take a look at their new menu. New items include homemade beer battered fish and chips and delicious homemade quiche! Breakfast available Monday to Saturday 9:30am - 11:30am and lunch served 11:30am - 14:30pm.

Notre Dame High School - presents Disney's High School Musical! Performances on Wednesday 26th, Thursday 27th and Friday 28th March. Tickets are £10 for adults, students and concessions £8. www.ticketsource.co.uk/notre-dame-high-school for booking.

There is a vacancy in the Diocese of East Anglia for Director of Schools Service. Please see website for more details: <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/vacancies/>

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.