



# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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## TIMES OF CEREMONIES

<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>		
	9am	Mass	<i>Brian Green +</i>
	11am	Solemn Mass	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	3pm	Mass [1962 Rite Latin]	<i>Souls in Purgatory</i>
	4.30pm	Solemn Vespers	
	5.30pm	Mass	<i>For the Youth Group</i>
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Easter Feria</i>		
	10am	Mass	<i>Election of a New Pope</i>
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Easter Feria</i>		
	10am	Mass	<i>Nestoria &amp; Eugenio Arano +</i>
	5pm	Vespers [Sung]	
	5.30pm	Mass [Sung]	<i>Fr Alan's Ministry as Cathedral Dean</i>
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Easter Feria</i>		
	7.30am	Mass	<i>Deceased members of the Cara &amp; Gorelli families +</i>
	10am	Mass	<i>Private Intention (SK)</i>
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Easter Feria</i>		
	10am	Mass	<i>Victor Boyet Maranan +</i>
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Easter Feria</i>		
	7.30am	Mass	<i>Josto Cara +</i>
	10am	Mass	<i>Catherine Rafferty &amp; May Giblin +</i>
<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>S John De Avila</i>		
	10am	Mass	<i>Loriana Gorelli +</i>
	11.30am	Pontifical Latin Mass [New Rite]	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	6pm	Mass [Anticipatory]	<i>Nuccia Cipro +</i>
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>		
	9am	Mass	<i>Cynthia Cardoso</i>
	11am	Solemn Mass	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	4.30pm	Vespers & Benediction	
	5.30pm	Mass	<i>Arnaldo Colona +</i>

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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](mailto:parish@sjbcathedral.org.uk)*Saturday*

5pm

Holy Qurbana

*Sunday*

8am

Holy Qurbana

10am

Mass &amp; Confessions

4pm

Holy Qurbana

## **A message from Bishop Peter...**

As we complete the Nine Days of Official Mourning, days when we have offered our prayers for the eternal repose of our late Holy Father, Pope Francis, the Universal Church now invokes a particular outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the College of Cardinals. The Cardinals have already been meeting in 'Congregation', including those who are over eighty years of age, to reflect and discuss prayerfully in preparation for the Conclave. The Cardinal Electors, those under eighty years of age, will enter Conclave on the 7<sup>th</sup> of May. I call upon every member of this Local Church, and the Diocese of East Anglia, to join me over the coming days in offering fervent prayer in support of the Cardinal Electors. We entrust the Church to Divine Providence as we await the election of the 267<sup>th</sup> Successor of St Peter. I urge each Parish Community to celebrate a Votive Mass to the Holy Spirit on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of May 2025.

Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday; a day when we reflect on how the ministry of Christ as Priest, Prophet and Shepherd continues in the Church through the ordained priesthood. Priests do not fall from Heaven ready-made. The call to priesthood needs to be heard, vocations need to be nurtured, and funding is needed to provide for priestly formation. The cost of training a priest is more than £150,000. We all have our part to play in praying and encouraging vocations and in financially supporting for the formation of our future parish priests. Please continue to pray for priestly vocations and be as generous as possible towards the Second Collection on Good Shepherd's Sunday.

Day for Anyone Thinking About a Vocation to the Priesthood - the Diocese is organising a short day of recollection for anyone open to the possibility of discerning a calling to the priesthood. Held at the parish church in Thetford on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May, beginning with Mass at 10:30am), the day is open to those at any stage of discernment, including those who may simply be curious about beginning to explore this path. It will include times of prayer, as well as input from Fr Gregory Pearson (of the Dominicans), Fr Christopher Smith, (Diocesan Director of Vocations) and Prof Richard Macquire (Cathedral Heritage Officer). For more information and to express interest in attending, you are warmly encouraged to contact Fr Christopher Smith at [christopher.smith@rcdea.org.uk](mailto:christopher.smith@rcdea.org.uk)

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

## READINGS AT MASS

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2025

### First reading

Acts 5:27b-32, 40b-41

**‘We are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit.’**

In those days: The high priest questioned the Apostles, saying, ‘We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man’s blood upon us.’ But Peter and the Apostles answered, ‘We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.’

Having called in the Apostles, the council beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus and let them go. Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonour for the name.

### Responsorial Psalm 12a,13b. R2a

Ps 30(29):2, 4. 5-6. 11,

*I will extol you, LORD, for you have raised me up.*

### Second reading

Revelation 5:11-14

**‘Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth.’**

I, John looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, ‘Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!’ And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, ‘To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!’ And the four living creatures said, ‘Amen!’ and the elders fell down and worshipped.

### Gospel Acclamation

cf.Lk24:32

Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ is risen, who created all things  
and has shown compassion on the human race.

Alleluia.

**'Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish.'**

At that time: Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, do you have any fish?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred metres off.

When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So, Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared ask him, 'Who are you?' They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' He said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' He said to him a second time, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' He said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me?' Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.' (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

**HYMN NUMBERS FOR 9AM MASS:**

**268, 343, 871, 866, 878**

## NEWS AND EVENTS

**Next Sunday is World Day of Prayer for Vocations.** There will be a second collection taken at all Masses next weekend for the Priests' Training Fund.

**Envelope giving** - apologies that the envelopes starting in May are not yet available. Please use any envelope that you might have left in the box, or else wait for the new ones that we are promised for next week. Apologies again Mark Webb - Gift Aid co-ordinator.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> May** and then on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May**.

**Job Vacancy at the Walsingham Shrine - PILGRIMAGE & SHRINE SITE TEAM LEAD**, £30,000-£35,000 pa. The Walsingham Trust is seeking a leader to coordinate pilgrimage planning and provide support for the Sacred Liturgy at the Catholic National Shrine and Basilica. The role also includes overseeing the operations of the Gift Shop, Tea Room and Domestic Team. You will work closely with the General Manager and Rector to ensure pilgrimages and liturgies are well organised and properly resourced, as well as ensuring that the chapels are well kept and cared for. Weekend availability is required from Easter to mid-October. The position is full-time, based on a five-day working week with two weekdays off during the pilgrimage season. For details or to apply, email [recruitment@walsingham.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@walsingham.org.uk)

**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.

**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 26<sup>th</sup> April between 11-12.30pm at the Cathedral. Pop into the hall after Mass on 27<sup>th</sup> April to have a look – you might find the perfect outfit for your child.

**The Garden Café** is open on Bank holidays from 09.30am-2.30pm.

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**Celebrating the Ordinary Form of the Mass in Latin** - On Saturday 10 May the Cathedral is hosting the Association for Latin Liturgy. Bishop Peter will be celebrating the Mass in Latin on that day. To be clear for everyone, Bishop Peter will be celebrating the Ordinary form of the Mass (often called the 'Novus Ordo'), which is the form of the Mass we use at the Cathedral for our daily liturgy.

We can get confused when we see the term 'Latin' but remember, almost every Catholic Mass celebrated in the West currently is the Latin Mass. Whether a Mass is presented in English, French or Spanish, it is a Latin Mass. The Roman Rite of the Church, that is the churches not including those of the Eastern or other rites, has a history of Latin and the Church's official language today remains Latin, because Latin is a universal language, not tied to any specific social group (see generally, [\*Sacrosanctum Concilium\*](#), paragraph 36 and [\*Veterum Sapientia\*](#)).

The Association of Latin Liturgy are, therefore, engaged in assisting us in celebrating the 'Novus Ordo' Mass in the official language of the Church. Their activity is not connected with the liturgy conducted in Latin and pursuant to the 1962 Missal, which Pope Benedict formalised as "Extraordinary Form" in [\*Summorum Pontificum\*](#). Pope Francis often called the Extraordinary Form the '*Vetus Ordo*', or Old Form and you might encounter this term used for it.

The Ordinary Form celebrated in Latin is beautiful and deeply spiritual. If you have a copy of the new Sunday Missal from the Catholic Truth Society, the Latin text for the Ordinary Form of the Mass is printed alongside the English text and so it is easy to follow along. So, if you can attend, please feel confident to come along to this special day and enjoy the beauty of the Mass in Latin. Dr Richard Maguire, Heritage Officer.

**Join us on Monday 26th May from 10:30 to 14:30 for our Spring Maker's Market.**

Browse unique gifts and handmade treasures from local small businesses—including jewellery, preserves, secret books and more. There's something for everyone to discover. Need a pause? Relax at The Garden Café with freshly made spring cakes, lunch, and barista coffee. Children's menus available too - perfect for the whole family!

**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](http://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 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, 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.*