



THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

23rd November 2025 · Year C · Weekday I · Psalter II

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TIMES OF CEREMONIES

Sunday 23rd Nov	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE		
	9am	Mass (music group)	Charlotte Green +
	11am	Solemn Mass (choir)	Pro Populo
	3.30pm	Ecumenical Vespers (replaces 4.30pm Vespers & Benediction)	Please note no Confessions today
	5.30pm	Mass (said)	Noel Wilson +
Monday 24th	<i>Ss Andrew Dũng-Lac & Comps</i>		
	10am	Mass	Holy Souls in Purgatory (AC)
Tuesday 25th	<i>S Catherine of Alexandria</i>		
	10am	Mass	Lisa Bangert +
	5pm	Vespers (choir)	
	5.30pm	Mass (choir)	Robert Anderson +
Wednesday 26th	<i>Feria</i>		
	7.30am	Mass	People of Somalia (AC)
	12pm	Chapter of Canons Mass	Lisa Bangert +
Thursday 27th	<i>Feria</i>		
	10am	Mass	Kim Lomonossoff (F) +
Friday 28th	<i>Feria</i>		
	7.30am	Mass	Doreen Sellar (F) +
	10am	Mass	Carole Button +
Saturday 29th	<i>Blessed Virgin Mary on a Saturday</i>		
	10am	Mass	Winifred Page +
	6pm	Mass [Anticipatory]	Mascarenhas Family (F)
Sunday 30th	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT		
	9am	Mass	Francis Cushing (F) +
	11am	Solemn Mass (choir)	Sean Davis +
	4.30pm	Vespers & Benediction	
	5.30pm	Mass (cantor)	Pro Populo

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Cathedral Collection

£5,320.95

Loose Plate = £1,487.95

Dona = £1,265.00

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Window Appeal £937.00 + £50.00

**Averaged out and remains the same each week*



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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...

The Catenians celebrate 100 years in Norwich: This year, the Norwich Circle of the Catenians celebrated their 100th anniversary of serving the Church and various charities in and around our city. Every year, the Catenians generously invite their wives and the clergy from around the diocese to a dinner at one of the Norwich establishments. It is always a well-attended affair with people travelling from near and far to attend the evening. Though it is deemed a 'formal' evening, the atmosphere, welcome and generosity of the members makes it a very enjoyable event, and I know it is appreciated by many of the invited guests.

Who are the Catenians? The Catenians are a network of Catholic men who meet regularly to enjoy each other's company and to help and support each other throughout the world. Founded in Manchester, Catenians can now be found in many countries and today are active throughout the U.K., Ireland, Australia, Malta, India, Bangladesh Zimbabwe, South Africa and Nazareth. Catenian Circles in the U.K. raised over £250,000 in the past year for local charities as well as supporting the Association's two in-house charities; the Benevolent Fund which supports members and their families and the Bursary Fund which sponsors young persons in projects contributing to wider society at home and abroad. More information can be found at www.thecatenians.com

Inscription weekends: This weekend, at all Masses, our First Holy Communion children and Confirmation candidates will be taking part in the Mass to show their commitment to their learning and to the Church. Please do welcome them and keep them in your prayers throughout this year. At each of the Masses, the candidates will write their names and their prayer intentions on a card. Perhaps you would like to pray personally for one of these children? If so, then please take one of the cards at the end of Mass from the baskets and keep it visible in your homes to remind you to pray for them.

Window appeal: I thank you, once again, for your ongoing support for the repair of our beautiful windows. To date we have raised £15,087.10. This is a really generous amount from the cathedral parish and not too far off our target of £20 000 [+vat]. Charley, our general manager, has contacted the stained-glass company and we hope to start work on the windows in January. I thank you for your ongoing support in preserving, protecting and maintaining this valuable and beautiful asset.

READINGS AT MASS

Sunday 23rd November 2025

First reading

2 Samuel 5:1-3

‘They anointed David king over Israel.’

In those days: All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, ‘Behold, we are your bone and flesh. In times past, when Saul was king over us, it was you who led out and brought in Israel. And the LORD said to you, “You shall be shepherd of my people Israel, and you shall be prince over Israel.”’ So, all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 122(121):1-2. 3-4a. 4b-5. Rcf.1

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the LORD.

Second reading

Colossians 1:12-20

‘He has transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son.’

Brothers and Sisters: Let us give thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the Church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 11:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia.

‘Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’

At that time: The rulers scoffed at Jesus, saying, ‘He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!’ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, ‘If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!’ There was also an inscription over him, ‘This is the King of the Jews.’

One of the criminals who were hanged there railed at Jesus, saying, ‘Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!’ But the other rebuked him, saying, ‘Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.’ And he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ And he said to him, ‘Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.’

HYMN NUMBERS FOR 9AM MASS:

320, 253, 760, 629, 770

Inscription Prayer

Heavenly Father, these children and youth have begun their preparation to receive your grace in the sacrament of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. They and their parents wish to commit themselves to learning and living the faith. Please support and encourage them as they undertake this journey of faith. We make this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Feast of Christ the King - World Youth Sunday - this year Pope Leo invites our young people to be friends of Jesus and therefore witnesses and missionaries of peace. We are encouraged to pray for our young people. 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. Let's uphold each other in prayer and fellowship.

The First Holy Communion and Confirmation programme will be holding our 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 including the pilgrimages to Walsingham and the Ignite Festival.

The Chapter of Canons will celebrate their quarterly Mass on Wednesday of this week at **12pm**. Therefore, there will be no 10am Mass on Wednesday.

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 1st December** and then on **Monday 15th December**.

The Duckett Library still has two statues for sale - given to us to sell for Cathedral funds. One is of Our Lady of Guadalupe (c.30 cm tall), the other is of St Joseph (c.20 cm tall) – offers considered. Please email if you would like further details, or a photo.

Annual Justice & Peace Grand Hamper Draw for Tambogrande - Get your raffle Tickets now in advance of the draw at the St Nicholas Fayre! Just ask in the Narthex shop. £1 a ticket, £5 a book (cash only.)

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 30th November, for an evening of prayer and fellowship. Please sign up on the list at the back of the Cathedral by 23rd Nov to allow sufficient time for the list to be published and circulated. Due to the latest GDPR legislation, the list will only be put up briefly at the weekend masses and then kept securely. Given the popularity of this devotion, we have extended the rota to 2 statues and there are lots of dates available on the second rota. Please speak to Jo Graham at the cake stall or email stjohnfhc@gmail.com to book your Posada date.

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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.

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.

Carols at the Convent – The sisters from the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham are pleased to announce that their annual 'Carols at the Convent' will be back for the fourth year on Saturday 13th December. You are welcome to drop in anytime between 12pm-4pm with cakes and crafts available for a suggested donation of £5 per adult and £2.50 per child. You are also welcome to look around the beautiful grounds, weather permitting. Carols will be sung together around the beautiful crib at 1pm and 3pm for those who wish to participate.

Mass Intentions - please be aware that there is still a long wait for Mass intentions, with very few available dates now until the New Year. Please request Mass intentions in good time if a particular date and/or time is required. We thank you for your understanding if your particular choice has not been available.

Mission of Love Foundation raised £71.60 from teas and coffees after Mass last Sunday. A big thank you from Teresa.

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.