



# TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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## TIMES OF CEREMONIES

<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Sept</b>	<b>TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>		
	9am	Mass	<i>Minoo Darabi</i>
	11am	Solemn Mass (choir)	<i>Mrs Ann Keating +</i>
	4.30pm	Solemn Vespers (choir)	
	5.30pm	Mass (cantor)	<i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<i>Feria</i>		
	10am	Mass	<i>Quadras &amp; George Family</i>
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<i>S Pius of Pietrelcina</i>		
	10am	Mass	<i>Catherine Rafferty +</i>
	5pm	Vespers (choir)	
	5.30pm	Mass (choir)	<i>Christopher Caoleng +</i>
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM</b>		
	7.30am	Mass	<i>Angela Martina Young (F) +</i>
	10am	Mass (sung)	<i>Elly Wibisono +</i>
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Feria</i>		
	10am	Mass	<i>Thanks to NNUH</i>
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>S Cosmas &amp; Damian</i>		
	7.30am	Mass	<i>Katja Antoinette Livsey +</i>
	12pm	Diocesan Schools Mass	<i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>S Vincent de Paul</b>		
	10am	Mass	<i>Maria Aurora Rodriguez +</i>
	11.30am	Mass for Deacons & Wives	<i>All Deacons</i>
	6pm	Mass [Anticipatory]	<i>Catalina Jacob +</i>
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>		
	9am	Mass	<i>Alfreda McHale</i>
	11am	Solemn Mass	<i>Maureen Fitzmaurice (F) +</i>
	4.30pm	Vespers	
	5.30pm	Mass	<i>Pro Populo</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...

I do hope that you had a good summer and that you managed to get away and spend some quality time with your family and friends and to just get away for a bit. To be honest, it feels good to be writing this article for the newsletter once again and return to some semblance of normality - the final piece of returning the cathedral to a regular rhythm after the summer months (although, is life ever 'regular' in the cathedral?).

By now, you might have heard that the diocese has purchased the URC property next door (STC), I think that it was an opportunity that was simply too good to miss for the diocese so that we can make the two properties into one campus. I must stress that this is a purchase by the diocese and not by the cathedral. There are no final plans as to exactly how the campus will be used, but, going by the press release, there will be diocesan offices, the diocesan archives and other departments that will move into the premises once it has been repaired and converted to suit the needs of those who will work there. As soon as the architects and planners have finalised their plans, and I am able to do so, I will keep you as updated as I possibly can. It will be several months before we see too much activity next door.

Although August was a fairly low time at the cathedral with a few social events and activities run by our wonderful volunteers (did you manage to buy a bottle of delicious preserves?), we have returned with quite a force. All our catechetical classes are oversubscribed (First Holy Communion, Confirmation and Adult Instruction) and, on the first afternoon of the youth group meeting, we had 48 young people attend. This is such a valuable ministry for our young people; they enjoy spiritual input, attend Mass and Confession, play games and they are served a hot meal every week. The atmosphere there is one of true joy and participation. Thank you to the youth leaders, the Ignite Team and Jo Graham for their dedicated work.

This year, we are losing many of our senior altar servers who are either going to university, to live elsewhere or to take up other commitments. This leaves us quite vulnerable in terms of altar servers who can lead and help us with Mass and other services. In particular, we will find our weekday Masses struggling with filling the servers' rota. The liturgy of the cathedral (alongside the music, cleanliness and flowers) is an essential core of what we do here and sets the tone and impression in terms of liturgical celebration. **Are you able to help and would you like to be an altar server?** If so, please speak to Stephen (our MC), one of the sacristans or to one of the clergy so that we can give you more information and get your details. I can guarantee that this could be one of the most rewarding services in which you could involve yourself.

**Against those who 'buy the poor for silver.'**

Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, saying, 'When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances, that we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and sell the chaff of the wheat?'

The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: 'Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.'

**Responsorial Psalm****Ps 113(112):1-2. 4-6. 7-8. R cf. 1a, 7b**

*Praise the LORD, who raises the poor.*

**Second reading****1 Timothy 2:1-8****'Prayers should be made for all people to God, who desires all people to be saved.'**

Beloved: First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

For this I was appointed a preacher and an Apostle — I am telling the truth, I am not lying — a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarrelling.

**Gospel Acclamation****2 Corinthians 8:9**

Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus Christ, though he was rich,  
yet for your sake he became poor,  
so that you by his poverty might become rich.

Alleluia.

**‘You cannot serve God and money.’**

At that time: Jesus said to the disciples, ‘There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. And he called him and said to him, “What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.” And the manager said to himself, “What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.” So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, “How much do you owe my master?” He said, “A hundred measures of oil.” He said to him, “Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.” Then he said to another, “And how much do you owe?” He said, “A hundred measures of wheat.” He said to him, “Take your bill and write eighty.” The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light.’ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails, they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

‘One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful with the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.’

**HYMN NUMBERS FOR 9AM MASS:**

**883, 892, 625, 882, 713.**

**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, Charmanee Wissner and Shane Wissner. *[GDPR compliant]*

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

## NEWS AND EVENTS

**This Sunday is Home Missions Sunday** so there will be a second collection taken at all Masses this weekend.

**'Where there are two or three gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them'** *Matt 18:20*. **Would you like to pray with others on a regular basis?** The (Monday) Prayer Group meets each Monday in term-time, 10.45am (after 10am mass) praying together for all our needs and the needs of the world using readings, psalms, reflections, the rosary and intercessory prayers. Why not come and join us? For more details, please contact us on [helen@savelli.co.uk](mailto:helen@savelli.co.uk) or 01603 623858

**The 2025-26 First Holy Communion and Confirmation Programme** registration sessions are taking place this Sunday in the Narthex. Emails have been sent to all families who have registered for this year's programme. If you have not received an email, please speak to the catechists in the Narthex. The online registration form is now closed. Thank you.

**October is traditionally a month dedicated to Our Lady** and this year families are invited to sign up to welcome the statue of Our Lady holding baby Jesus into their homes, starting on 1<sup>st</sup> October for an evening of prayer and fellowship. Please sign up on the list at the back of the Cathedral by 28th September to allow sufficient time for the list to be published and circulated. Due to the latest GDPR legislation, the list will only be put up briefly at the weekend masses and then kept securely, so if you can't find the list, please e-mail Jo Graham at [stjohnfhc@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnfhc@gmail.com) to book your family rosary date.

**St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School open morning (September 26 intake)** – families who are interested in sending their child to our school are warmly invited to look around the school on **Wednesday 5th November - 9.15am to 11.00am**. Please email [office@st-francisofassisi.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-francisofassisi.norfolk.sch.uk) to let the school know you plan to attend and do look at our website for further information [www.stfrancisofassisi.co.uk](http://www.stfrancisofassisi.co.uk)

**The Ignite Team** is excited to be launching a **Young Leaders formation** initiative, specifically for those aged 16 - 22 who want to be empowered for mission and equipped to serve other young people in the diocese. The launch weekend is 17th - 19th October held at Clare Priory. For more information, please see [www.rcdea.org.uk/youth](http://www.rcdea.org.uk/youth)

**Would you like to learn more about the Catholic faith?** Are you looking to join (or return to) the Church? Perhaps you'd just like to understand more about what we believe and why. If so, we invite you to **Understanding Catholicism**, a weekly evening course where we unpack Catholic belief and practice. This year's course starts on **Friday 26th September at 7pm**. To find out more or register for the course, please email [parish@sjbcathedral.org.uk](mailto:parish@sjbcathedral.org.uk)

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**The Annual Macmillan Coffee Morning** will be held on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October after the 10am Mass until 12 Noon. Please come and support this very worthy cause.

**3 extra mid-week dates** have been added for our popular tower tours, 25<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> September and 8<sup>th</sup> October. Take a look at the posters or website for more details and to book your tickets.

**Reminder: foreign currency collection next weekend** - there will be a collection of foreign currency after each Mass on 27 and 28 September. Please bring any unwanted notes and coins that have been gathering dust since your holidays! You will be helping to provide meals for the 3 million children who are fed by Mary's Meals every school day. Thank you.

**Julian and Her Peers:** The Big Five of the English Mystical Tradition, Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2-4pm. Learn more about each mystic, and how they complement or contrast with Julian of Norwich, and how they can be a source of wisdom and encouragement for your own spiritual journey. Together they provide a rich tapestry of insight into the mystery of God and the pursuit of a relationship with Christ.

The presenter will be Father Kevin Goodrich OP PhD, an American Anglican Dominican brother and priest, who has travelled the Western world as a preacher and teacher, and is the author of the new book *A Pilgrimage of the Heart: Walter Hilton and the English Mystical Tradition*.

**Pilgrimage to Poland: 20-26th April 2026 (organised by Tangney Tours);** Spaces are still available; deposit of £300 payable by 30th September. Details from John McLean at [jjmclean44@gmail.com](mailto:jjmclean44@gmail.com) or 07977 47049

**CAFOD Family Fast Day** - a reminder that there will be an appeal for this Harvest the weekend of 27<sup>th</sup>/ 28<sup>th</sup> September. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10.

**Duckett Library 'Big Book Sale'** continues throughout the month. Proceeds in aid of the Cathedral building fund - come and browse a wide variety of books in good condition.

**Thank you to everyone** who supported D'Septra's Charity Concert – Reminisce on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2025. It was an excellent night of music, food and fellowship and a total of £1450 was raised which will go towards sponsoring young people into higher education in the Philippines and the parish Youth Group.

## 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.