



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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TIMES OF CEREMONIES

Sunday 11 th May	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – VOCATIONS SUNDAY		
	9am	Mass	Cynthia Cardoso
	11am	Solemn Mass	Pro Populo
	4.30pm	Solemn Vespers	
	5.30pm	Mass	Arnaldo Colona +
Monday 12 th	Easter Feria		
	10am	Mass	Jonathan & Karina Ramirez
Tuesday 13 th	Our Lady of Fatima		
	10am	Mass	Lalla Bayeli +
	5pm	Vespers [Sung]	
	5.30pm	Mass [Sung]	Holy Souls in Purgatory (AC)
Wednesday 14 th	S Matthias		
	7.30am	Mass	Anna Conti +
	10am	Mass	Joseph Paisley +
	5pm	Holy Hour for the Sanctity of Life	
Thursday 15 th	Easter Feria		
	10am	Mass	Peter Warrington +
Friday 16 th	Easter Feria		
	7.30am	Mass	Brian Ness +
	10am	Mass	Jamie Sansom +
Saturday 17 th	Easter Feria		
	10am	Mass & Adoration	Thanksgiving Mass
	6pm	Mass [Anticipatory]	Laurence Cavanagh +
Sunday 18 th	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER		
	9am	Mass	P.J O'Neil & family (F) +
	11am	Solemn Mass	Pro Populo
	4.30pm	Vespers & Benediction	
	5.30pm	Mass	Margaret Alexander +

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

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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...

We have a Pope: Looking at the events of the last week, it seems as if the days of a long conclave are well and truly over - the Cardinals spending just under 24 hours in conclave. I can only presume that this is thanks to the advent of the internet and social media and the cardinals are able to research and get to know each other 'virtually' before they even meet. In some ways, it must be a relief for the cardinals to be spared the intensity of the situation in record time but also, perhaps, a bit of an anti-climax after having travelled from all corners of the globe to meet. However, for the world that was waiting and watching, it is indeed a huge relief and a moment of profound joy.

I was trying to imagine how Pope Leo XIV is feeling this morning as he was woken up and then taken through the first days of his papacy - it must be an exhilarating and awe-filled experience for this man. All the eyes of the world will be on him looking for the smallest of details as to how his intentions may vary from his predecessor and in which direction he will lead us. As the 266th successor to St Peter he will be in need of prayers, support and encouragement over the years ahead. God bless Pope Leo.

Ignite Festival: Last weekend, in Bury St Edmunds, the diocese hosted Ignite 2025 (the theme this year being 'Unstoppable'). This year 377 young people took part in a weekend of prayer, talks, music and fun activities to bring them the Gospel message and for them to have the opportunity to live and learn about their faith with their friends and peers. Over 70 young people from this cathedral participated and in a very active way - Jo Graham sent a very encouraging letter to all who attended and highlighted just how much they (the young people) helped with the logistics:

- Put up posters around the school encouraging Igniters to recycle and only put on their plates what they could eat – leading to the lowest amount of food wastage and rubbish bags collected in the history of Ignite – despite having double the number of people compared to last year
- Set up the chill zone with the bean bags in the drama studio
- Helped to put out the chairs in the marquee (close to 400 chairs)
- Baked and decorated the cupcakes for the event and baked all the desserts and prepared the pizza dough from scratch - loads of compliments were received for all the cakes and the pizza
- Prepared and laid out the breakfast for Sunday morning - best croissants and bacon rolls ever!
- Took down 6 tents all by themselves
- Helped to clear down and close up the kitchen
- Carried the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham during the diocese pilgrims walk and were umbrella bearers during the distribution of Holy Communion at the Diocese pilgrims Mass at the Walsingham Shrine.

Well done to our young people - you have done us so proud - and thank you for the dedication of the catechists and the Ignite Team who give up so much of their time and share their talents. Did you know that we have a thriving youth group that meet every Tuesday afternoon/evening in the Narthex Hall? Speak to Jo or any of the Ignite team for details.

‘Behold, we are turning to the Gentiles.’

In those days: Paul and Barnabas went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. Many Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who, as they spoke with them, urged them to continue in the grace of God.

The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began to contradict what was spoken by Paul, reviling him. And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, ‘It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, “I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.” ’ And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed. And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region. But the Jews incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district. But they shook off the dust from their feet against them and went to Iconium. And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm**Ps 100(99):1-2. 3. 5. R3c**

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Second reading**Revelation 7:9, 13a, 14b-17****‘The Lamb will be their shepherd and will guide them to springs of living water.’**

I, John, looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands.

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, ‘These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore, they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord.

I know my sheep and my own know me.

Alleluia.

Gospel

John 10:27-30

'I give eternal life to my sheep.'

At that time: Jesus said, 'My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one.'

Vocation Sunday

A very warm welcome to Fr Anthony Asomugha who will celebrate the 11am Mass this Sunday.

HYMN NUMBERS FOR 9AM MASS:

810, 620, 621, 951, 969

NEWS AND EVENTS

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

Envelope giving – envelopes for 2025/2026 are now available to collect from the Sacristy. If you have any queries please contact Mark Webb, the Gift Aid Co-ordinator giving.sjbcathedral@rcdea.org.uk.

The Teresian Prayer Group meets again on Tuesday 13 May at 4.30pm in the Narthex Bar to reflect on the writings of St John of the Cross. This will be the last meeting before the summer break. All are welcome.

Prayer and Adoration for Life - The date for the next vote in Parliament on the Assisted Dying Bill's report stage has now moved to May 16th. So, we continue our urgent prayers for the protection of life. There will be an opportunity to pray for the protection of life and the defeat of this Bill on **Wednesday 14th when there will be a Holy Hour between 5-6pm**. All are Welcome.

May is the month devoted to Mary, so why not try saying the rosary every day. You can join the parish rosary groups in praying the rosary after the morning Mass at the cathedral or every evening on Zoom at [8.10pm](#) on Zoom ID 6808887784, password "Rosary".

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 19th May** and then on **Monday 2nd June**.

Organ recital - Director of Music, David Grealy, will give a lunchtime recital of Easter-themed organ music at Norwich Anglican Cathedral this week, on **Thursday 15 May at 1:10pm**. Admission is free, and all are welcome to attend!

St George's Singers from Poynton in Cheshire – will be giving a concert in the Cathedral on Saturday 24th May at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 per adult (under 16's free) and can be purchased on the door by cash or card. Come and enjoy some favourites by Bruckner and discover the little-known but highly rated Requiem in C minor by Cherubini.

St John's SVP would like to thank all who generously supported the Maundy Thursday collection at the Cathedral and Holy Apostles.

Thank you from Teresa to everyone who bought teas and coffees after the 9am and 11am Masses last weekend. £64.87 was raised for the Mission of Love Foundation.

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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

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 24th 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

The Children's Pilgrimage to Walsingham is taking place on Saturday 31st May 2025 and the theme for this year is "Families of Hope". We want to encourage all the family to join us for this fun day out during half-term – let's have all the generations including grandparents and great grandchildren joining Bishop Peter for Mass at the Shrine and a picnic lunch. There will be a coach going from the Cathedral, please scan the QR code on the posters to book your seat, seats are £2 each.

There will be a FHC Cake stall for the Children's Pilgrimage after all the weekend Masses on 24th-25th May. Please support our fundraising efforts for the pilgrimage. Donations of cakes and bakes also gratefully received.

The Community of Our Lady of Walsingham Open House and Gardens - warmly invite you to the Convent in Dereham for their annual open house and gardens on **26th May** at House of the Divine Will, Neatherd Moor, NR20 4AZ between **midday and 5pm**. Please email office@walsinghamcommunity.org or call the sisters on **01362 692574** for further information.

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.

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.