



EASTER OCTAVE

20th April 2025 · Year C · Weekday I · Psalter

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TIMES OF CEREMONIES

Sunday 20th April	EASTER SUNDAY		
	9am	Mass	<i>Clementino dos Santos +</i>
	11am	Solemn Pontifical Mass	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	3pm	Mass [1962 Rite Latin]	<i>Holy Souls</i>
	4.30pm	Solemn Pontifical Vespers	
	5.30pm	Mass	<i>Grace's Intention</i>
Monday 21st	<i>Easter Octave</i>		
	10am	Mass	<i>Hilary Dunne +</i>
Tuesday 22nd	<i>Easter Octave</i>		
	10am	Mass	<i>Fr Alan's Intentions</i>
Wednesday 23rd	<i>Easter Octave</i>		
	10am	Mass	<i>Doris & William Saunders (F) +</i>
Thursday 24th	<i>Easter Octave</i>		
	10am	Mass	<i>Kathleen McEwan +</i>
Friday 25th	<i>Easter Octave</i>		
	10am	Mass	<i>Holy Souls in Purgatory (AC)</i>
Saturday 26th	<i>Easter Octave</i>		
	10am	Mass	<i>Ramiro Augusto Dias +</i>
	6pm	Mass (Anticipatory)	<i>Souls in Purgatory</i>
Sunday 27th	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER		
	9am	Mass	<i>Thanksgiving Ric Caasi & Family</i>
	11am	Solemn Mass	<i>May Hudson +</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*parish@sjbcathedral.org.uk

Mass of the Lord's Supper, Maundy Thursday at 7pm
Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, Good Friday at 3pm
Stations of the Cross, Good Friday at 6pm
Easter Vigil, Saturday 19th April at 8pm
Easter Sunday, Mass at 10am, Holy Qurbana at 4pm

A message from Fr Alan...

An interim word of thanks: It takes more than one swallow to make a summer - as the saying goes, but it takes only one dynamic and confident team to host a diocesan Mass successfully. On Tuesday this week Bishop Peter celebrated the Chrism Mass here at the cathedral alongside over 80 priests and approximately 1 000 faithful parishioners from around the diocese - one of the biggest days in the cathedral's calendar. This is a day when, whether we acknowledge or not, we are on show and people come to the Mass expecting it and the cathedral to be at its best. From the gardens to the cleanliness, the music to the liturgy, the polish of the brass to the simplicity of the flowers - all has to be perfect, look the part and impress. I think we passed this first of the major Holy week celebrations with dignity and grace. Thank you to each one of you who contributed to our Mass in any capacity and function - it really is appreciated by me and all who attended the Mass.

Easter Services: This weekend, we are invited to enter the Paschal Mystery and to prayerfully contemplate the passion, death and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. At the cathedral, this always comes across in a dramatic and prayerful way. The sheer size and atmosphere of the cathedral lends itself to this in a unique way and we use every inch of the cathedral where appropriate - from the sunken chapel for the altar of repose to the front entrance for the Easter fire, The Narthex bar for the Fillipino Pabasa (recitation of the Passion) and everything in between. I remember last Easter how people who attended the various services were sitting in the Precious Blood and Blessed Sacrament chapels. Of course, the music adds to this atmospheric celebration and plays a significant part in our Triduum as well as the candlelit vigil and the sincerity of devotion from the people who attend the services.

I love coming into the cathedral on Holy Saturday and soaking in the starkness of the building - all the altars stripped, the tabernacle emptied, statues veiled, and candles removed (even the bells are silenced). This starkness is intentional and aids us in delving into the depths of Christ's suffering and his descent into hell. And then, with great gusto and joy, the Exsultet is chanted, the Gloria echoes throughout the cathedral with a multitude of accompanying bells and the first 'Alleluias' of Eastertide are exchanged and we realise that all is well.... Christ is truly risen. We then begin the joyful and exciting season of Easter all the way through to Pentecost when we can finally catch our collective breaths and move back into Ordinary Time.

May this Easter truly be a time of joy, happiness and fulfilment in your faith.

‘We ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.’

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: ‘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. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and caused him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118(117):1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R24

This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

‘Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump.’

Brothers and Sisters: Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Gospel Acclamation

1 Corinthians 5:7b-8a

Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed; let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord.

Alleluia.

Sequence

Victimae Paschali Laudes

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!

Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting; shroud with graveclothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen, he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel

John 20:1-9

'He must rise from the dead.'

On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So, she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' So, Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going towards the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on the head of Jesus, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

HYMN NUMBERS FOR 9AM MASS:

267, 257 (psalm), 278, 629, 266, 287

NEWS AND EVENTS

Cathedral Opening times: for the next two weeks from Monday to Friday, the Cathedral will be open from 9am to 5.30pm with one Mass per day at 10am.

Please do visit the Easter Garden on Easter Sunday that has been prepared by the First Holy Communion families in the Cathedral Garden - you may find some Easter eggs along the way.

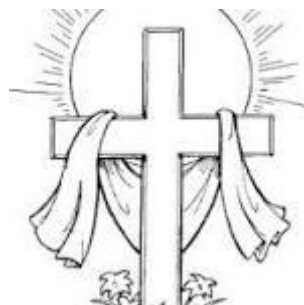
Feast of Divine Mercy - Sunday 27th April - The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be sung at 3pm in the Cathedral - All welcome to join in this devotion.

The Duckett Library – The Duckett Library is closed for the Easter break. It will open after Mass on Saturday 26 April (first Tower Tour of the year) and then open as usual from Sunday 27 April after the 9 am Mass. Please email with any queries or to borrow books - returned books can be left in the box outside the library.

Hospital Mass - please note there will be no hospital Mass during April, as Fr Mark is away on both Monday 7th and Monday 21st. Masses will resume as usual in May.

Next Sunday 27th April - there will be a plant, cake and book stall in the hall to raise funds for the Myanmar Disaster Appeal for Aid for the Church in Need. As prompted by Bishop Peter at the Chrism Mass this week, let us support our brothers and sisters in their time of need. Donations welcome.

First Holy Communion - As part of our parish's goal to "Live Simply" we are inviting families to donate their second hand/nearly new First Holy Communion dresses and suits to the cause. These dresses and suits will be on display alongside the cake stall and will be available for a donation to the Earthquake Appeal. Please drop off any suit donations on Saturday 26th April between 11-12.30pm at the Cathedral. Pop into the hall after Mass on 27th April to have a look – you might find the perfect outfit for your child.



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'Pray in May' with Mary's Meals - Mary's Meals is built on a foundation of prayer and the many little acts of love offered by those who believe in the charity's mission.

Throughout May, the month dedicated to Our Lady, we invite you to join us in praying for the 2.6 million hungry children in the world's poorest countries who rely on our nutritious school meals, and for all the children and families around the world who live in poverty. Please scan this QR code for a calendar of daily prayers throughout May.



Makers Wanted! - We are looking for small businesses and makers to take part in our next makers market on Monday 26th May. After the success of our annual St Nicholas Christmas Fair, we are taking it further and hosting another this Spring. Stalls are £15 and stall holders receive complimentary tea and filter coffee throughout the day and a 20% discount from the Garden Café. If you or anyone you know are interested, please contact Sarah on 01603 724380 or email bookings@sjbcathedral.org.uk.

Ignite Festival is back! - an invitation to ALL young people in Year 8 upwards 3rd-5th May - Come and experience your faith in a new and dynamic way at the Ignite Festival. The weekend will include powerful talks, passionate prayer, live music, and lots of fun stuff. Check out <https://sjbcathedral.org.uk/events/ignite-festival> for more information on booking with the Cathedral group, transport is available from Norwich. For more information, please email Jo Graham - stjohnfhc@gmail.com.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham Monday 5th May 2025. All welcome to join Bishop Alan for this annual pilgrimage. A coach will be leaving the Cathedral at 9.45am. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the Cathedral to book your seat or contact Cathy in the office. Seats are £10 return, family ticket £30. The Coach capacity is 70 pilgrims.

Tower Tours are back! - Our summer tower tours are back again! Climb 230 steps up a spiral staircase and enjoy an unrivalled 360-degree view of our historic and beautiful city from our very own tower. Tours will run on selected dates from April to October. For more information and how to book, visit our website sjbcathedral.org.uk, or check out the tower tour posters throughout the Narthex. Make sure to book as spaces sell out quickly!

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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.