



THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

2nd November 2025 · Year C · Weekday I · Psalter III

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TIMES OF CEREMONIES

Sunday 2nd Nov	ALL SAINTS		
	9am	Mass (music group)	<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>
Monday 3rd	ALL SOULS		
	10am	Mass	<i>Ronald Perry (F) +</i>
	5.30pm	Solemn Requiem Mass (choir)	<i>all the faithful departed</i>
Tuesday 4th	<i>S Charles Borromeo</i>		
	10am	Mass	<i>Josiane & Charlie Moucketou +</i>
	5pm	Vespers (cantor)	
	5.30pm	Mass (cantor)	<i>Private Intention (AC)</i>
Wednesday 5th	<i>Feria</i>		
	7.30am	Mass	<i>Oscar Cardoso</i>
	11am	Deanery Requiem Mass	<i>Deceased Clergy</i>
Thursday 6th	<i>Feria</i>		
	10am	Mass	<i>Victor & Alice Hills (F) +</i>
Friday 7th	<i>S Willibrord</i>		
	7.30am	Mass	<i>Peter Staples +</i>
	10am	Mass	<i>Private Intention (AC)</i>
Saturday 8th	<i>Blessed Virgin Mary on a Saturday</i>		
	10am	Mass	<i>Michael David Morley +</i>
	6pm	Mass [Anticipatory]	<i>Win Harkins +</i>
Sunday 9th	DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA		
	9am	Mass	<i>Thanksgiving Ric Caasi & family</i>
	11am	Remembrance Day Mass (choir)	<i>Ellie</i>
	4.30pm	Vespers (choir)	
	5.30pm	Mass (cantor)	<i>Pro Populo</i>

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Window Appeal = £440.50

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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...

Rome Pilgrimage: As you are probably aware, I went on pilgrimage to Rome last week for the Jubilee Year and I accompanied the knights and dames of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. Like all pilgrimages, it had its moments of chaos (transport and trying to filter 3400 knights and dames through one holy door in four separate basilicae) and there were moments of great devotion and prayer - sitting in the holy churches waiting for Mass, the Mass itself, talking to pilgrims and simply watching these devoted men and women completing their spiritual exercises. It was a very humbling and moving experience. We had an audience with the Holy Father who was received by the pilgrims with great enthusiasm and joy and, for me at least, the privilege of concelebrating Mass in three of the Papal Basilicae was very moving.

Present in all of our minds during our pilgrimage was, of course, the situation in Gaza and the Middle East and I know that heaven was stormed with prayers for the holy places and the living stones of these lands. Let us continue to pray for long lasting peace and a firm resolution to maintain peace and harmony between all parties.

Confirmation Retreat: After the pilgrimage, I had to hit the deck running as our confirmation candidates went on retreat this week - 74 of our young people, all preparing for Confirmation, went away together for five days to learn more about their faith, themselves and each other. These retreats are always well received and, hopefully, a period of Grace and growth for the candidates. Fr Jinu, Fr Anthony, Fr Denys and I each said Mass for them on different days either at the cathedral on the first and last days or at the site itself and we also spent time listening to Confessions. My thanks really goes out to our catechists, the Ignite Team (they all spend the whole week onsite) as well as the group of volunteers who go through to help with the cooking and washing up. It is a real team effort and takes immense planning months in advance to ensure a successful retreat. Thank you to everyone who helps and plans the retreat as a parish, we are truly grateful.

Windows' appeal: My heartfelt thanks to the initial generosity towards the repair of the windows in the sunken chapel - we still have a long way to go in terms of repairing the window to Flora (the most critical window) but, I am confident that we will get there. I had a small glimmer of good news in that initially the estimate was thought to be in the region of £26k, but the final quote is actually £20 200 (+vat). So, a bit of good news. I will try and keep you updated about the finances for this project as we go along, so far, we have raised £3,937.50. Thank you for your generosity - let's get this project sorted!

There is an icon on the Dona machines for this fund - please remember to GiftAid if you are eligible and pay tax in the UK.

Network Norfolk Christian Communications Award (NNCCA): Last week we hosted the NNCCA ceremony in the Narthex where many Christian communities gathered for an awards ceremony in a variety of categories. Charley Purves and her team in the Narthex with our web designers Integrated Ideas Agency were named as the winners for the Best Church Website. This is great news for our cathedral in this city, and I must agree that our website looks fresh, inviting and is easy to navigate. There are some brilliant photographs, and it is regularly updated and kept current by the team under Charley's encouragement. We also, as a diocese, were highly commended for a picture displaying the Church in Action. The photo was from the Maundy Thursday Mass in our cathedral with Bishop Peter washing the feet of parishioners.

Congratulations to Charley and our tremendous team!

‘Behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages.’

I, John, saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, saying, ‘Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.’ And I heard the number of the sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel.

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, ‘Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!’ And all the angels were standing round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying, ‘Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.’

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, ‘Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?’ I said to him, ‘Sir, you know.’ And he said to me, ‘These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.’

Responsorial Psalm**Ps 24(23):1-2. 3-4b. 5-6. R cf. 6**

Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

Second reading**1 John 3:1-3**

‘We shall see God as he is.’

Beloved: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so, we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, says the Lord,
and I will give you rest.

Alleluia.

Gospel**Matthew 5:1-12a****‘Blessed are the poor in spirit.’**

At that time: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.’

HYMN NUMBERS FOR 9AM MASS:**473, 667, 614, 371****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.

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.

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**.

Adoration for the First Fridays will take place on **Friday 7th November**. Adoration will run for a shorter time in the month of November from **after 10am Mass until 12.30pm** when there will be Benediction. Please do come and spend time before Our Blessed Lord in intercession for all our Diocesan priests and Bishop Peter and vocations to the priesthood.

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.

Tambogrande - Many thanks to those who donated to Tambogrande on Sunday 26th October during after Mass refreshments and thank you to Teresa for serving.



NEWS AND EVENTS

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.

The Duckett Library will reopen on Sunday 2 November with a display of books about and by St John Henry Newman, newly declared a Doctor of the Church.

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!

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.

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

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.