



TWELFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

22nd June 2025 · Year C · Weekday I · Psalter IV

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TIMES OF CEREMONIES

Sunday 22nd June	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>
	4.30pm	Solemn Vespers [sung]	
	5.30pm	Mass [sung]	<i>Brian Ness +</i>
Monday 23rd	<i>S Etheldreda</i>		
	10am	Mass	<i>Jasen Aherne</i>
Tuesday 24th	NATIVITY OF S JOHN THE BAPTIST		
	10am	Pontifical Mass	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	5pm	Vespers [sung]	
	5.30pm	Mass [sung]	<i>Deceased members of the Cara & Gorelli families +</i>
Wednesday 25th	<i>Feria</i>		
	7.30am	Mass	<i>Holy Souls in Purgatory (AC)</i>
	10am	Mass	<i>Lalla Bayeli +</i>
Thursday 26th	DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL		
	12pm	Chapter of Canons & Jubilee	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Friday 27th	THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS		
	7.30am	Mass	<i>Issmat Berte +</i>
	10am	Mass [sung]	<i>Raquel Villegas +</i>
Saturday 28th	<i>The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>		
	11.30am	Solemn Pontifical Mass	<i>Friends of the Cathedral</i>
	6pm	Mass [Anticipatory]	<i>Eileen Fitzsimons +</i>
Sunday 29th	SS PETER AND PAUL		
	9am	Mass	<i>Thanksgiving, Caasi Family</i>
	11am	Solemn Mass	<i>Mary Griffiths +</i>
	4.30pm	Vespers	
	5.30pm	Mass	<i>Pro Populo</i>

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Confessions

Tuesday: 6pm
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...

Two important votes: This week on Wednesday in our parliament, the MPs voted in favour of legalising abortion of our children right up to the time of birth (full term). This has shocked many people and should shock and dismay ALL Catholics as it flies so sharply in the face of Church teaching. We are called to protect the most vulnerable in our society and to ensure that they are protected at all costs.

In March 1995, Pope Saint John Paul II wrote the encyclical *Evangelium Vitae* where he talks about the sanctity of human life and covers Abortion, Euthanasia and Capital Punishment; he said the following - The acceptance of abortion in the popular mind, in behaviour and even in law itself, is a telling sign of an extremely dangerous crisis of the moral sense, which is becoming more and more incapable of distinguishing between good and evil. (*Evangelium Vitae*, no. 58)

When the Abortion Act was passed in the UK in 1967, it had many safeguards, checks and balances and (two doctors and at least one legal criterion). Barely 40 years later these safeguards have been dropped and the ones who suffer are the most vulnerable. Later today (Friday) the so called 'Assisted Dying' bill will reach its third vote in Parliament - also with many 'safeguards and limitations'. How long will these safeguards remain, should this evil act be passed?

Corpus Christi: This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi where, after the 11:00 Mass we process with the Blessed Sacrament and celebrate the true presence (body, blood, soul and divinity) of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. One of the most joyful and powerful celebrations of the year. We begin our time of First Holy Communion Masses this week as just over 120 children receive the Blessed Sacrament for the first time - this will happen over a variety of Masses throughout June. Congratulations to our children and thank you, as always, to our catechists.

Two new Canons: On Thursday, 26 June, we will celebrate the Feast of the Dedication of the Cathedral, and Bishop Peter will induct two new canons into the ranks of Cathedral Canons. Fr Sean Connolly (Vicar General) and Fr David Finnegan (Vicar for Clergy Welfare) will join the ranks of the Chapter of Canons this year. There will be no 10:00 Mass on Thursday as the Mass will be celebrated at 12:00 - all are welcome to attend. I wish Canons David and Sean every blessing in their new role and their new ministry. *Ad multos annos!*

READINGS AT MASS

Sunday 22nd June 2025

First reading

Genesis 14:18-20

'He offered bread and wine.'

In those days: Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High. And he blessed Abram and said, 'Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!' And Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 110(109):1. 2. 3. 4. **R4bc**

You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

'For as often as you eat and drink, you proclaim the Lord's death.'

Brothers and Sisters: I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you; that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, 'This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Gospel Acclamation

John 6:51

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord.

If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 9:11b-17

‘All ate and were satisfied.’

At that time: Jesus spoke to the crowd of the kingdom of God and cured those who needed healing. Now the day began to wear away, and the Twelve came and said to him, ‘Send the crowd away to go into the surrounding villages and countryside to find lodging and get provisions, for we are here in a desolate place.’ But he said to them, ‘You give them something to eat.’ They said, ‘We have no more than five loaves and two fish — unless we are to go and buy food for all these people.’ For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, ‘Make them sit down in groups of about fifty each.’ And they did so, and made them all sit down. And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing over them. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. And they all ate and were satisfied. And what was left over was picked up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

HYMN NUMBERS FOR 9AM MASS:

924, 776, 631, 620, 938

NEWS AND EVENTS

Sunday 22nd June is the **Feast of Corpus Christi** and there will be a solemn procession at the end of Mass which will return with the Blessed Sacrament for Benediction in the Cathedral afterwards. It is forecast to be a hot day so please process only if you are able.

Next weekend – there will be a second collection taken at all Masses for Peter's Pence.

Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is this Friday and so therefore abstinence is dispensed.

Mass for the Friends of St John's Cathedral – Bishop Peter will celebrate Mass next Saturday at 11.30am with the Friends of the Cathedral. All are welcome. There will be no Adoration or confessions on that morning.

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 7th July** and then on **Monday 21st July**.

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](#)

This year is the 800th Anniversary of when St Francis composed 'The Canticle of the Creatures' (*Laudato Si*) which inspired Pope Francis' encyclical concerned with care for earth, our family home. To celebrate. The Secular Franciscans are having an afternoon retreat at St Boniface; praying, singing and reflecting on some aspects of the life of St Francis, following which they plan to have a barbecue. They hope you will join them. Please a note of the date – Sunday 20th July, more details will follow. For further information contact: Frances Taylor: dandftaylor@btinternet.com or Paula Pearce paulapofs@gmail.com

Jonathan Callejo will be ordained Deacon on Saturday 12th July here at the Cathedral. There are some envelopes at the back of the Church should anyone wish to send him a gift. We keep him in our prayers as he undertakes this valuable ministry.

NEWS AND EVENTS

Cathedral Preserves – last Sunday's stall brought in £247.30 towards the Building Repairs Fund. Many thanks to all who made it a great success.

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.

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.

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.

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 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.