



THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

16th November 2025 · Year C · Weekday I · Psalter I

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TIMES OF CEREMONIES

Sunday 16th Nov	THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME		
	9am	Mass (music group)	<i>Kathleen Middleton (F) +</i>
	11am	Solemn Mass (choir)	<i>Katja Antoinette Livsey +</i>
	4.30pm	Vespers (choir)	
	5.30pm	Mass (cantor)	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday 17th	<i>S Elizabeth of Hungary</i>		
	10am	Mass	<i>Bridget Brown +</i>
Tuesday 18th	<i>Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter & Paul</i>		
	10am	Mass	<i>The Hulme Family, living & deceased</i>
	5pm	Vespers (choir)	
	5.30pm	Mass (choir)	<i>Deceased members of the Cathedral Choir</i>
Wednesday 19th	<i>Feria</i>		
	7.30am	Mass	<i>Private Intention (AC)</i>
	10am	Pontifical Mass	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Thursday 20th	<i>S Edmund, King & Martyr</i>		
	10am	Mass	<i>Erwin Bate +</i>
Friday 21st	<i>Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>		
	7.30am	Mass	<i>Peace for every family</i>
	10am	Mass	<i>Neil Bates +</i>
Saturday 22nd	<i>S Cecilia</i>		
	10am	Mass	<i>Patrick Corish +</i>
	5pm	Solemn Vespers, Jubilee of Choirs	
	6pm	Mass [Anticipatory] (sung)	<i>Special Intention, Edward</i>
Sunday 23rd	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE		
	9am	Mass	<i>Charlotte Green +</i>
	11am	Solemn Pontifical Mass (choir)	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	3.30pm	Ecumenical Vespers (replaces 4.30pm Vespers & Benediction) Please note no Confessions today.	
	5.30pm	Mass (said)	<i>Noel Wilson +</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...

Advent draws ever nearer: As we start to wind down our liturgical year and start to move closer to Advent, so too do our readings begin to change in these last days. We start to look toward new beginnings as a Church and our readings begin to reflect this as well - they are more eschatological in nature (relating to the four last things and to the end of times) to help us to concentrate on our own mortality and our lives in general. We recognise this by filling out the names of our loved ones in the Book of the Dead and ask them to pray for us as we pray for them. Even our days draw shorter and the days become cooler to help us to involve all of our senses as this change takes place. It is a good time for us to take stock over the last year and even our lives and to reflect on all that has gone well, God's many blessings and kindnesses to us as well as where we have struggled and felt alone. Take this to prayer and offer it all to God at the Mass.

This week [15/16 Nov] we celebrate the Last Week in Ordinary Time (the 33rd), and we bring our Catholic year to a close next weekend [22/23 Nov] as we celebrate the solemnity of Christ the King of the Universe. Bishop Peter will be here to celebrate the solemnity at the 11:00 Mass and then at 3:30pm we will have Ecumenical Vespers with nine of the Church leaders from the city after they have held a meeting together. Please do come and join us at 3:30pm for vespers. There will be *no Confessions* after Sunday Vespers next weekend.

Plenty to Celebrate: Do keep an eye on the newsletter, posters around the cathedral and on the Advent pamphlet that we are producing; there is so much going on at the cathedral over the next five weeks before Christmas. Next week we have the Jubilee of Choirs singing at the Saturday evening Mass and on the 29th of November we have a wreath making workshop as well as a Quiz night. Then on the 6th of December we have the ever-popular St Nicholas Fair.

The Narthex team and our volunteers put a huge amount of work into arranging, planning and hosting these events, so please do come and support your cathedral.

Window appeal: I thank you for your ongoing support and help with this appeal. We had a very healthy boost from the Duckett Library this week as they donated all the proceeds from their latest book sale to the window repair fund - a total of £477.60 - thank you to the generosity of people who paid for books and to the Duckett team for the donation. Also, thanks to the generosity of a previous donor who made use of the GiftAid scheme, a further £8,750.00 has also been donated. This means our current fund stands at £14,100.10. Thank you to everybody for their generosity. There is an icon on the Dona machine, please consider using GiftAid if you are a UK taxpayer.

Rachel's Vineyard: I am delighted to welcome Rachel MacKenzie from Rachel's Vineyard who will be talking at the Masses this weekend and giving a longer talk in the Narthex after the Saturday evening Mass.

READINGS AT MASS

Sunday 16th November 2025

First reading

Malachi 4:1-2a

‘For you the sun of righteousness shall rise.’

Behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 98(97):5-6. 7-8a. 8b-9b. 9cd. R cf. 9

The LORD comes to judge the peoples with fairness.

Second reading

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

‘If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat.’

Brothers and Sisters: You know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone’s bread without paying for it, but with toil and labour we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 21:28

Alleluia, alleluia.

Straighten up and raise your heads,
because your redemption is drawing near.

Alleluia.

'By your endurance you will gain your lives.'

At that time: While some were speaking of the Temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, Jesus said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.' And they asked him, 'Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?' And he said, 'See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, "I am he!" and "The time is at hand!" Do not go after them. And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.'

Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. This will be your opportunity to bear witness. Settle it, therefore in your minds, not to meditate beforehand how to answer, for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and sisters, and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. You will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives.'

HYMN NUMBERS FOR 9AM MASS:

969, 452, 631, (625), 713

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

Courage Through Christ – Stories of Faith Under Fire. From **Monday 17th November to Sunday 30th November**, St John the Baptist Cathedral, Norwich, will host an inspiring exhibition presented by **Aid to the Church in Need: *Courage Through Christ – Stories of Faith Under Fire***. This moving gallery shares powerful testimonies of Christians worldwide who have faced persecution yet stood firm in their faith. Join us in prayer and solidarity and let their witness inspire hope and courage in our own lives.

Red Wednesday will be marked on 19th November – a Global Day of Prayer and action for those suffering for their faith. On this day, there will be a **Pontifical Mass at 10:00am celebrated by Bishop Peter** at the Cathedral.

Rachel's Vineyard Talk – Saturday 15th November - Rachel MacKenzie 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 UK. **Rachel will also speak for a few minutes after the Saturday 6pm Mass and the 9am and 11am Masses on Sunday 16th November.** 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.

Jubilee of Choirs – Saturday 22nd November – all singers are welcome to join the cathedral choir and other choirs from around the diocese for a celebration of sacred music this St Cecilia's Day. Rehearsals on Saturday afternoon will conclude with 5pm Vespers and 6pm Sung Mass of the feast of Christ the King.

Feast of Christ the King - World Youth Sunday - this year Pope Leo invites our young people to build on their friendship with Jesus, to be witnesses and missionaries of the gospel message. As pilgrims of hope we are encouraged to share Jesus' light and bring hope to all. Young people are encouraged to fill in a prayer intention card (available at the back of the cathedral) and place it into the offertory baskets. The cards will be given out after Mass to those who would like to support our young people through prayer.

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 17th November** and then on **Monday 1st December**.

Adult Altar Servers needed – we are in need of adult servers to serve on the sanctuary at the Cathedral, serving during the weekday and Sunday Masses. Please speak to the sacristy team or Stephen Aldus.

NEWS AND EVENTS

Christmas Wreaths – for door hanging or gravesides. The Flower Group are taking advance orders, to be collected at the St Nicholas Fair on 6th December. £15 for fresh greenery rings and £20 for rings with extra ribbons, baubles and other adornments. All proceeds will help fund weekly Cathedral flower arrangements. Contact Norma on 07747 095844 or speak to any of the flower team to discuss your requirements and place your order.

The First Holy Communion and Confirmation programme will be holding their annual cake stall after all weekend Masses on 22nd and 23rd November for the Feast of Christ the King - World Youth Sunday. Please keep our young people in your prayers and support our fundraising efforts by purchasing cakes. Donations of cakes and biscuits also gratefully received. The monies raised will fund the catechesis programme and youth group activities over the coming year.

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.

POSADA – The tradition of passing the statue of Joseph, Mary and the donkey from house to house is back for Advent this year. Families are invited to sign up to welcome the Posada into their homes, starting on 1st December, for an evening of prayer and fellowship. Given the popularity of this devotion, there will be 2 statues circulating through the parish and there are lots of dates available on the second rota. Please e-mail Jo Graham at stjohnfhc@gmail.com to book your Posada date.

St Nicholas Craft Fair - 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. 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!

The SVP will be having a tombola at the St Nick's Fair; any gifts or prizes can be given to Angela or Teresa and would be very welcome. Thank you.

Operation Christmas Child (OCC)- Shoe Box appeal - Thank you very much for your generous support, thoughtful gifts and donations. 85 filled shoe boxes have been packed and dropped off at the collection centre this week. If you missed out on this appeal but would like to support the cause, please use the green OCC leaflet/envelopes available at the back of the cathedral to send in a donation to help cover the delivery costs of the shoe boxes. You can also donate online at - <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child>

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.