



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

27th April 2025 · Year C · Weekday I · Psalter II

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TIMES OF CEREMONIES

Sunday 27th April

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

9am	Mass	<i>Thanksgiving Ric Caasi & Family</i>
11am	Solemn Pontifical Mass	<i>Pope Francis +</i>
3pm	Chaplet of Divine Mercy	
4.30pm	Solemn Vespers	
5.30pm	Mass	<i>May Hudson +</i>

Monday 28th

S GEORGE

10am	Mass	<i>Kathleen D'Arcy +</i>
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Tuesday 29th

S Catherine of Sienna

10am	Mass	<i>Fr Alan's Intentions (Flower Group)</i>
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Wednesday 30th

Easter Feria

10am	Mass	<i>Nelia Salud +</i>
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Thursday 1st May

Easter Feria

10am	Mass	<i>Henry, Duke of Norfolk (F) +</i>
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Friday 2nd

S Athanasius

10am	Mass & Adoration	<i>Holy Souls in Purgatory</i>
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Saturday 3rd

Ss Philip & James

10am	Mass	<i>Magdalena Makwata +</i>
6pm	Mass (Anticipatory)	<i>John & Alessandra Knight</i>

Sunday 4th

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

9am	Mass	<i>Brian Green +</i>
11am	Solemn Mass	<i>Pro Populo</i>
3pm	Mass [1962 Rite Latin]	<i>Holy Souls</i>
4.30pm	Vespers & Benediction	
5.30pm	Mass	<i>For the Youth Group</i>

The Cathedral Church is open daily Monday to Friday from 9am until 5pm this week

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Cathedral Easter Second Collections

Chrism Mass, Friends of St John's Cathedral = £1,887.77

Maundy Thursday, SVP = £1,085.83

Good Friday, Holy Land Places = £2,434.54

Standing Orders = c £1,500.00 *

*Averaged out and remains the same each week



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Confessions

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*Saturday*

5pm

Holy Qurbana

Sunday

8am

Holy Qurbana

10am

Mass & Confessions

4pm

Holy Qurbana

A message from Fr Alan...

A huge thank you - On behalf of all the cathedral clergy, I would like to extend a very warm word of thanks for the generosity from many of you in the number of cards, emails, gifts and the clergy collection as well. Your prayers and kindness are greatly appreciated - thank you.

Thank you also for supporting the Friends of the Cathedral, the Society of St Vincent de Paul and the Holy Land Shrines through the collections that were held over Holy Week. The amounts collected will go directly and in their entirety to these worthwhile causes. Thank you.

And a HUGE thanks to everyone who helped with the Holy Week liturgy and celebrations over the last week - I am not going to fall into the trap of naming the numerous groups as there is always the danger of leaving a group out. Suffice to say, the cathedral looked spectacular and at her best, the various liturgies ran according to plan and with great dignity and celebration - true moments of grace and prayer - and the Narthex served 100s of Hot Cross buns, remained open for our local community and parishioners to enjoy and the gardens spoke for themselves.

Thank you to the organisers of the Easter Sunday Lunch as well as all those who helped prepare and serve this festive meal. Alongside the lunch a raffle was held raising just over £1400 for various parish uses.

The death of Pope Francis - I cannot say that it came as a huge surprise that the Holy Father died on Easter Monday; he had been poorly for many months and it was obvious that his stay in hospital was a critical moment in his life and he was terribly weakened once he returned to the Vatican - the good thing is that he was able to return. Of course, though, this does not detract from the sorrow and period of reflection that many people will have experienced over the last week and, possibly, the weeks ahead as well. The cathedral did a brilliant job in turning around in short notice from what was planned to be a 'quiet week' into a far more active week of several Masses and Friday evening Vespers as a vigil before the funeral. There was the opportunity of celebrating Masses throughout the week thanks to the availability of Bp Peter who attended the cathedral most days of the week. Here the sacristy team and servers DO need a mention as they rallied around at short notice and catered for all eventualities in their own professional and positive manner with never a grumble. Thank you.

After Saturday's funeral, we look ahead as the historic task of choosing a new pope gets underway in Rome (after a period of mourning, of course). Please keep the conclave in your prayers over the days ahead so that they will be truly led by the Holy Spirit.

‘More than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women.’

Many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the Apostles. And they were all together in the Solomon’s Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns round Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118(117):2-4. 22-24. 25-27a. R1

Give praise to the LORD for he is good, his mercy endures for ever.

Second reading

Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

‘I died, and behold I am alive for evermore.’

I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying, ‘Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches.’

Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash round his chest. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, ‘Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive for evermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this.

Alleluia, alleluia.

You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord.

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

Alleluia.

Gospel**John 20:19-31****‘Eight days later, Jesus came.’**

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.’ And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.’

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord’. But he said to them, ‘Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.’

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve but believe.’ Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.’

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

HYMN NUMBERS FOR 9AM MASS:**284, 285, 972, 762**

NEWS AND EVENTS

Cathedral Opening times: next week from Monday to Friday, the Cathedral will be open from 9am to 5pm with one Mass per day at 10am.

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.

Adoration for the First Fridays - will take place on **Friday 2nd May**. Adoration will run for the shorter time this month from **after the 10 am Mass until midday** when there will be Benediction. Please do come and spend time before Our Blessed Lord in intercession for all our Diocesan priests and Bishop Peter.

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 fill in the form 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.

Please do visit the Easter Garden that has been prepared by the First Holy Communion families in the Cathedral Garden.

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 5th May** and then on **Monday 19th May**.

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.

Men's Retreat at Walsingham on Saturday - the 12th of July 2025. This diocesan day for Men will be led by Fr Alvan Ibeh and will explore the theme of Evangelisation. Join us for a day of fellowship and prayer. Booking on Eventbrite only.

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Thank you to everyone who came for the Easter Sunday Lunch, especially all the helpers on the day. Between the Lunch and the Easter Sunday Raffle we raised just over £1400, and the funds will go towards the Parish Building Repair Fund, the Cathedral clergy and to support taking 65 teenagers to the Ignite Festival in May. Thank you all so much for your generosity and support.

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

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.

'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.



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!

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.