



# FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

13<sup>th</sup> July 2025 · Year C · Weekday I · Psalter III

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## TIMES OF CEREMONIES

<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>		
	9am	Mass	<i>Thanksgiving, Mr &amp; Mrs Elvira Caasi</i>
	11am	Solemn Mass	<i>Anna Conti +</i>
	4.30pm	Solemn Vespers [sung]	
	5.30pm	Mass [sung]	<i>Holy Souls in Purgatory</i>
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>S Camillus de Lellis</i>		
	10am	Mass	<i>Mila Holub +</i>
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>S Bonaventure</i>		
	10am	Mass	<i>Eileen Fitzimons +</i>
	5pm	Vespers [sung]	
	5.30pm	Mass [sung]	<i>Jasen Drnasin +</i>
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</i>		
	7.30am	Mass	<i>Umberto Vaccaro +</i>
	10am	Mass	<i>Anthony Hakings +</i>
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Feria</i>		
	10am	Mass	<i>Catherine Woulfe (F) +</i>
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Feria</i>		
	7.30am	Mass	<i>Winnie Hutchinson</i>
	10am	Mass	<i>Maria &amp; Lörinc +</i>
<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>The Blessed Virgin Mary on a Saturday</i>		
	11.30am	Diaconate Ordination	<i>For those to be ordained</i>
	6pm	Mass [Anticipatory]	<i>Aleta (exams)</i>
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>		
	9am	Mass	<i>Michael B. Aina +</i>
	11am	Solemn Mass	<i>Veronica Angela Seely +</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*

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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...**

**Our beautiful garden:** Now that Rachel has been with us for several months and winter is over, we are able to really see the fruits of her labours as we walk through the garden - particularly in the cool of the morning or the evening. I hope that you have noticed the vibrancy of the lavender this year and the super-abundance of bees that this has attracted as they busy about their work of pollination and making delicious honey.

I noticed this week that the Narthex Cafe is selling mulberry crumble fresh from the garden. A far better use of the fruit than in years gone by when all it seemed to do was decorate the pathway and make that slippery.

I was heartened to notice on Thursday that there were numerous volunteers out in the garden, even in the heat of the day, assisting Rachel and helping her to keep our garden looking at its best - no mean feat in this hot weather. I know that Rachel's father is very generous with his time and is often seen mowing the lawn and helping out when he can. Thank you to all our volunteers!

**Week of 11 August to 15 August:** With best laid plans to prevent diaries clashing, when we have a change of personnel at the cathedral, things can go a bit awry. To that end, there is, unfortunately a clash of diaries between Fr Anthony's diary and my diary - we both have commitments that have been arranged well in advance and not able to move. Therefore, between the 11<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of August the cathedral will be open from 09:00 - 17:00 and with only ONE Mass for those days at 10:00.

I will publish this for the next three weeks so that as few people as possible will be inconvenienced. Thank you for your understanding.

**Jonathan Callejo's ordination:** A reminder that Jonathan will be ordained to the permanent diaconate next Saturday, 19 August, at 11:30am. This will be a day of great celebration for the diocese and, in particular, for this parish. After many years of dedicated service, especially over the last four years of study, Jonathan's big day will finally arrive. We keep Jonathan and his family in the forefront of our prayers as he prepares himself for this wonderful day and for the years ahead.

All are welcome to attend - if you are able, please park your cars elsewhere in town and walk to the cathedral to save the parking space for our guests who are travelling from afar or who are unable to walk great distances. Thank you

## READINGS AT MASS

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2025

### First reading

Deuteronomy 30:10-14

**‘The word is very near you, so that you can do it.’**

Moses spoke to the people: ‘Obey the voice of the LORD your God, keep his commandments and his statutes that are written in this Book of the Law, turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

‘For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off. It is not in heaven, that you should say, “Who will ascend to heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?” Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, “Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?” But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 19(18):8. 9. 10. 11. R 10b or John 6:63c

*The precepts of the LORD are right; they gladden the heart.*

### Second reading

Colossians 1:15-20

**‘All things were created through him and for him.’**

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the Church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

### Gospel Acclamation

Cf. John 6:63c, 68c

Alleluia, alleluia.

Your words, O Lord, are Spirit and life;  
you have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.

**'Who is my neighbour?'**

At that time: Behold, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, 'Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? How do you read it?' And he answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.'

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, "Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back." Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbour to the man who fell among the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' And Jesus said to him, 'You go, and do likewise.'

**HYMN NUMBERS FOR 9AM MASS:**

**472, 245, 980, 919, 794**

**(the music group will be away next week)**

**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, 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.

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*Going into hospital? Please inform the hospital ward itself that the Catholic Chaplain is needed.*

## NEWS AND EVENTS

**Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea)** - Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Today is Sea Sunday. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. There will be a second collection for Stella Maris at all Masses today, or you can donate by visiting [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate), or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you.

**Hospital Mass** - Mass is celebrated at 12 noon on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month in the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital Chapel (Centre Block, Level 1). Our next Mass will be on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July**.

**Walsingham Hiring a Sacristan** - The Shrine in Walsingham is currently seeking a dedicated and organised Sacristan to join their team. This vital role supports the daily liturgical life of the Shrine, ensuring sacred spaces are well-prepared, reverent and welcoming for all pilgrims and visitors. For more information, please see: <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/2025/06/23/job-advert-sacristan/>

**Walsingham Hiring Pilgrimage and Shrine Site Lead** - The Shrine in Walsingham is currently seeking someone to lead pilgrimage planning for the Catholic National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady, at Walsingham, prioritising support for the Sacred Liturgy. The job holder will also be responsible for overseeing the operations of the Shrine Gift Shop, Tea Room, and Domestic team and their duties. For more information, please see: <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/2025/07/03/job-advert-pilgrimage-and-shrine-site-team-lead/>

**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 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025. [FHC and Confirmation Booking form 2025-26 - please click here](#)

**This year is the 800<sup>th</sup> 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. They hope you will join them. Please make a note of the date – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July, more details will follow. For further information contact: Frances Taylor: [dandftaylor@btinternet.com](mailto:dandftaylor@btinternet.com) or Paula Pearce [paulapofs@gmail.com](mailto:paulapofs@gmail.com)

## NEWS AND EVENTS

**Jonathan Callejo** – will be ordained Deacon on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July** here at the Cathedral. There are envelopes at the back of the Church should anyone wish to donate towards a presentation to him from the parish. We keep him and his family in our prayers as he undertakes this valuable ministry.

**Please note: there will be no Adoration or confessions on this day.**

**Cantonese Masses at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Sawston**, will be held at **2pm** on the following Saturdays: **August 16<sup>th</sup>** and **September 13<sup>th</sup>**. The celebrant will be Canon John Minh and are open to all.

**The Duckett Library** will close for the summer holidays on Thursday 17 July, except for opening for the Tower Tour on Saturday 23 August. The library will re-open from Sunday 7 September, with some extra openings for Heritage Open Days. Returned books can be left in the 'Returns' box outside the library, and if you need to borrow books, please contact us by email.

**Parish Summer Party** - 20th July 25 from 12 -3pm. Join us after the 11am Mass. There will be hot dogs and cakes, games stalls and a treasure hunt and lots more. The sign up sheet for catering and to help on the day is at the back of the cathedral. Donations for the raffle, tombola and bottle stalls (prizes, board games, teddies, jigsaw puzzles and bottles) would be most welcome. Alongside the cakes and games, there will be a stall run by Sr. M. Amabilis from Kenya, selling gifts and homewares in aid of the Mission of Love Foundation, a charity supporting those with health or financial difficulties in Kenya.

**Haymarket Wednesday Afternoon "Soup run"** - For the past two years the Justice & Peace Group, friends and family have supported Cromer Vincent de Paul and Norwich Franciscan groups by supplying soup, other hot drinks, sandwiches and treats to rough sleepers and other needy folk. We need to recruit more volunteers to establish a second team, so that we can increase our support to every two weeks. In addition to making sandwiches, we need people to attend (once every four weeks) to make and give out the drinks and food outside the old Debenhams store in Brigg St. It takes two hours (3-5pm) at a location near the city with parking. Please contact Mark Webb (07802 588845) for a chat about what this involves or come down to Brigg St at 4:00pm any Wednesday and see how you can be involved.

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.