



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

5th October 2025 · Year C · Weekday I · Psalter III

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TIMES OF CEREMONIES

Sunday 5th Oct	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)	
	5.30pm	Mass (cantor)	<i>Patrick Michael Dalton +</i>
Monday 6th	<i>S Bruno</i>		
	10am	Mass	<i>Stephen & Maria, thanksgiving</i>
Tuesday 7th	<i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>		
	10am	Mass	<i>Efren Alfonso, thanksgiving</i>
	5pm	Vespers (choir)	
	5.30pm	Mass (choir)	<i>Betty Harris & family (F)</i>
Wednesday 8th	<i>Feria</i>		
	7.30am	Mass	<i>Tony Walters (F) +</i>
	10am	Mass	<i>George Leverage +</i>
Thursday 9th	S John Henry Newman		
	10am	Mass	<i>Miklos Meszaros +</i>
Friday 10th	<i>S Paulinus of York</i>		
	7.30am	Mass	<i>Jordan Baglieto +</i>
	10am	Mass	<i>The Fitzmaurice Family (F)</i>
Saturday 11th	<i>S John XXIII</i>		
	10am	Mass	<i>Andre Alphons</i>
	6pm	Mass [Anticipatory]	<i>Adela Alfonso, thanksgiving</i>
Sunday 12th	TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME		
	9am	Mass	<i>Ericson Caasi & Family, thanksgiving</i>
	11am	Solemn Mass (choir)	<i>John Crotty +</i>
	4.30pm	Solemn Vespers (choir)	
	5.30pm	Mass (cantor)	<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

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...

I am sure that, like me, you were deeply saddened and disturbed by the attack on the synagogue in Manchester as the community were celebrating Yom Kippur. Thankfully, because of the courage of some of those attending, the attacker was unable to gain access into the synagogue to fulfil his aim of destruction and murder. Please keep our Jewish brothers and sisters in your prayers as they, as a community, come to terms with this hate crime and terrorist activity. A reminder to all of us to be vigilant of those around us and of any worrying behaviour around the cathedral campus.

There is always a buzz around the cathedral at this time of the year when all of us, staff, volunteers and parishioners return from places afar and return to the regular pace of home-life. I like to hope that St John's Cathedral offers a place of familiarity and comfort to those returning and that familiarity transpires into thoughts of home-coming and comfort.

One of the privileges for me at this time of the year is being involved with the schools in this parish and their return to school and daily life...now there IS pure excitement and joy which is quite infectious. We begin with the whole of Notre Dame High School [approx 1500] walking over to the cathedral for Mass and how the whole city seems to be buzzing with the sight of all of these students walking to the cathedral. I have had quite a few people stop me and comment positively on the behaviour and politeness of the students as they make their way to Mass. It is a busy day for our volunteers and the Heritage department as, after Mass, some of the year levels stay behind at the cathedral for a talk on how faith plays such an important part in the life of the cathedral. We also get involved with the synagogue across the street and I do thank them for their gracious assistance. We then have the all-schools Mass where representatives from across the diocese come to celebrate Mass at the cathedral with Bishop Peter and priests from the various parishes in attendance. Finally, I went to St Francis of Assisi school yesterday to celebrate an early feast day Mass for St Francis. Many children were dressed as animals or in party clothes for the day and they had spent the morning doing more creative things rather than school lessons.

This Saturday, 04 October, we host the national gathering of the Warriors of Mary - part of the mission of the Polish Chaplaincy. The Warriors of Mary attend this cathedral regularly as part of our worshipping community as well as joining together as a group on the first Saturday of every month to celebrate Mass in Polish as well as praying the rosary and hosting a conference. I love the vibrancy they bring to the cathedral and joy they bring in their celebration along with a deep-rooted faith. I welcome each and every one of them to the cathedral this weekend along with their Polish chaplains.

READINGS AT MASS

Sunday 5th October 2025

First reading

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

‘The righteous shall live by his faith.’

O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you ‘Violence!’ and you will not save? Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

And the LORD answered me: ‘Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end — it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.

‘Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95(94):1-2. 6-7b. 7c-9. R7c, 8a

O that today you would listen to his voice!

‘Harden not your hearts.’

Second reading

2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

‘Do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord.’

Beloved: I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear, but of power and love and self-control. Therefore, do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God,

Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

Gospel Acclamation

1 Peter 1:25

Alleluia, alleluia.

The word of the Lord remains for ever

and this word is the good news that was preached to you.

Alleluia.

'If you had faith.'

At that time: The Apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' And the Lord said, 'If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.

'Will any one of you who has a servant ploughing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, "Come at once and recline at table"? Will he not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterwards you will eat and drink"? Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? So, you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, "We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty."

HYMN NUMBERS FOR 9AM MASS:

433, 968, 423, 871, 785

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

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.

The Teresian Prayer Group meets again at 4.30 pm on Tuesday 14 October in the Narthex Bar. This year being the centenary of the canonisation of St Therese of Lisieux, we shall be reflecting on the writings of this Doctor of the Church. All are welcome.

'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

Jubilee of Marian Spirituality, with Walking Pilgrimage for those discerning Priesthood - taking place on 11th of October with Fr Peter Wygnanski. Gather in Walsingham for a Mass to celebrate the marking of the International Jubilee of Marian Spirituality. Fr Peter will be leading a small pilgrimage, beginning with Mass in Holt on the 10th, followed by a pilgrims' overnight stay in the church hall before walking to Walsingham the next morning to join the Diocesan Mass. Please contact Fr Peter peter.wygnanski@rcdea.org.uk for more information.

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>.

Stop Assisted Suicide - The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill (Assisted Suicide) would explicitly exclude assisted suicide deaths from coroner's investigation, despite them being unnatural. This is only one example of the many problems that this Bill would raise if it is passed.

If you have not yet done so, please consider writing letters to Peers in the House of Lords to help them in their decision-making regarding this bill.

NEWS AND EVENTS

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 can serve during the weekday Masses. Please speak to the sacristy team or Stephen Aldus.

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 – an additional date has been added for our popular tower tours on Wednesday 8th October. Take a look at the posters or website for more details and to book your tickets.

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

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.

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

Helpers are needed on the Hospitality rota after Sunday Masses. If you can help serve tea & coffee once a month, please contact Jo Graham via stjohnfhc@gmail.com

Jam Jars – are urgently wanted for Cathedral Preserves. Please bring CLEAN jars to the Narthex or the shop. Thank you!

St John's Youth Group is organising the Operation Christmas Child shoebox appeal for the parish and collecting donations of small toys, stationery, personal care items to be packed into shoe boxes and shipped out across the world to children in need this Christmas. We are breaking it down into manageable weekly chunks collecting the following items over the next 3 weekends:

11-12th Oct - empty shoe boxes and wrapping paper

18-19th Oct - toiletries and stationery

25-26th Oct - small toys, card games

Please place your donations in the collection boxes at the back of the cathedral each week for the youth group to collect. Further information about this annual appeal are available here - [Operation Christmas Child](#). Thank You.

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.