



THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

26th October 2025 · Year C · Weekday I · Psalter II

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TIMES OF CEREMONIES

Sunday 26th Oct	THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME		
	9am	Mass	<i>Ciaran Paul Winterlich +</i>
	11am	Solemn Mass (cantor)	<i>Anthony Bianco +</i>
	4.30pm	Vespers (cantor)	
	5.30pm	Mass (cantor)	<i>Veronica Kelly +</i>
Monday 27th	<i>Feria</i>		
	10am	Mass	<i>Christopher Humbles & Barry Smith, recovery</i>
Tuesday 28th	Ss Simon & Jude		
	10am	Mass	<i>Sylvia & Bernard 10th Wedding Anniversary</i>
	5pm	Vespers (said)	
	5.30pm	Mass (said)	<i>Isidore White</i>
Wednesday 29th	<i>Feria</i>		
	7.30am	Mass	<i>Cathy & Jack Dickerson +</i>
	10am	Mass	<i>Patrick Gleeson +</i>
Thursday 30th	<i>Feria</i>		
	10am	Mass	<i>Benjamin Sampson +</i>
Friday 31st	<i>Feria</i>		
	7.30am	Mass	<i>Felicity Byrne</i>
	10am	Mass	<i>Holy Souls in Purgatory (AC)</i>
Saturday 1st Nov	<i>Blessed Virgin Mary on a Saturday</i>		
	10am	Mass	<i>Doris & Jack Todd (F) +</i>
	6pm	Mass [Anticipatory]	<i>Henry, Duke of Norfolk (F) +</i>
Sunday 2nd Nov	ALL SAINTS		
	9am	Mass	<i>Georgina Phillips +</i>
	11am	Solemn Pontifical Mass (choir)	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	3pm	Mass [1962 Rite Latin]	<i>Holy Souls</i>
	4.30pm	Vespers (choir)	
	5.30pm	Mass (cantor)	<i>Thanksgiving for Surgery</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 9am until 5pm

A message from Fr Alan...

Fr Alan is away on pilgrimage in Rome this week and so will send a message to the Parish next week.

READINGS AT MASS

Sunday 26th October 2025

First reading

Sirach 35:15b-17, 20-22b

‘The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds.’

The Lord is the judge, and with him is no partiality. He will not show partiality in the case of a poor man; and he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan or the widow when she pours out her story. He whose service is pleasing to the Lord will be accepted, and his prayer will reach to the clouds. The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds, and he will not be consoled until it reaches the Lord; he will not desist until the Most High visits him and does justice for the righteous and executes judgement. And the Lord will not delay.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 34(33):2-3. 17-18. 19, 23. R7a

The lowly one called, and the LORD heard him.

Second reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

‘There is laid up for me the crown of righteousness.’

Beloved: I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but also to all who have loved his appearing.

At my first defence no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed, and all the Gentiles might hear it. So, I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia.

God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself,
and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

Alleluia.

'The tax collector went down to his house justified, rather than the Pharisee.'

At that time: Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and treated others with contempt: 'Two men went up into the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: "God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get." But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you; this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.'

HYMN NUMBERS FOR 9AM MASS:

The music group are on their half-term holiday this 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, 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, Shane Wissner and Karen Yallop [GDPR compliant]

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

NEWS AND EVENTS

Prayer and Adoration for Life – Holy Hour – November 5th - as the House of Lords are currently scrutinizing the Assisted suicide bill and the second reading of the Antoniazzi abortion up to birth amendment is happening soon, we continue our prayers for the protection of life at both the end of life and from its conception. There will be a Holy Hour for Life on Wednesday 5th November taking place 5-6pm. 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 3rd November** and then on **Monday 17th 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.

Rachel's Vineyard Talk – Saturday 15th November - Rachel MacKenzie from Rachel's Vineyard UK will be giving a talk (for over 18s) at 7.15pm (after the 6pm Mass) in the Narthex Hall about the work of Rachel's Vineyard. There are now over 200,000 abortions carried out in England and Wales each year which over the course of one's life means that the impact and effect of abortion will touch nearly every family and certainly every parish community. This talk is for all, especially those in caring professions and ministries; teachers, counsellors, medical practitioners, priests, as well as for those affected directly or indirectly by abortion. There will be supper and refreshments provided.

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.

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

The Duckett Library is closed for the half-term break Sunday 26th, Tuesday 28th and Thursday 30th October. The library reopens on Sunday 2 November with a display of books about and by St John Henry Newman, newly declared a Doctor of the Church.

NEWS AND EVENTS

Quiz Night - Saturday 29th November - doors open 7pm, quiz starts at 7:30. Join us for a fun-filled evening of trivia, laughter, and friendly-ish competition! Take a break from the usual and enjoy a delicious meal of pie and chips. The bar will be open to keep you refreshed throughout the night. Tables are maximum of 8. £15.00 per person (including your meal). Booking is essential. Scan the QR code to book or for more information email bookings@sjbcathedral.org.uk.



St Nicholas Craft Fair - Our Christmas Fair is back again! Join us on Saturday 6th December, 10:30 – 14:30. With over 30 stalls to browse, it is the perfect opportunity to grab some gifts or treat yourself to something new. From pottery to a hat milliner, knitted goods and jewellery, we have it covered. Take a break and enjoy some festive food and drinks from The Garden Café. Expect a visit from St Nicholas, live music, and children's craft activities. Free entry which it makes it even better!

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. Thank you for the 53 shoe boxes received. We now have to fill the shoe boxes and are collecting small toys, card games etc on the weekend of 25-26th October. Please place your donations in the collection boxes in the Rotunda for the youth group to collect. Further information about this annual appeal is available here - [Operation Christmas Child](#). Thank You.

Teas and coffees on 12th September raised £60.90 for the Catechism Programme and £47.20 on 19th September for the SVP. Thank you from Teresa.

The SVP will be having a tombola at the St Nick's Fayre on Saturday 6th December. Any gifts or prizes can be given to Angela or Teresa and would be very welcome. Thank you.

STELLA MARIS: Regional Port Chaplain for East Anglia Ports - Stella Maris (SM) is seeking to recruit a Regional Port Chaplain who will 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>

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.