

# Catholic Church of Our Lady and St. Walstan

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## God shows mercy to all.

*The Lord named the Jews as his chosen race but many failed to recognise Jesus Christ. In his own lifetime, Jesus acknowledged that he discovered great faith in many who were outside the fold of God's chosen people. Many people around the worlds around us seem to have a deeper faith than we have as Christians. This can make us more aware of God's generosity to all, and give us a greater appreciation of the gift of faith.*

Sundays Year A ~ Ordinary Time ~ Psalms Week IV  
**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 20<sup>th</sup> August 2023

<b>Entrance Antiphon</b>	<i>Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; One day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.</i>	
<b>First Reading</b>	<i>I will bring foreigners to my holy mountain.</i>	<i>Isaiah 56:1. 6-7</i>
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	<i>Let the peoples praise you O God, Let all the people praise you.</i>	<i>Psalms 66</i>
<b>Second Reading</b>	<i>With Israel, God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.</i>	<i>Romans 11:13-15. 29-32</i>
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	<i>Alleluia, Alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!</i>	
<b>Gospel</b>	<i>Woman, you have great faith.</i>	<i>Matthew 15:21-28</i>

<b>Saturday</b>			<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Parishioners</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Christopher Lambe R.I.P.</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> August</b>	<b>St. Pius X</b>	<b>9:15am</b>	<b>Janet Smith R.I.P.</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> August</b>	<b>Queenship of the BVM</b>		<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> August</b>	<b>Feria</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Percy &amp; Flora Harvey R.I.P.</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>St. Bartholomew</b>	<b>9:15am</b>	<b>Fr. Kevin Gradwell R.I.P.</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Feria</b>	<b>3:30pm</b>	<b>Funeral Service for Jim McAteer</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Feria</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Alice &amp; William Secker R.I.P.</b>
			<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Deceased Members of the Gillespie &amp; Bye Families</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Gill &amp; Andrew Waters</b>

Morning or Evening Prayer will be prayed fifteen minutes before weekday Masses.  
 Confessions on Saturday 10.30-11.00am and Wednesday 6.00-6.30pm

**Sick and Housebound** – Please pray for Jane Henson, John Barnes, Sue Williams, Jennifer Gates, Trudy McClusky, Gerry Watt, Leo Tolosa, Yustyna Adamska, Michele Bendall, Christina Thomas, Ann Bettany, Vivienne Anne Mallett and Marcia Jenkin.

**Faithful Departed** – Please pray for Ann Marcantonio, Ethel Carr, Eileen Kiley, Julia Snell, Mary Whitley, Francis Loades, Ronald Hunter, Thomas Connolly, Doris (Joan) Faulkner, George Laws, John McGuire, Olive Banham, Edward Trafford, Claude Gunton, Helen Tuck, Valerie Rolph, Anne Burlison and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

# *Faith has to do with things that are not seen and hope with things that are not at hand.*

*Thomas Aquinas*

**Lifts to Mass:** If you require a lift to Mass, please let Fr David know and he will do his best to arrange this. If you are able to offer a lift, please also contact Fr David. Thank you.

**Missio Red Boxes:** If you have one of these boxes at home please bring it to church on the weekend of September 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> to be emptied and then returned to you. Thank you.

**Food Bank:** Norwich Food Bank has sent an email thanking you for your great generosity in donating via the basket in the church porch. They also included a list of most-needed items, which is on the wall above the basket. Thank you.

**Mission Appeal:** Fr Tom sends his thanks for the warm welcome and very generous collection of £640.75 for the Missionary Society of St Columban.

**Journey in Faith:** If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, particularly with a view to joining the Church, please come along to the Presbytery (behind the church) at 7.00pm on Thursday September 7<sup>th</sup>. Further details are available from Fr David.

**Saint Vincent de Paul Society (SVP):** would like to recruit a Membership Support Officer (MSO) for East Anglia Diocese. 15 hrs per week for 2 years. For more details, please refer to the Diocese website and search for MSO. There is also a poster on the church notice board.

## **First Holy Communion 2024**

We are welcoming applications from those who wish their child to prepare for the sacraments of

### **Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in 2024.**

If your child will be 8 years old or over on 31 August 2022 (Year 3 or above), please contact Julia Murphy via email – [Boot2982@outlook.com](mailto:Boot2982@outlook.com), as soon as possible for an application form.

The programme will start in January 2024.

Closing date for applications is Sunday 24 September 2023.

Thank you.

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](mailto: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**      **12<sup>th</sup> /13<sup>th</sup> August**

**£629.62**

**Many Thanks**

**The next cake stall** is on Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> after mass in the Garden Room. The last cake raised £20,50. Many thanks for all your support.

**The next UCM meeting** is on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> in the Garden Room at 10:45. It will be Holiday USA DVD. All are welcome.

**Parish Library:** The shelves in the Garden Room are choc-a-bloc with spiritual and theological books available for anyone to borrow, free of charge.

**House Blessings:** On the recent questionnaire, a few people asked about having their house blessed. This can be arranged by contacting Fr David (email address & phone number are on the front of the newsletter).

**Bereavement Support Group:** If anyone is interested in setting up such a group, and discussing how best it may function, please come to the Garden Room on Friday September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm.

**CAFOD Coffee morning. Saturday 9 September 10am to 12 noon St George's Church Hall, Norwich, 223 Sprowston Road Norwich NR3 4HZ**

Meet parishioners from Bungay who will share the story of their **Live Simply** journey.

Find out more about our **Harvest Fast Day appeal**, which focuses on Dr Nasha's mobile medical clinic in Pakistan. Plenty of car parking by the church. There's no need to book a place but if you'd like more information contact Jane Crone [jcrone@cafod.org.uk](mailto:jcrone@cafod.org.uk)

## **Confirmations 2024**

Registration is now open for next year's confirmation classes.

If you have a child in Year 9 or above, please contact Mrs Jo Graham on [stjohnfhc@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnfhc@gmail.com) to register.

As usual, classes will take place at St John the Baptist Cathedral in Norwich but the confirmations themselves will be here at Our Lady and Saint Walstan's.