



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

1st June 2025 · Year C · Weekday I · Psalter III

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TIMES OF CEREMONIES

Sunday 1st June	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – World Communications Day		
	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	Solemn Vespers	
	5.30pm	Mass	<i>Henry, Duke of Norfolk (F) +</i>
Monday 2nd	<i>Easter Feria</i>		
	10am	Mass	<i>Laszlo & Kristina Veisz +</i>
Tuesday 3rd	<i>Ss Charles Lwanga & Comps</i>		
	10am	Mass	<i>Mr & Mrs John Andrews +</i>
	5pm	Vespers [Sung]	
	5.30pm	Mass [Sung]	<i>Anupama</i>
Wednesday 4th	<i>Easter Feria</i>		
	7.30am	Mass	<i>England's conversion</i>
	10am	Mass	<i>Peter Sansom +</i>
Thursday 5th	S Boniface		
	10am	Mass	<i>June Lincoln (F) +</i>
Friday 6th	<i>S Norbert</i>		
	7.30am	Mass	<i>Grace's Intention</i>
	10am	Mass & Adoration	<i>Maria & Lajos Lowie +</i>
Saturday 7th	<i>Easter Feria</i>		
	10am	Mass & Adoration	<i>Ivan Serji + & Uri Rosteslau +</i>
	6pm	Mass [Anticipatory]	<i>Mrs Annakutty Varghese +</i>
Sunday 8th	PENTECOST		
	9am	Mass	<i>Victor Boyet Maranan +</i>
	11am	Solemn Pontifical Mass + Confirmations	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	3pm	Mass of Confirmation	<i>All Confirmation Candidates</i>
	5.30pm	Mass	<i>Vaseli-danelo Petroana Ivan Irena +</i>

Please note on Pentecost Sunday 8th June there will be no Vespers or Confessions

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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*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...

Pentecost Sunday: Next Sunday, as we celebrate the great Solemnity of Pentecost, bishop Peter will confirm just over 60 of our young parishioners into the Faith. He will preside at the 11:00 Mass at the cathedral and at an additional Mass at 3pm (we put on this extra Mass simply because of the great numbers of confirmands).

How blessed we are to have such a terrific number of people stepping forward to witness to the mission of Christ. This, after all, is what Easter, the Ascension and Pentecost is all about - going out into the world to make disciples of all nations.

I thank Jo Graham and all of the catechists, the Ignite Team and the assistants for the dedication, time and skills they utilise in order to engage and include this group in learning about the Church and about our Lord Jesus Christ.

Please keep all of the Confirmation candidates in your prayers over this next week (I know that many of you have been praying for them by name - thank you). Please spare a prayer for all those mentioned above who have helped them to prepare for this most wonderful sacrament.

This needs to be said: I want to give you a bit of an insight into the preparation that goes into celebrating a Mass at the cathedral: The polishers come in twice a week to keep our silverware and brass looking immaculate (a mammoth task), the cleaners come in every Tuesday and spend hours vacuuming and sweeping the floors. The flower group spend hours of their own time, bring flowers from home and hone their talents to help make the cathedral look beautiful. The servers travel in from all directions, are trained by Stephen and work hard to bring dignity and grace to the Mass. The sacristans arrive at least an hour before to get the vestments and the numerous objects ready for Mass so that the service runs swiftly and they are assisted by a group of volunteers who wash the altar linens - keeping them spotless. The readers hone their skills by practicing the readings of the day and researching the context so that they can read with skill and knowledge and the priest spends time researching and committing his homily to memory so that it, too, makes sense and is relevant and to the point....

....And then somebody's mobile phone rings!

All of that work is wasted and pointless because the mobile phone breaks the mood, distracts the WHOLE cathedral and spoils the moment. The worst is that some people then either answer it; "I am at Mass, I can't talk now", they whisper.... or they make a 100-yard dash to get out of the cathedral to answer it!

This seems to be happening with greater regularity at all Masses (cathedral and Holy Apostles), weekdays and Sundays. Please, turn your phones off!

READINGS AT MASS

Sunday 1st June 2025

First reading

Acts 7:55-60

‘I see the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.’

In those days: Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. And he said, ‘Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.’ But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, ‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.’ And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, ‘Lord, do not hold this sin against them.’ And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97(96):1, 2b. 6, 7c. 9. R1a, 9b

The LORD is king, most high above all the earth

Second reading

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

‘Come, Lord Jesus!’

I, John, heard a voice saying to me, ‘Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.’ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates.

‘I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.’

The Spirit and the Bride say, ‘Come.’ And let the one who hears say, ‘Come.’ And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

He who testifies to these things says, ‘Surely I am coming soon.’ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Alleluia, alleluia.

I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord.

I am going away, and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice.

Alleluia.

Gospel**John 17:20-26**

‘May they become perfectly one.’

At that time: Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven, and praying said, ‘[Holy Father,] I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.’

HYMN NUMBERS FOR 9AM MASS:

794, 244, 823, 832, 644

NEWS AND EVENTS

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

Adoration for the First Fridays will take place on Friday 6th June. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place from after the **10am Mass until 4pm** when there will be Benediction. **The Divine Mercy Chaplet** will be prayed at **3pm**. Do come and spend time with the Our Blessed Lord during this month of His Most Sacred Heart.

First Friday Adoration will be in intercession for Bishop Peter, all the priests of our diocese and vocations to the priesthood. Please do sign up on the Rota at the back of the cathedral if you are able to commit to spending half an hour or more before Our Blessed Lord. Thank you.

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 2nd June** and then on **Monday 16th June**.

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 Saturday 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/>

First Holy Communion (FHC) and Confirmation Programmes 2025-26 are now open for registration. Children aged 7 and above (entering Yr 3 in Sep '25) should apply for FHC. Students aged 13 and above (entering Yr 9 in Sep '25) please apply for the Confirmation Programme. Registration forms are available on the Cathedral Website. Please ensure you have your child's baptism certificate details to complete the form. Please also help us spread the word about registrations and encourage family and friends to get those forms in as soon as possible. Registrations closes on 31st August 2025. [FHC and Confirmation Booking form 2025-26 - please click here](#)

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 Cathedral Church is open daily from 7.30am until 6pm

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On 8th June – Pentecost Sunday, 61 young people will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation during the 11am Mass and 3pm Mass. Please keep them in your prayers in this final week of preparation for this Sacrament that completes the rites of Christian initiation into the Catholic Faith.

Please note that there will be no Vespers or Benediction on this Sunday.

Tambogrande news - A belated but grateful thanks to Jo Graham for organising Lenten Sunday soup lunches. £185 was raised in total. Thanks to the 9am coffee team on May 11th when £17.50 was raised. Thank you to all who contributed.

The next Tambogrande Coffee Morning and Raffle will take place on Thursday 10th July at Ann Richardson's home. Do save the date, more details to follow.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Flower Festival, and the Cake Stall last weekend. We raised just over £580 to help cover the cost of the Jubilee of Families Pilgrimage to Walsingham this Saturday 31st May. There are still spaces available on the coach if anyone would like to join us – please email Jo on stjohnfhc@gmail.com and meet the coach at 8.45am on Saturday 31st May.

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

Please take action against the Abortion up to birth amendment. Labour MP, Tonia Antoniazzi, has tabled a new extreme abortion up to birth amendment ahead of Report Stage of the Crime and Policing Bill. The amendment would change the law so it would no longer be illegal to perform “own abortions” for any reason, and **at any point up to and during birth**. The change to the law would apply throughout the entire pregnancy and **would not exclude sex-selective abortions**. This would likely lead to a tragic rise in the number of babies’ lives being ended through late-term abortions carried out at home. **TAKE ACTION.** Right to Life UK have launched a *No to Abortion Up to Birth* campaign, focused entirely on stopping this attempt to hijack the Crime and Policing Bill. Use this QR code.



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.