



ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

15th June 2025 · Year C · Weekday I · Psalter III

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TIMES OF CEREMONIES

Sunday 15th June	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY		
	9am	Mass	<i>Peter Green +</i>
	11am	Solemn Pontifical Mass	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	5.30pm	Mass	<i>Mary Griffiths +</i>
Monday 16th	<i>Feria</i>		
	10am	Mass	<i>Vincent Gomez +</i>
Tuesday 17th	<i>Feria</i>		
	10am	Mass	<i>Giuliana Piatti +</i>
	5pm	Vespers [Sung]	
	5.30pm	Mass [Sung]	<i>Simone Vaccaro +</i>
Wednesday 18th	<i>Feria</i>		
	7.30am	Mass	<i>Patrick Keown (F) +</i>
	10am	Mass	<i>Leocadio Garcia +</i>
	5pm	Holy Hour for Life	
Thursday 19th	<i>Feria</i>		
	10am	Mass	<i>Minoo Dawabi</i>
Friday 20th	<i>S Alban</i>		
	7.30am	Mass	<i>HM Queen Elizabeth II (F) +</i>
	10am	Mass	<i>Michael Dunleavy +</i>
Saturday 21st	<i>S Aloysius Gonzaga</i>		
	10am	Mass	<i>Anne Curran + & Family</i>
	6pm	Mass [Anticipatory]	<i>Alfreda McHale</i>
Sunday 22nd	CORPUS CHRISTI		
	9am	Mass	<i>Frank & Brenda Devany (F)</i>
	11am	Solemn Pontifical Mass & Procession	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	3pm	Mass [1962 Rite Latin]	<i>Holy Souls</i>
	5.30pm	Mass	<i>Brian Ness +</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.

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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...

The Most Holy Trinity: After the outpouring of the Holy Spirit last week at Pentecost, we move with ease to this week's feast of the Most Holy Trinity. A reminder to us that we worship a Triune God (One God -Three Persons) and that it is important that, firstly, we remember this dogma and, secondly, that we try to understand it as best we can. Of course, the Trinity is a mystery - always has been and always will be. So, we can try and study the theology, pray about the reality and live our lives under the loving care of the Trinity, but it is, at the end of the day, a mystery; so the nearer we get to beginning to understand (or so we think) the more elusive the teaching becomes and the greater the mystery. How great is our God!

The difficulty with the Trinity is that we try to use earthly (human) examples and images to explain the Trinity (think of St Patrick and the shamrock) but these methods always have some flaw in them and often border on the heretical - though they all sound plausible at the time. At seminary we spent many weeks taking notes of 'Trinitarian examples' through the ages. As students we all obediently wrote down these examples and thought that we were really being enlightened. Only to be told, after about eight weeks, that all of the previous examples/teachings that we had been discussing were all heretical in some form or another. To be honest, some were obviously so, but others were pretty close to how we understand the Trinity today and were less easy to spot. In a way, this was a good way to teach as it showed us how easy it is to fall into theological traps.

The Ignite Team: This year, in our cathedral parish, we have been blessed to have the three men who are involved with the Ignite Team living across the road from the cathedral as well as working at the cathedral and helping with the many functions we have here and, more importantly, with our youth group. Alex, Alexander Patrick and Luke have all committed themselves to proclaiming the Gospel throughout the diocese and bringing young people closer to God. I know that they have been an immense help to the catechetical team, especially on a Tuesday when you can find them on most weeks teaching, playing games and sport and enjoying a meal with the younger members of our parish. I often come across them individually and as a group praying in the Blessed Sacrament chapel as they themselves take time out of their busy ministry to spend time with God. This Sunday at the 11:00 o'clock Mass, Bishop Peter will thank these men for their work and the example they have set for all - young and old - as they have entered our lives. In a few weeks' time, they will pack their bags and move onto other ventures (or maybe return for another year) taking with them all that they have learned and seen over the course of this last year. I thank Alex, Luke and Alex for their time, patience and commitment over these months; often working under pressure with lack of sleep and long distances to travel yet, somehow, they have remained optimistic and, above all, pleasant, polite and prayer filled. I pray that they will discern what God has in store for them and that they will have the courage to answer that call.

Before the beginning of the earth, Wisdom was brought forth.

Thus says the Wisdom of God: The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths, I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, before he had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world. When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master workman, and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the children of man.

Responsorial Psalm**Ps 8:4-5. 6-7. 8-9. R2a**

*O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name through all the earth!*

Second reading**Romans 5:1-5****To God through Christ in the love which is poured out through the Spirit.**

Brothers and Sisters: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Gospel Acclamation

Cf. Revelation 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
the God who is and who was and who is to come.

Alleluia.

Gospel

John 16:12-15

**‘All that the Father has is mine; the Spirit will take what is mine and
declare it to you.’**

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, ‘I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore, I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.’

HYMN NUMBERS FOR 9AM MASS:

315, 686, 673, 713

NEWS AND EVENTS

Sunday 22nd June is the **Feast of Corpus Christi** and there will be a solemn procession at the end of Mass with the Blessed Sacrament. We traditionally strew flower petals along the path of the procession before the Blessed Sacrament. There will be a collection basket for flower petals in the Rotunda from Tuesday 17th June, please do bring in the rose and other petals from your gardens to offer up for the procession. Thank You.

This week there are 2 votes in Parliament – On Tuesday 17th there is a vote which if passed, will make abortion legal up to birth (the most extreme abortion law since the Act in 1967) and the other is the vote which will make Assisted Suicide legal in our country. There will be an opportunity to pray for the protection of life from conception to natural death on **Wednesday 18th when there will be a Holy Hour between 5-6pm**. Please join in prayer to pray to defeat these attacks on life. Thank you.

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](#)

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 16th June** and then on **Monday 7th July**.

Cheese and Wine Pairing Event - Get ready to indulge in an evening of fun, fromage and fine wine as part of the Norwich Wine Week celebrations on Friday 27th June. Norfolk Local Wine School founder and wine expert, Jeremy Dunn, will guide you through a world of delicious cheese and wine. Tickets are £39.50 per person. 7pm at The Cathedral of St John the Baptist. To book and for more information, email bookings@sjbcathedral.org.uk

Hamish MacQueen Live in Concert - 19th July 2025 at The Narthex, St. John the Baptist Cathedral. Profits will go towards helping young people go on pilgrimage and training young leaders. See www.hamishmacqueen.live for more information. Tickets are expected to sell out fast.

Thank you again from Teresa - money raised for the SVP with "after Mass teas & scones" on **Sunday 7th June** was £20.50.

Cathedral Preserves – are back! Homemade marmalades, jams, chutneys etc. will be on sale after all Masses this weekend in aid of the Cathedral Building Fund. All tastes catered for!

NEWS AND EVENTS

Oppose Assisted Suicide: Final Vote on 20 June - on 20 June MPs will cast the final, decisive vote on the Leadbeater Assisted Suicide Bill. If just 28 change their vote, the Bill falls. Some have already switched, so victory is within reach, but only if we act now. As part of the highly targeted final phase of the campaign, Right to Life UK have launched a stand-alone petition in each constituency, to your local MP. Please consider adding your name to the local petition now (even if you have emailed your MP before, it's important you also sign the petition too). Your signature has real power. A petition signed by a large number of people in your constituency calling on your MP to vote against the Leadbeater assisted suicide Bill will carry real weight. This will give undeniable proof to your MP that there are a very large number of people in your constituency who want them to turn up at the crucial vote on 20 June and vote NO! A flood of local signatures from the constituencies could tip the balance and stop this dangerous Bill in its tracks. Please follow this QR code to sign the local petition to your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds.



Another threat to Life: Please Oppose the Extreme Abortion Amendment

The 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 for women to perform their own abortions for any reason, and at any point up to and during birth. Please consider writing to your MP on this issue before a vote on the 17th or 18th of June. The change to the law would apply throughout all nine months of 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.

PLEASE 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. Please follow this QR code to contact your MP now. **Our Lady of Walsingham, pray for us!**



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - The café is looking for regular volunteers to assist in serving customers, making drinks, clearing tables and helping to keep the café running smoothly. Morning, afternoon or all day, we are looking for people who like being around others, have energy and stamina and a desire to serve. Full training is provided. If you are interested, please contact Becci cateringmanager@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 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, Lord Adrian Tremayne, 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.