

# Catholic Church of Our Lady and St. Walstan

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

28<sup>th</sup> November 2010

<b>Readings</b>	Sundays Year A – Weekdays Cycle 1 – Psalm week 1
<b>Entrance Antiphon</b>	To you, my God, I lift my soul, I trust in you; let me never come to shame. Do not let my enemies laugh at me. No one who waits for you is ever put to shame.
<b>First Reading</b>	Isaiah 2:1-5
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'
<b>Second Reading</b>	Romans 13:11-14
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!
<b>Gospel</b>	Matthew 24:37-44

### Mass Times and Intentions

*Confessions on Wednesday: 6.00pm – 6.30pm, and Saturday: 5.30pm – 5.50pm before Mass*

<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> (anticipatory)</b>		6.00pm	Francis Bates RIP
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	10.00am	
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Advent Feria</i>	9.15am	
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>St Andrew</i>	No Mass	
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<i>Advent Feria</i>	7.00pm	Percy & Flora Harvey RIP
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<i>Advent Feria</i>	No Mass	
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<i>St Francis Xavier</i>	9.00am (School)	
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Advent Feria</i>	No Mass	
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> (anticipatory)</b>		6.00pm	
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	10.00am	Helen Williams RIP

**Sick and Housebound** – Please pray for: Ella-Grace Honeyman, Banny Kibblewhite, Vivienne Mallet, Robert Pitts, Darren Platts, Oliver Rogers, Tom Wade, Maureen Wigg, Richard O'Brien, Thomas Murphy, Nancy Daley, Rene Melton, Eileen Tilbrook, Joan Symes, Margaret Toovey, Rufus Dimelow, Linda Warminger and Josefina Gonzales Rivera.

**Faithful Departed** - Please pray for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Agnes Barnes, Blanche Bagshaw, Mollie Chapman, David Curl, Toni McKenna, Sidney Brown, Mark Lenehan, Kathleen Stokes, William Bryans, John Pollard, Agnes Hall, Jim Sutherland, Francis Barnes, Anna Peck and Sarah Tomlinson.

**Finance –**

**Last week's Offertory collection: £780.08**  
**Diocesan Youth Service: £217.40**

**Thank You**

All Items for the church newsletter may be left in the presbytery (marked clearly "for newsletter" along with the date, and your name), or emailed to [Newsletter@Stwalstans.com](mailto:Newsletter@Stwalstans.com). Alternatively call **745287** and leave a message. For all forms of communication, please provide a telephone number on which you are contactable.  
**The deadline for items to be included in the newsletter is Wednesday 6pm**

- **Christmas Masses:** Christmas Eve – Midnight Mass, preceded by carols from 11.30pm. Christmas Day – 10.00am. Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Dec 10.00am. Please note that there will be no evening Mass on Christmas Day, nor will there be a Mass on Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Dec.
- **Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Fr David and Fr James will be available in the church on Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 12.00am-1.00pm for advent confessions.
- **Carol Service:** Our pre-Christmas Carol Service will take place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7pm. It would be wonderful to see a full church.
- **Parish Census:** It is nearly a year since we updated the parish census. If your circumstances have changed since then (eg. change of address) please give your new details to Deacon Bill or Fr David. If you have joined the parish since last December and have not yet filled out a census form, you will find some blanks in the back of the porch.
- **Readers and ministers:** If you are able to read or minister over the Christmas period, please sign your name on the list in the porch by 28th Nov.
- **Christmas Cards:** Once again Bishop Michael is encouraging us to send Christmas cards to our twinned Diocese of Battambang & Jerusalem. Leaflets with the addresses & greetings in Cambodian & Arabic are available in the porch. The last posting date for both destinations is 6th December by air mail & the postage is 97p for an average card up to 20g.
- **Parish First Holy Communion Programme:** 'We now have 21 children in our parish preparing to make their First Holy Communion next June. Great numbers!! Last Sunday we held our first teaching session and looked at the Gift of Creation. Please see our Tree of Life which we will build on each week to tell you what topics we are looking at!! This Sunday we are looking at 'A Very Special Gift' yes that is us!! Hope you also like our photographs - we think we are a handsome bunch. Next Sunday (28th) we will look at the Gift of Baptism and at the same time Fr David will run a workshop for the parents on Baptism. **Prayer Partners:** Thank you to those parishioners who offered to be prayer partners - I will be in touch soon with the name of the child you can pray for.
- **Union of Catholic Mothers:** Next meeting is 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 10.45am Garden Room. Speaker is Mrs Field who will be giving a talk on Handwriting and Drawing. The next charity coffee morning/cake stall will be on the 12<sup>th</sup> Dec.
- **My Day by Day Advent:** With Advent almost upon us, a booklet to help us through the season has been produced and is on sale in the porch. There are 3 versions: Adult, Junior & Infant. The books contain daily readings and activities appropriate to each age group. Highly recommended.
- **Ecumenical Service:** A short service will take place at the Baptist Church on The Street Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Nov 3pm to mark the beginning of advent. Please make every effort to attend.
- **Stephanie and Benjamin Dyball** wish to thank everyone who made our daughter Caitlin's baptism so special on the 7th November 2010. Especially many thanks to the UCM for making the teas and coffee and Father David who made the mass extremely special for all our family.
- **The toy weekend** is 27th/28th Nov. Please bring gifts of all types for local, less-fortunate children. All gifts should be new & not wrapped.
- **Christmas Bazaar** Saturday 4th December 11am- 1pm St Augustine's School. Raffle tickets will be on sale after all weekend masses from 6th November. If you can help to sell these tickets after mass please see Maureen Watt or ring 743320, Many thanks.
- **Walsingham Association Advent Retreat:** In Walsingham with Fr Dick Healey. Fri 10<sup>th</sup> – Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Dec. Cost is £60.00 inc all meals. For more information Tel NCH 458851 .
- **Christmas Raffle:** Festive Prizes (Spirits, Wine, Chocolates, etc.) are needed for this year's Christmas Raffle draw in December. Anyone able to donate a prize please leave them in the Church porch or at St. Augustine's School.
- **Churches together on the Broads:** The Annual Carol service is at Holy Trinity Church, Loddon, on Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Dec at 6pm, all are warmly invited.
- **Newsletter:** Volunteers are required to produce the newsletter and update the website. If you are willing to help with this please see Fr David.

**Parish Diary**

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Every Monday before Mass	9.00am	Morning Prayer	Church
Every Wednesday before Mass	6.45pm	Evening Prayer	Church
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	After 10am mass	FHC Session 3 plus Parent's Workshop	Church Porch
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	3pm	United Service	Baptist Church, The Street
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	7.30pm	Costessey Prayer Group	Garden Room
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11.00am	Christmas Bazaar	St Augustine's School Hall
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.15am	Costessey Prayer Group	Garden Room
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	After mass	UCM charity coffee morning/cake stall	Garden Room