



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

25th May 2025 · Year C · Weekday I · Psalter II

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TIMES OF CEREMONIES

Sunday 25th May	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER		
	9am	Mass	<i>Ellen Hennelly +</i>
	11am	Solemn Mass	<i>Holy Souls in Purgatory (AC)</i>
	4.30pm	Solemn Vespers	
	5.30pm	Mass	<i>Maria Carmen de Olarte +</i>
Monday 26th	<i>S Philip Neri</i>		
	10am	Mass	<i>Camillia & Chris</i>
Tuesday 27th	S Augustine of Canterbury		
	10am	Mass	<i>Hannah & Con Barry +</i>
	5pm	Vespers [said]	
	5.30pm	Mass [said]	<i>Yoris Alas +</i>
Wednesday 28th	<i>Easter Feria</i>		
	7.30am	Mass	<i>Purgatory's Souls</i>
	10am	Mass	<i>Albert Hannan +</i>
Thursday 29th	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD		
	7.30am	Mass	<i>Holy Souls</i>
	10am	Mass	<i>John Fitzmaurice (F) +</i>
	3pm	Mass [1962 Rite Latin]	<i>Holy Souls</i>
	5.30pm	Solemn Pontifical Mass	<i>Intentions of Pope Leo XIV</i>
Friday 30th	<i>S Walstan</i>		
	7.30am	Mass	<i>Mgr Harry Wace (F) +</i>
	10am	Mass	<i>Maureen Sizeland (F) +</i>
Saturday 31st	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary		
	10am	Mass & Adoration	<i>James Redgrave +</i>
	6pm	Mass [Anticipatory]	<i>David Gleeson +</i>
Sunday 1st June	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER		
	9am	Mass	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	11am	Solemn Mass	<i>Maria Fernanda Barbas +</i>
	3pm	Mass [1962 Rite Latin]	<i>Holy Souls</i>
	4.30pm	Vespers & Benediction	
	5.30pm	Mass	<i>Henry, Duke of Norfolk (F) +</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

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Saturday

5pm

Holy Qurbana

Sunday

8am

Holy Qurbana

10am

Mass & Confessions

4pm

Holy Qurbana

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

A message from Fr Alan...

Twenty mysteries of the rosary: I was delighted when I was asked, a few months ago, whether we could host the Flores de Mayo flower festival again this year in the cathedral. I remember last year's displays and the amount of talent and inspiration that were on display through the creation of flower arranging.

Flores de Mayo, meaning "Flowers of May", is a month-long celebration in the Philippines, dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Traditionally, it features daily prayers, floral offerings and processions. The festival culminates in the Santacruzán - a reenactment of the Empress Helena's search and discovery of the True Cross in the early 4th century.

In our cathedral, we take just a small part of this celebration for May by our participation in the flower festival over this long-weekend. Our flower group, the youth group and the catechists have combined forces to create this special event for us this year. Some of the displays use real flowers and others use silk flowers. We use silk flowers to try and economise and not blow our whole annual budget for flowers on one event.

There are twenty displays to represent the twenty mysteries of the rosary - some displays are easily interpreted, and others may be a bit more abstract - can you identify all twenty?

A date for your diary: Hamish MacQueen, the diocesan Director of Youth Services, will be performing a one-off concert here at St John's cathedral on Saturday the 19th of July - tickets for this event will sell out very quickly, so make sure you book ASAP. You can book tickets through this website www.hamishmacqueen.live. Tickets are a very modest £7.95 (+45p booking fee).

Hamish is one of the most dedicated and talented men that I have ever met. He continually puts the needs and the teaching of the faith to the youth of this diocese before his own and seems to work every hour of the day and every day of the week. Hamish also mentors and encourages the Ignite Team who have been such a blessing to this parish over the last year.

The evening will not simply be a collection of songs (written by Hamish), but will also be an insight into his own faith journey shaped by music, mission and ministry. He will also be introducing special guests on the evening to encourage new talent.

All profits from the evening will go directly towards supporting young people across the diocese. The proceeds will help cover the cost of pilgrimages and provide training opportunities for young leaders of the future - continuing Hamish's legacy of empowering youth in the diocese.

I have heard some of Hamish's music in the past, and I am quite a fan - the evening looks to be an event that will be full of life, joy and celebration. Let us come together to support the youth of this parish and the wider diocese.

‘It has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements.’

In those days: Some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, ‘Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.’ And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the Apostles and the elders about this question.

Then it seemed good to the Apostles and the elders, with the whole Church, to choose men from among them and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They sent Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leading men among the brothers and sisters, with the following letter: ‘The brothers, both the Apostles and the elders, to the brothers and sisters who are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, greetings. Since we have heard that some persons have gone out from us and troubled you with words, unsettling your minds, although we gave them no instructions, it has seemed good to us, having come to one accord, to choose men and send them to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who themselves will tell you the same things by word of mouth. For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements: that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what has been strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell.’

Responsorial Psalm**Ps 67(66):2-3. 5. 6, 8. R4**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Second reading**Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23**

‘He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.’

The angel carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed — on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve Apostles of the Lamb.

And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia.

If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord,
and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.

Alleluia.

Gospel

John 14:23-29

**‘The Holy Spirit will bring to your remembrance all that I have said
to you.’**

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, ‘If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father’s who sent me.

‘These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace, I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, “I am going away, and I will come to you.” If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe.’

HYMN NUMBERS FOR 9AM MASS:

The Music Group are on holiday this Sunday and will return on the 1st June

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.

NEWS AND EVENTS

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is on Thursday of this week and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Please see front page for additional mass times.

Next Sunday is World Communications Day and so there will be a second collection for the Catholic Communications Network taken at all Masses.

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".

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.

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.

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.

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Radio Maria England is a Catholic radio station dedicated to sharing the Gospel through prayer, teaching, music, and community. **Join us from 28th to 30th May as we celebrate the vibrant faith of the Philippines with three days of music, inspiring talks, and guest speakers, highlighting how the Catholic faith is flourishing across the Filipino islands and beyond.** Be part of this joyful Mariathon and support our mission to expand Radio Maria in the Philippines! Tune in via DAB+ in selected areas, on the Radio Maria England app, or online at RadioMariaEngland.uk.

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!

Celebration of Marriage & Family Life Mass – Saturday 14th June at 11.30am. Bishop Peter invites all married couples in the Diocese to attend the annual celebration Mass. If you are celebrating a significant anniversary and would like a certificate, please contact <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/marriage-mass-registration/>

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.

Aid to the Church in Need Pilgrimage to York 2025 - taking place from July 21st to 26th in York and the surrounding areas. For more information or to book your place, please contact Bridget Teasdale at bridget.teasdale@acnuk.org. A non-refundable deposit of £90 is required to secure your spot, with the total pilgrimage cost being £285.

Calling All Makers! - We're on the lookout for small businesses and creators to join our St Nicholas Craft Fair on Saturday, 6th December. After the success of last years, we're excited to bring the market back this December! Stalls are just £15, and vendors will enjoy complimentary tea and filter coffee throughout the day, plus a 20% discount at The Garden Café. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact Sarah on 01603 724380 or email bookings@sjbcathedral.org.uk

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 August.

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.