



TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

28th September 2025 · Year C · Weekday I · Psalter II

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TIMES OF CEREMONIES

Sunday 28th Sept	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME		
	9am	Mass	<i>Alfreda McHale</i>
	11am	Solemn Mass (choir)	<i>Maureen Fitzmaurice (F) +</i>
	4.30pm	Solemn Vespers (choir)	
	5.30pm	Mass (cantor)	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday 29th	Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels		
	10am	Mass	<i>The Flower Group's Intentions</i>
Tuesday 30th	<i>S Jerome</i>		
	10am	Mass	<i>For Cathedral Staff (AC)</i>
	5pm	Vespers (choir)	
	5.30pm	Mass (choir)	<i>Stephen & Juliet, Thanksgiving</i>
Wednesday 1st Oct	<i>S Therese of the Child Jesus</i>		
	7.30am	Mass	<i>Henry, Duke of Norfolk (F) +</i>
	10am	Mass	<i>Michael Lewis & Lorenza Nuguid +</i>
Thursday 2nd	<i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>		
	10am	Mass	<i>Mavis, Steven, Maddison Knowles</i>
Friday 3rd	<i>Feria</i>		
	7.30am	Mass	<i>O'Kane & Macpherson families</i>
	10am	Mass	<i>Leo de Silva +</i>
Saturday 4th	<i>S Francis of Assisi</i>		
	10am	Mass	<i>Oswald Barrett (F) +</i>
	6pm	Mass [Anticipatory]	<i>Patrick Joyce +</i>
Sunday 5th	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME		
	9am	Mass	<i>Rita Etuk - thanksgiving</i>
	11am	Solemn Pontifical Mass (choir)	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	3pm	Mass [1962 Rite Latin]	<i>Holy Souls</i>
	4.30pm	Solemn Vespers (choir)	
		No Confessions	
	5.30pm	Mass	<i>Patrick Michael Dalton +</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

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...

Oppose Assisted Suicide: Please continue to write to Peers.

The Leadbeater assisted suicide Bill is currently progressing through the House of Lords. The Bill passed its Third Reading in the House of Commons on 20 June by just 23 votes (314–291), a significant reduction from its 55-vote majority at the Second Reading.

Because it is neither a Government Bill nor part of any manifesto, the Lords are fully entitled to heavily amend, time-out, or reject this dangerous Bill. This means the **Leadbeater assisted suicide Bill can still be defeated.**

In its two-thousand-year history, the Catholic Church has always affirmed that human life must be defended from conception until natural death. Thus, according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, “Intentional euthanasia, whatever its forms or motives, is murder. It is gravely contrary to the dignity of the human person and to the respect due to the living God, his Creator” (CCC 2324).

In keeping with the teaching of Holy Mother Church, we can still act to defend the dignity of every person and oppose this bill in the House of Lords.

Writing letters to **Peers in the House of Lords** making them aware of the dangers of the bill and our concerns about it is an extremely effective means of opposing it. We must remember that Peers do not represent constituents and are not elected by the public. Our communications to Peers must be prudent, polite, and focused. As Catholics we must always approach everyone with charity.

While emails are used extensively in our lives today, **sending a physical letter** carries a unique weight, especially with Members of the House of Lords. A printed, signed letter is a tangible, personal form of communication that is often viewed by Members of the House of Lords as more deliberate and impactful, making it harder to ignore.

Right to Life UK have updated their letter generation tool to assist us in **creating personalised letters to Peers** – each focused on one area of concern. You then **print, sign, and post them.** **This QR code takes you to this latest version of the tool, which helps you write to more than three Peers at once.**

Please consider writing to Peers using this tool and stand up for life!

“Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price: therefore, glorify God in your body.” (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).



READINGS AT MASS

Sunday 28th September 2025

First reading

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

‘The revelry of those who now stretch themselves out shall pass away.’

Thus says the LORD, the God of hosts: ‘Woe to those who are at ease in Sion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria.

‘Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore, they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 146(145): 7. 8-9a. 9b-10. R5a

My soul, give praise to the LORD.

Second reading

1 Timothy 6:11-16

‘Keep the commandment until the appearing of our Lord.’

O man of God, pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will display at the proper time — he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

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 received good things, and Lazarus bad things; now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish.’

At that time: Jesus said to the Pharisees, ‘There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he called out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.” But Abraham said, “Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not do so, and none may cross from there to us.” And he said, “Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house — for I have five brothers — so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.” But Abraham said, “They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.” And he said, “No, Father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.” He said to him, “If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.”

HYMN NUMBERS FOR 9AM MASS:

475, 889, 926, 795.

Second Communion Hymn: *"Open our eyes to see, open our ears to hear. Open our lives to live your calling, open us Lord to love."*

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, 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

CAFOD *Family Fast Day* - a reminder that there will be an appeal for this Harvest this weekend. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10.

The next adoration for the First Fridays will take place on **Friday 3rd October**.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin after the 10 Mass and continue until 4pm when there will be Benediction. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is prayed together at 3pm. Please do come and spend time before Our Blessed Lord in intercession for Bishop Peter, all our Diocesan priests and vocations to the priesthood. There is a rota at the back of the church to write your name if you can commit to stay for half an hour or more. Thank you.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Why not join others in praying this beautiful devotion during this month of October? The Rosary is prayed every weekday after the 10am Mass in the Lady Chapel. Please do come and join asking for the intercession of Our Lady for all our needs and the needs of the world. All welcome.

As October is traditionally a month dedicated to Our Lady, this year families are invited to sign up to welcome the statue of Our Lady holding baby Jesus into their homes, starting on 1st October for an evening of prayer and fellowship. Please sign up on the list at the back of the Cathedral if you are interested. 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 to book your family rosary date.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation Programmes begin this Sunday with the compulsory parent's sessions on 28th September. Families should have received an email with further information and picked up their folder packs. If you registered your child but have not received an email, please email the catechists at stjohnfhc@gmail.com so that they can check your contact details.

Opportunity for Catholics in Healthcare and Life Sciences to Support Ethics Project - The Diocese invites doctors, nurses, pharmacists, researchers, and other professionals to contribute to an ongoing project applying the Church's recent teaching on human dignity to the increasing challenges of living the Catholic faith in these professions. Following the success of recent workshops at the Catholic Chaplaincies of the Universities of Cambridge and East Anglia, participation is now possible by completing a short online form. Your reflections will assist a forthcoming panel of ethicists and theologians in considering these lived experiences and how to support those facing them. Beginning in spring 2026, the panel's insights will be shared through additional workshops and accompanying published materials. To contribute, please visit <https://forms.office.com/e/CfJ6sM4m5L>.

NEWS AND EVENTS

Friends of St John's Cathedral AGM will be held on Sunday 5th October from 12-2pm. All are welcome.

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

Additional Tour Towers – two additional dates have been added for our popular tower tours, 29th September and 8th October. Take a look at the posters or website for more details and to book your tickets.

Duckett Library 'Big Book Sale' now includes a couple of statues! The sale will be extended until Thursday 24th October – plenty of good quality books are still available with all takings going to the Cathedral Building Repairs Fund.

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

'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 or 01603 623858

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 to let the school know you plan to attend and do look at our website for further information www.stfrancisofassisi.co.uk

Altar Servers needed – we are having a drive to attract more altar servers to serve on the sanctuary at the Cathedral, in particular we are looking for senior servers who are able to serve during the weekday Masses. Please speak to the sacristy team or Stephen Aldus.

Mass Intentions – we are currently oversubscribed for Mass intentions. Please ensure enough time is given if a specific date is requested. Please also note that on occasion it may be necessary to change the date or time allocated to a particular intention for reasons out of our control. With very many thanks for your understanding in this matter.

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.