

# Catholic Church of Our Lady and St. Walstan

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## God-given talents.

*The Lord gives talents to each one of us. And asks us to use them in his name. We are not to relax our efforts; rather we are continually to do all in our power to work as children of the light. We are all called to be a blessing in the family of God.*

*Sundays Year A ~ Ordinary Time ~ Psalms Week 1  
 Thirty - third Sunday in Ordinary Times  
 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023*

<b>Entrance Antiphon</b>	<i>The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.</i>	
<b>First Reading</b>	<i>A perfect wife – who can find her?</i>	<i>Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31</i>
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	<i>O blessed are those who fear the Lord.</i>	<i>Psalm 127</i>
<b>Second Reading</b>	<i>God will bring with him those who have died in Jesus.</i>	<i>1 Thessalonians 5:1-6</i>
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	<i>Alleluia, alleluia!                  Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful,                  and I will give you the crown of life.                  Alleluia!</i>	
<b>Gospel</b>	<i>You have been faithful in small things: come and join in your master's happiness.</i>	<i>Matthew 25:14-30</i>

<b>Saturday</b>			<b>6:00pm</b>	<i>Parishioners</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>19<sup>th</sup> November</i>	<i>33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>10:30am</b>	<i>Peter Carroll R.I.P.</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<i>20<sup>th</sup> November</i>	<i>St. Edmund</i>	<b>9:15am</b>	<i>Aoife Grimshaw</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>21<sup>st</sup> November</i>	<i>Presentation of the BVM</i>		<i>No Mass</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>22<sup>nd</sup> November</i>	<i>St. Cecilia</i>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<i>Margaret O'Shea R.I.P.</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>23<sup>rd</sup> November</i>	<i>Feria</i>	<b>9:15am</b>	<i>Francoise Sigaut R.I.P.</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<i>24<sup>th</sup> November</i>	<i>St. Andrew Dung-Lac &amp; Comps</i>	<b>9:15am</b>	<i>School Mass in church</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<i>25<sup>th</sup> November</i>	<i>Feria</i>	<b>10:00am</b>	<i>Concetta Borg R.I.P.</i>
			<b>6:00pm</b>	<i>Parishioners</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>26<sup>th</sup> November</i>	<i>Christ the King</i>	<b>10:30am</b>	<i>Geoff Green &amp; Lisa Green 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 Stephen Agius, 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 Hetty Smith, Dorothy Ward, Arthur John Skidmore, Madeleine Burt, Barabara Johnson, Alice Lynch, Leslie Tuck, Maureen Wigg, Walstan Gunton, Helen Rose, Gwyneth Hale, Olivette Chamberlin, Margaret Brunton-Douglas, Ethel Woods, William Sheldon-Green, John Allison, Flora Harvey, Mary & Patrick Kerr and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

**School Masses:** Some of the children from St Augustine's School will be at St Walstan's for Mass at 9.30am on Friday November 24<sup>th</sup>, which parishioners are also welcome to attend. On Friday December 1<sup>st</sup> there will be a Mass for the younger children, this time in the school hall, at 9.30am. Again, parishioners are welcome to attend.

**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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>. Bishop's Parish Visitation: November 30<sup>th</sup>-December 2<sup>nd</sup>, including a Caritas Festival on the Saturday afternoon, both Sunday Masses, and a school visit on the Monday morning.

**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 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**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.

<b>Collection</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> /12<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>£ 635.36</b>
<b>Direct Debits for the month of October</b>		<b>£ 1560.50</b>
		<b>Many Thanks</b>

**The next UCM** meeting is on Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> in the Garden Room at 10:45.

Our speaker is Father Richard Stanton who is giving a talk on Julian of Norwich. Father Stanton is the Guardian of the Shrine. This will be followed by a Christmas buffet, All are welcome - bring a friend.

**Calling all bakers** - Cakes are required for the cake stall at the Christmas bazaar – please bring your masterpieces on the morning to the school hall - thank you in advance.

**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 Wygnanski, 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](http://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](http://Aid to the Church in Need) returns again this year on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup>, 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

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