



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

18th May 2025 · Year C · Weekday I · Psalter I

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TIMES OF CEREMONIES

Sunday 18th May	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
	9am Mass	<i>P.J O'Neil & family (F) +</i>
	11am Solemn Mass	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	4.30pm Solemn Vespers	
	5.30pm Mass	<i>Margaret Alexander +</i>
Monday 19th	<i>S Dunstan</i>	
	10am Mass	<i>Kevin Cardoso</i>
Tuesday 20th	<i>S Bernadine of Siena</i>	
	10am Mass	<i>Michael Kiely +</i>
	5pm Vespers [Sung]	
	5.30pm Mass [Sung]	<i>Denis Hardy (F) +</i>
Wednesday 21st	<i>Easter Feria</i>	
	7.30am Mass	<i>John & Ena Braniff (F) +</i>
	10am Mass	<i>Frank Nwokedi Family Intentions</i>
Thursday 22nd	<i>S Rita of Cascia</i>	
	10am Requiem Mass	<i>Mary Griffith +</i>
Friday 23rd	<i>Easter Feria</i>	
	7.30am Mass	<i>Baby Harin +</i>
	10am Mass	<i>Megan Williams +</i>
Saturday 24th	<i>Easter Feria</i>	
	10am Mass & Adoration	<i>Joe Winterlich</i>
	6pm Mass [Anticipatory]	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Sunday 25th	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
	9am Mass	<i>Ellen Hennelly +</i>
	11am Solemn Mass	<i>Holy Souls in Purgatory (AC)</i>
	4.30pm Vespers & Benediction	
	5.30pm Mass	<i>Maria Carmen de Olarte +</i>

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

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*Averaged out and remains the same each week

Second Collection for Vocation Sunday = £884.20

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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.

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<i>Saturday</i>	5pm	Holy Qurbana
<i>Sunday</i>	8am	Holy Qurbana
	10am	Mass & Confessions
	4pm	Holy Qurbana

A message from Fr Alan...

A new Holy Water urn: You may have noticed, as you enter the cathedral near the baptistry, that we have a very handsome and elegant urn for the storing and distribution of Holy Water - we also used this at the Easter Vigil for the blessing of water and the Paschal candle. I offer my sincere thanks the Friends of the Cathedral of St John the Baptist for their generosity in presenting us with this gift for storing Holy Water. This is a far more fitting container than the previous glass one that we used to use.

The Friends of the Cathedral do an excellent job in helping and advising us in ways of beautifying and enhancing the aesthetic appearance of the cathedral and, over the years, have gifted many such items to the cathedral. Thank you to all members for their generosity and kindness.

Children's Pilgrimage to Walsingham: On Saturday, 31st of May, there will be our annual children's pilgrimage to Walsingham. The pilgrimage will be led by Bishop Peter and the coach leaves at 09:00 from the cathedral. Please see our website for details on how to book your place.

Ascension Thursday: On Thursday, 29th of May, Bishop Peter will celebrate a Mass of thanksgiving for the election of the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. All are welcome to attend.

Cathedral works: The essential surveys and planning of the cathedral works continue and over the next week, our architect and several roofing and lead specialists will be clambering in and on top of our roofs to inspect and survey the works that need to be done over the years ahead. It is essential that our initial surveys and assessments are carried out accurately so that we can begin to budget and raise funds to protect and save our building. We are working in close conjunction with Historic England who will advise and assist us with the works as much as they are able. When I have more detailed information as to what is needed to be done and any work that is to be undertaken, I will update you as best I can. In the meantime, we have secured and waterproofed the roof to give the wooden beams time to dry out and to buy us a bit of time before work needs to begin.

‘They declared to the Church all that God had done with them.’

In those days: Paul and Barnabas returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

Then they passed through Pisidia and came to Pamphylia. And when they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia, and from there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had fulfilled. And when they arrived and gathered the church together, they declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.

Responsorial Psalm**Ps 145(144):8-9. 10-11. 12-13b. R cf. 1**

I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.

Second reading**Revelation 21:1-5a**

‘God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away.’

And he who was seated on the throne said, ‘Behold, I am making all things new.’

Alleluia, alleluia.

A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord,
that you love one another, just as I have loved you.

Alleluia.

Gospel

John 13:31-33a, 34-35

‘A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another.’

When Judas had gone out from the upper room, Jesus said, ‘Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and glorify him at once. Little children, yet a little while I am with you.

‘A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’

HYMN NUMBERS FOR 9AM MASS:

920, 245, 919, 627, 880

NEWS AND EVENTS

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.

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**.

The Duckett Library will be closed for half-term on Sunday 25th, Tuesday 27th and Thursday 29th May and will reopen on SATURDAY 31st May from 10.30am-1pm and then again on Sunday 1st June after the 9am Mass.

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.

Flores de Mayo- Marian Flower Festival at the Cathedral over the 24-26th May Bank Holiday weekend, 9am-4pm, with floral displays based on the mysteries of the Holy Rosary, a festival trail for younger visitors and flower crafting activities available on Sunday 25th May. There will also be a Marian processions on Sunday 25th May to crown Our Lady's statue in the Cathedral Garden, followed by a parish lunch. Donations of flowers (bought or cuttings from your gardens) gratefully received. Please drop them off in the Rotunda on Thursday 22nd May. We are especially looking for roses, hydrangea, wisteria and rhododendron blossoms. For further information and to participate in the festival please email Jo Graham stjohnfhc@gmail.com

Outpouring: Be Filled with the Holy Spirit - Transform Ministries invites you to an evening of renewal, worship, and prayer for a fresh outpouring of the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. Taking place during the Jubilee Year of Hope, this event will be held at St John's Cathedral, Norwich, on Friday 7th June at 7:30pm. Join us for spirit-filled teaching, praise and worship, and Eucharistic adoration. All are welcome—come Holy Spirit!

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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.