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You are the Christ.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. To show his love for us, he suffered grievously, and died for us upon a cross. If we want to find life, he tells us to be prepared to lose it. It is in the manner in which we accept suffering that we show our love for God.

*Sundays Year B ~ Ordinary Times ~ Psalms Week IV
 Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Times
 11th September 2021*

Entrance Antiphon	<i>Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.</i>	
First Reading	<i>I offered my back to those who struck me.</i>	<i>Isaiah 50:5-9</i>
Responsorial Psalm	<i>I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.</i>	<i>Psalm 114</i>
Second Reading	<i>If good works do not go with it, faith is quite dead.</i>	<i>James 2:14-18</i>
Gospel Acclamation	<i>Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; No one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!</i>	
Gospel	<i>The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously.</i>	<i>Mark 8:27-35</i>

Saturday			6:00pm	Paula Hughes R.I.P
Sunday	12th September	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:30am	Parishioners
Monday	13th September	St. John Chrysostom	9:15am	Linda Williams
Tuesday	14th September	Exaltation of the Holy Cross		No Mass
Wednesday	15th September	Our Lady of Sorrow	7:00pm	Maureen Coleman R.I.P.
Thursday	16th September	SS Cornelius & Cyprian	9:15am	Eva Bell R.I.P.
Friday	17th September	Feria		No Mass
Saturday	18th September	Feria	10:00am	James Kerslake R.I.P.
			6:00pm	Parishioners
Sunday	19th September	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30am	Emnet Scragg R.I.P.
			10:30am	1 st Holy Communion

Confessions on Saturday 10.30-11.00am and Wednesday 6.00-6.30pm

Sick and Housebound – Please pray for Fr Kenneth McCarthy, Paul Hawketts, Leo Tolosa, Ellen Harrington, Stephen Agius, Barbara Shannon, Yustyna Adamska, Michele Bendall, Christina Thomas, Ann Bettany, Vivienne Anne Mallett and Marcia Jenkin.

Faithful Departed – please pray for Derek Wayling, David Walden, Ellen Wilson, Thomas Kozersky, Peter Paston, Betty Crane, Margaret Preston, Geoffrey Carway, Margaret Bass, Yvonne Wake, Michael Prada, Dorothy Brown, Francis Reynolds, Fred King, Eva Bell, Anna Paulina and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

To Love someone means, to See them as God intended them.

Fyodor Dostoevsky

A Message from Bishop Alan: A Second Reading of the Assisted Dying Bill is due to take place on October 15th in the House of Lords. If this becomes legal the Bill would allow a terminally ill adult, with less than six months to live, to be assisted in committing suicide. Please pray that the bill will be defeated. Please urgently write to the peers, and particularly if you have stories you are able to share, to give voice to the concerns and fears of disabled people and to offer personal stories of those with medical expertise in end of life care. Please engage and share stories and reasons against the Bill on social media.

First Holy Communion 2022: The closing date for applications is 19th September 2021. Please email Christine - c.conrad1@outlook.com - if you wish for your child to make their First Communion. Your child must be 8 years old or over on 31/08/2022 (Year 3 or above).

First Holy Communion: This year's First Holy Communion Masses will be at 10.30am on Sundays September 19th and 26th. Extra Masses will be held at 8.30am on both days. If you are a regular attender at 10.30 Sunday Mass, please consider coming to another Mass on those weeks so that the church doesn't get overcrowded. Thank you.

Foodbank: Do not forget that we are a collection point for the local foodbank. If you can, buy an extra item when you go shopping and put it in the basket in the church porch.

Children's Liturgy: We love teaching your children about Jesus at Mass on Sunday at 10.30 and are looking forward to seeing them in September when we start again. We are a small group who run the liturgy every week and we need some more helpers. Would you like to join us and help us? We would love to hear from you. Please contact Christine Conrad via email - c.conrad1@outlook.com. Thank you.

Spiritual Direction: There is now an opportunity for anyone interested to receive Spiritual Direction from a trained Director. Should you be interested in this way of developing your spiritual life please contact Fr David who has her contact details.

GIFT AID/STANDING ORDERS: Did you know, if you pay tax, you can increase the value of the money you donate to our church by £1 for every £4 you give at no extra cost to yourself. You just need to complete a very simple form.

Items for the newsletter may be left at the presbytery (marked clearly "for newsletter" along with the date, and your name), or email newsletter@stwalstans.com. For all forms of communication, please provide a telephone number on which you can be contacted. The deadline for items to be included in the newsletter is Wednesday 6pm

Collection 4th /5th September £524.80
Many Thanks

A Date for your Diary: The Parish AGM will take place in the Garden Room at 7.30pm on Wednesday September 15th. Copies of the Agenda and Minutes for the meeting can be found in the porch. Members of the Council and anyone intending to attend the meeting are asked to collect a copy.

Sunday Collection: As another step on the road to 'normality' we will re-start taking the collection during Mass on the weekend of September 18th/19th. The basket will remain in the porch during the week for those of you who are still avoiding the larger numbers at weekends. The offertory procession will be re-introduced at the beginning of October.

Children's Liturgy will start again on 3rd October 2021 and we look forward to meeting your children.

St. Augustine's 200 Year Anniversary: All day event on Friday 24th September held on the school grounds. An exhibition of photos from the past with teas, coffees and cakes in the morning. In the evening, there will be BBQ with music and various stalls. Everybody is welcome. Help with supplying cakes and cupcakes will be greatly appreciated! Please bring any baked goods to the school by Thursday 23rd September before 2pm. Thanks

Readers Rota: A new rota for all readers is now available in the porch. It comes into effect on the weekend of 11th/12th of September 2021. We are going back to two readers again at each weekend Mass as it was before the pandemic.

Masses for Miscarriage and Infertility will be celebrated by Bishop Alan, at OLISE Church in Newmarket. For more information <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/couples-with-miscarriages-or-infertility-are-not-alone/>
A Mass for those who have experienced miscarriage (Sunday 10th October 2021, 12 noon). Families are welcome, refreshments afterwards. A Mass for those affected by infertility (Saturday 6th November 2021, 11 am.) Followed by a talk on treatment options for Catholic couples with infertility by Dr Phil Boyle. We respectfully ask that children do not attend this November Mass.

Teas After Mass: We're hoping to re-start this social gathering from September onwards - every Sunday after the 10.30am Mass, and once a month after the Saturday 6.00pm Mass. Please could you sign up to the rota in the porch if you can help with this? **Due to the First Holy Comm. Masses over two weekends in September, it was decided not to start teas after Mass on Sunday mornings until the beginning of October. No change for Saturday evening.** If you'd like more details, please speak to Fr David or Pauline Stephenson. Thank you.