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The bridegroom is here!

We await the second coming of Christ just as the ten bridesmaids waited for the bridegroom. We are called to be awake and patient at all times so that we will be ready when the shout goes up, "He is here!" We have no need to worry about those who have died before us, as they too will rise from the dead with Christ in glory.

*Sundays Year A ~ Ordinary Time ~ Psalms Week IV
 Thirty - second Sunday in Ordinary Times
 12th November 2023*

Entrance Antiphon	<i>Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.</i>	
First Reading	<i>Wisdom is found by those who look for her.</i>	<i>Wisdom 6:12-16</i>
Responsorial Psalm	<i>For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.</i>	<i>Psalm 62</i>
Second Reading	<i>Do not grieve about those who have died in Jesus.</i>	<i>1 Thessalonians 4:13-18</i>
Gospel Acclamation	<i>Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know, the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!</i>	
Gospel	<i>The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him.</i>	<i>Matthew 25:1-13</i>

Saturday			6:00pm	<i>Those who Died During Covid</i>
Sunday	<i>12th November</i>	<i>32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	10:30am	<i>War Dead</i>
Monday	<i>13th November</i>	<i>Feria</i>	9:15am	<i>Maureen Slater</i>
Tuesday	<i>14th November</i>	<i>Feria</i>		<i>No Mass</i>
Wednesday	<i>15th November</i>	<i>Feria</i>	7:00pm	<i>Parishioners</i>
Thursday	<i>16th November</i>	<i>Feria</i>	9:15am	<i>Louis Borg R.I.P.</i>
Friday	<i>17th November</i>	<i>Feria</i>		<i>No Mass</i>
Saturday	<i>18th November</i>	<i>Feria</i>		<i>No Mass</i>
			6:00pm	<i>Parishioners</i>
Sunday	<i>19th November</i>	<i>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	10:30am	<i>Peter Carroll R.I.P.</i>

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

Sick and Housebound – Please pray for Andrew Thurlow, 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 Joseph McGrady, Owen Juby, Mary Blackett, Gregg Elliott, William Byron, Margaret Higginbottom, Robert McIssaac, Leola Mould, Eva Mcgrath, Dorothy Wood, Alfred Hill, Violet Curl, Mureen Richards, Stanley Trett and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Church Boiler: The current church boiler is on its last legs after 50 years of service so we are having a new one fitted. Work will begin on Monday November 13th and will last for about 7 to 10 days. Please wrap up warmly when you attend Mass during this time as there will be no heating in the church.

Christmas Bazaar: Saturday December 2nd, 2-4pm, in St Augustine's School Hall. Draw tickets are now available in the church porch after Sunday Masses. Please bring any donations of prizes for the draw and good quality items to be sold and leave them in the church porch. Volunteers are needed to help on the day: please let Fr David or Pauline Stephenson know if you can spare an hour or two. We are also looking for people to cook and sell food from their country on the day. Again, please speak to Fr David or Pauline. Thank you.

Dates for 2024: Just a few celebrations to be aware of and to note in your new diaries. Confirmation Mass, Monday May 20th, 7.00pm. Bishop Peter will be coming early on that day to meet with the Finance Committee at 4pm and the PPC at 5pm in the Garden Room. First Holy Communion Masses: 10.30am on Sundays June 2nd & 9th. Bishop's Parish Visitation: November 30th-December 2nd, including a Caritas Festival on the Saturday afternoon, both Sunday Masses, and a school visit on the Monday morning.

A note for young men who may have considered a vocation to the priesthood: There will be a gathering of those who feel that God may be calling them to be a priest, even if this desire is in its very early stages. Come to St John's Cathedral in Norwich for the 11.00 am Mass on Sunday November 19th and afterwards in Cathedral House (attached to the Cathedral) to meet Bishop Peter Collins and others for lunch and an informal meeting about vocations. If you intend coming, please email our Vocations Director, Canon Patrick Cleary on vocations@rcdea.org.uk by Monday 13th November so that we know how many will be present for lunch.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Deacon Bill is in the process of up-dating the list of ministers who take Holy Communion to the sick or house-bound. If you do so, please email him with the name(s) of those that you visit.

Bible Alive: Copies of this monthly magazine are now available for sale in the church porch, having been requested by some parishioners. Each edition contains useful commentaries on the daily Mass readings. The price is £3.

Remembrance Book: Throughout November (the month of the Holy Souls) the Remembrance Book will be in the porch for you to enter the names of loved ones who have died. [Please note that this is in addition to the lists for the Memorial Mass weekend.] The book will be brought up as part of the offertory during Sunday Masses this month.

St George's Crib Festival: St George's church on Sprowston Road will be holding a crib festival on December 8th, 9th & 10th, ending with a Carol Service at 6.30pm on the Sunday. If you have a crib that you could loan to them for this festival please complete one of the forms on the table in the church porch and send it to the address at the bottom.

Collection

4th /5th November

**£613.95
Many Thanks**

Saturday November 18th: Please note that there will be no morning Mass or confessions on this day as Fr David has to attend a meeting at the diocesan offices.

CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal

Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/jpc or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers.

Inviting Applications to *The Sibyl Collective - The East Anglia School of Contemporary Catholic Music*:

This is an exciting new initiative from the Diocesan Youth Service which seeks to bring together young (age 16 – 30) contemporary Catholic musicians from around the Diocese. Under the leadership of Fr. Peter Wynnanski, the aim is to grow as a community committed to discipleship in Christ through prayer and praise & worship music, and then to be able to lead others at events and retreats in the Diocese. For more information and to apply, please see www.rcdea.org.uk/youth

Red Wednesday 2023: Break the silence on Christian Persecution: Red Wednesday, an annual initiative from Aid to the Church in Need returns again this year on Wednesday 22nd November 2023 with a special focus on Africa. Christians in Africa are enduring a 70% increase in violence. Africa is now a priority for ACN with 9 countries in the emergency category. In a bid to seek awareness and justice, Aid to the Church in Need is asking Christians to light up and speak out for our brothers and sisters around the world, by wearing red, lighting up buildings and landmarks in red again this year.

Youth Group: The parish youth group will start meeting again on Friday December 8th, 6.00pm, in the Garden Room. The first meeting will be to watch a Christmas film. Popcorn and fizzy drinks will be provided. All teenagers are welcome to attend, and please bring your friends.

Cambodia Christmas cards, Throughout November there will be the opportunity, for just £1.50, to write a card to our fellow parishioners in our twin parish of St Joseph's, Taken, Cambodia. We know from Bishop Kike how much this small act of friendship and unity means to them all.

The cards are displayed in the church and then handed out to the parishioners who display them proudly in their homes all year round. Any money raised will be go towards future projects and improvements in Taken.

Thank you for your continued support Hilda Kaye

Leaf Clearing: If you can help with clearing leaves in the church grounds, please come along any Saturday morning (bringing a rake with you) to lend a hand. If you can't make it on a Saturday, please come along and clear some at any time. 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. 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