



TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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TIMES OF CEREMONIES

Sunday 12th Oct	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>
Monday 13th	<i>S Edward the Confessor</i>		
	10am	Mass	<i>Michael Kiely +</i>
Tuesday 14th	<i>S Callistus</i>		
	10am	Mass	<i>Anastasia Devries +</i>
	5pm	Vespers (choir)	
	5.30pm	Mass (choir)	<i>Oluchi Akubue</i>
Wednesday 15th	<i>S Teresa of Jesus</i>		
	7.30am	Mass	<i>Jan Trzcinski</i>
	10am	Mass	<i>Melissa Baker +</i>
Thursday 16th	<i>S Margaret Mary Alacoque</i>		
	10am	Mass	<i>Simone Vaccaro +</i>
Friday 17th	<i>S Ignatius of Antioch</i>		
	7.30am	Mass	<i>Gilbert Losasso +</i>
	10am	Mass	<i>Mary Fox +</i>
Saturday 18th	S Luke		
	10am	Mass	<i>Winkworth Family (F)</i>
	6pm	Mass [Anticipatory]	<i>Gene Self +</i>
Sunday 19th	TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME		
	9am	Mass	<i>Prima Nevard +</i>
	11am	Solemn Mass (choir)	<i>Aleta Castellino, thanksgiving</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...

Dare we begin to hope? This week I have been keeping an eye on the news almost hourly as some positive news started to emerge from the Holy Land and the signs of peace between the two communities started to filter through and, in particular, the release of those poor hostages being held in tunnels for over two years. The strain on them and their loved ones is unimaginable and, please God, they will soon feel the sun on their faces and begin to rebuild their lives. The loss of life for both sides has been awful and, of course, the level of hatred, distrust and anger incalculable.

Any peace plan is, by its very nature, a fragile bond of trust; and trust, unfortunately, is a rare commodity between the two sides. Both must feel as if they are taking a huge leap of faith and a step into the unknown and both sides are dependent on the goodwill and integrity of the other. However, this plan does offer an enormous ray of light onto a troubled area and a troubled world - a light that nobody has seen for many years and especially for the last two years. Both sides seem to genuinely want to stop any further killing and destruction.

So, dare we begin to hope? Yes, of course we do! We must see the work of peace and the heart of God at this time as he begins the healing work amongst the people of the region and, hopefully, the wider region too. We must continue to pray for peace in all parts of the world (not forgetting the immense loss of life between Ukraine and Russia), and we must not forget to give thanks to the Lord for hearing our prayers and bringing peace to such a politically divided area.

Windows - This week, one of the guests that was staying at Cathedral House, highlighted to me that one of the windows in the sunken chapel is looking extremely precarious and has, over time, begun to buckle and lose some of its lead banding. The window in question is the middle of the three windows and dedicated to Lady Flora - the wife of the Duke of Norfolk at the time of construction. Charley, our General Manager, called in a window surveyor and he agreed that the window needs some serious work to restore it and to save it for future generations. To the best of our knowledge and with all optimism we believe that there is no immediate danger of it falling out, but we do need to begin to restore it as a matter of some urgency as we can only be as certain as the visual inspection has indicated. These windows are our heritage, gifted to us by the Duke of Norfolk, and ours to preserve for future generations - the quality of glass and workmanship is virtually irreplicable. To that end, I am launching a window appeal (we need to raise £26,000 for the one window), a new leaflet highlighting the importance and beauty of our windows has been compiled by Dr Richard Maguire - our Learning and Heritage Officer - and will be available in the next few days and I have added a tile onto the Dona machine to assist us with donations. Please consider *GiftAid* should you be a UK taxpayer. I thank you, as always, for your generosity.

Naaman returned to the man of God and confessed his faith in the Lord.

In those days: Naaman the Syrian went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of Elisha, the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him. And he said, 'Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel; so accept now a present from your servant.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, before whom I stand, I will receive none.' And Naaman urged Elisha to take it, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'If not, please let there be given to your servant two mule-loads of earth, for from now on your servant will not offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god but the LORD.'

Responsorial Psalm**Ps 98(97):1. 2-3b. 3c-4. R1a**

The LORD has shown his salvation to the nations.

Second reading**2 Timothy 2:8-13**

'If we endure, we will also reign with Christ.'

Beloved: Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! Therefore, I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful — for he cannot deny himself.

Gospel Acclamation**1 Thessalonians 5:18**

Alleluia, alleluia.

In everything give thanks;

for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Alleluia.

'No one was found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner.'

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, 'Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' And he said to him, 'Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.'

HYMN NUMBERS FOR 9AM MASS:

339, 810, 620, 748, 794

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

This week is Prisons Week during which we are asked to pray for prisoners and their families.

Next Sunday is World Mission Day – there will be a second collection for Missio (The Association for the Propagation of the Faith) taken at all Masses next weekend.

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 are 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.

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 20th October** and then on **Monday 3rd November**.

Deanery Requiem Mass - The annual **Requiem Mass** for the deceased clergy of the Norwich deanery will be celebrated on **Wednesday 5th November at the Cathedral, at 11am**. Parishioners from across the Deanery are invited to attend this Mass, as we pray for the many priests and deacons who have served our parishes in the past.

A holy Hour for Life will take place in the Cathedral on Wednesday 5th November from 5-6pm. As the Assisted Suicide Bill progresses through the House of Lords and the peers continue to scrutinize, please come to pray the rosary and then silent prayer and adoration before the Lord. All are welcome.

STELLA MARIS: Regional Port Chaplain for East Anglia Ports - Stella Maris (SM) is seeking to recruit a Regional Port Chaplain who will in care for all seafarers and fishers by helping to meet their pastoral and spiritual needs. They will recruit, train and support SM staff and volunteers for the port and will maintain good relations with local parishes and the local diocese, working ecumenically with members of other Christian maritime societies. <https://www.charityjob.co.uk/organisation/stella-maris>

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.

Organist Vacancy - The Cathedral is looking to recruit an organist to play on Sundays and major feast days throughout the year. For more details about this post please see the cathedral website or contact the Director of Music.

NEWS AND EVENTS

Inviting young people (Year 7+) especially those preparing for Confirmation, Catechists and Youth Leaders to HOPE 2025! HOPE 2025! Is a special event organised by the Diocesan Ignite Team to prepare to celebrate World Youth Sunday later in November in your parishes. It includes live music, inspiring talks, passionate prayer and good food! Held at St. Johns' Cathedral Narthex from 2:00pm - 8pm (to include joining the parish vigil Mass) on Saturday 8th November. Entry: £5 on the door.

www.rcdea.org.uk/youth

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 is available here - [Operation Christmas Child](#). Thank You.

Teas and coffees after 9am and 11am Masses for the Mission of Love Foundation last weekend raised £50.00. A big thank you from Teresa.

This October, Father Colin Carr OP, a longtime supporter of the John Bradburne Memorial Society (JBMS) will celebrate his 84th birthday by undertaking an 84 km sponsored walk to raise vital funds for the people of Mutemwa, in memory of John Bradburne. He would be grateful of any support. Donations can be made

https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/frcolinwalk84?utm_medium=CA&utm_source=CL

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>.

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.