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'Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction', wrote Pope Benedict XVI. Christianity is not a moral code, but a complete conversion of heart, mind and soul: loving with all our strength. The fruit is different because the tree has been vivified in Christ.

Sundays Year C ~ Ordinary Time ~ Psalms Week: VIII

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd March 2025

Entrance Antiphon	<i>The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.</i>	
First Reading	<i>Do not praise a man before you hear him reason.</i>	Sirach 27; 4-7 (27:5-8)
Responsorial Psalm	<i>It is good to give thanks to you, O Lord.</i>	Psalm 92
Second Reading	<i>'He gives us the victory through Jesus Christ.'</i>	1 Corinthians 15: 54-58
Gospel Acclamation	<i>Alleluia, Alleluia! Shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life. Alleluia!</i>	
Gospel	<i>'Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.'</i>	Luke 6:39-45

Saturday			6:00pm	Louis Borg R.I.P.
Sunday	2nd March	8th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:30am	Alison Ward R.I.P.
Monday	3rd March	Feria	9:15am	Johnny Guerin R.I.P.
Tuesday	4th March	Feria		No Mass
Wednesday	5th March	Ash Wednesday	9:15am	Fr. Sean Carroll R.I.P.
			7:00pm	Margaret Newton R.I.P.
Thursday	6th March	Lent Feria	9:15am	Vocations
Friday	7th March	Lent Feria	12:00pm	Requiem Mass – Margaret Newton
			7:00pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	8th March	St. Felix	10:00am	David McWeeny R.I.P.
			6:00pm	Johnny Guerin R.I.P.
Sunday	9th March	1st Sunday of Lent	10:30am	Parishioners

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.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday after the morning Mass.

Sick and Housebound – Please pray for Peter Bevis, Molly Chacko, Cecilia King, Patricia Paul, Christopher Sharples, Peter King, Joseph Mitton, Geoff Routs, Henry Bedingfield, Jane Henson, John Barnes, Sue Williams, Jennifer Gates, Trudy McClusky, Gerry Watt, Yustyna Adamska, Michele Bendall, Christina Thomas, Ann Bettany and Marcia Jenkin.

Faithful Departed – Please pray for John Dunlavy, Louise Chapman, Honora Easter, Olga Conrad, Peter Segold, Paul Grant, Kathleen Cannell, John Baker, Florence Tallent, Charles Cassar, Tom Bachell, Hilda Burrows, Eileen Lynskey, Mary Bennett, Armando Mammone, Micheline Gibson, Joseph Mullarkey, Muillicent Symes, Eugene Gaffney, Maria Gedge, Eileen Johnson, Helen Younger, Jean Riley-Budds, Nena Cassar, Lexie Moon, Beryl Hunter, David McWeeny, Shirley Woods, John Foster and all whose anniversaries occur around this time,

Ash Wednesday: Wednesday of this coming week, March 5th, is Ash Wednesday. There will be two Masses at St Walstan's that day: 9.15am, when we will be joined by Key Stage 1 from the school, and 7.00pm.

Lent Lunches: These will take place from 12 noon to 2.00pm at the following churches on the Saturdays mentioned: March 8th, Methodist Church, Norwich Road; March 22nd, Baptist Church, The Street; March 29th, St Walstan's.

Journey in Faith: The next meeting will take place on Thursday March 6th at 7.00pm in the Garden Room. This week's topic is Social Justice.

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday evening during Lent, 7.00pm, in the church. Please come and join us for this traditional Lenten devotion.

Baptism Class: The next class for parents wishing to have their children baptised will take place on Saturday March 15th, 3.30-4.30pm, in the Presbytery (behind the church). Please see Fr David for further details.

Gift Aiders: I will shortly be claiming tax on your gift aid donations made to the parish this tax year April 2024 - April 2025. If your circumstances have changed and you no longer pay tax could you please let me know so that I can update my records. You should be paying tax in an amount equal to the claim. Also if you have changed your address will you please notify me at jennypiercy@sky.com

School Choir: There will be a concert at St Augustine's school given by their excellent choir on Friday March 7th at 3.30pm. The concert will last for about 45 minutes. Tickets are priced at £2.50, and refreshments will be on sale.

Walk With Me: Once again we have this very useful Lenten booklet on sale in the porch priced at £1.00. It contains daily reflections and prayers for the season of Lent.

CAFOD Lent Appeal – Family Fast Day collection

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection and be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee Year. You'll be supporting communities experiencing the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call us on 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10. Include this QR code to take supporters straight to CAFOD's virtual envelope where they can make their donation.

Collection **22nd /23rd February** **£ 607.00**
Many Thanks

The next cake stall is on Sunday, March 2nd in the Garden Room after Mass, last month's cake stall raised £54.80 many thanks your all your support.

The next UCM meeting is on Tuesday, March 4th in the Garden Room at 10:45, our Speaker is Mr. Simon John on Modern Slavery. All are welcome.

Join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk in the Jubilee Year

You are invited to join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk and journey together with Catholics in England, Wales and Scotland as Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year - walking 200km over 40 days during Lent. Journey to one of the churches or shrines designated as places of pilgrimage in our diocese as part of your Big Lent Walk. Every £1 you raise will support communities like Lokho's in Kenya, experiencing the worst impact of the climate crisis, to rebuild their lives in hope. Sign up here: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers: The new rota is now available in the porch.

Assisted Suicide Bill: The bishops are urging us to keep writing to our MPs to strongly voice our opposition to this bill. There will be a pastoral letter from the bishops of England and Wales on this topic in a few weeks' time.

Mobility scooter in new condition for sale. For more information call Marcelle on: 07766595517.

Margaret Newton: The Requiem Mass for Margaret will take place at 12 noon on Friday March 7th.

How are you preparing for Lent? Come to "Don't forget the Holy Spirit", a day of renewal at St Laurence's Church, Milton Road, Cambridge. 1st March 2025 10:00 – 16:00 with guest speakers Fr Matt Anscombe & Caroline Sadd. The day includes Mass (10:30), praise & worship, inspiring talks, real-life accounts of transformation, reconciliation, exposition & prayer ministry. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and Coffee will be available. For more info email: renewaleastanglia@gmail.com or phone Pam Smith: 07869652115

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.