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Another distinctive feature OF Christ's teachings is given us: love of our enemy. The mercy of Jesus extends to us and the mercy we show those who persecute us are linked, as the couplet on forgiveness in the Our Father teaches. St. Caesarius of Arles gets to the root of today is teaching when he asks, 'How can you dare to ask for what you are not prepare to give?'

*Sundays Year C ~ Ordinary Time ~ Psalms Week: VII
 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
 23rd February 2025*

Entrance Antiphon	<i>O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.</i>	
First Reading	<i>The Lord gave you into my hand today, and I would not put out my hand against the Lord's anointed.</i>	<i>1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23</i>
Responsorial Psalm	<i>The Lord is compassionate and gracious.</i>	<i>Psalms 103</i>
Second Reading	<i>'Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.</i>	<i>1 Corinthians 15:45-49</i>
Gospel Acclamation	<i>Alleluia, Alleluia! A new commandment I give you, says the Lord, That you love one another, just as I have loved you. Alleluia!</i>	
Gospel	<i>'Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.'</i>	<i>Luke 6:27-38</i>

Saturday			6:00pm	Parishioners
Sunday	23rd February	7th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:30am	George Petrie & Deceased Family Members
Monday	24th February	Feria	12:00pm	Requiem Mass: Cecilia King
Tuesday	25th February	Feria		No Mass
Wednesday	26th February	Feria	7:00pm	Pete Allen R.I.P.
Thursday	27th February	Feria	9:15am	Janette Scrutton R.I.P.
Friday	28th February	Feria	9:30am	Mass in School
Saturday	1st March	St. David	10:00am	Parishioners
			6:00pm	Louis Borg R.I.P.
Sunday	2nd March	8th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:30am	Alison Ward R.I.P.

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 George Connell, Kathleen Green, Lily Downes, Howard Miller, James Smith, John Cronin, Richard Benna, Donald Stephen Williams, Walstan Carr, Robert Smith, Maria Mann and all whose anniversaries occur around this time,

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.

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

School Masses: Some school Masses are now open to parishioners again. If you see 'Mass in School' on the list of Mass times on the front of the newsletter then you are welcome to attend.

Community of Our Lady of Walsingham - House Appeal:
In honour of the Presentation of the Lord on 2nd February - the *World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life* - could you help a new, growing, religious community?
The **Community of Our Lady of Walsingham** seeks donations to establish a mission house in Walsingham where they can expand their work of spiritual accompaniment, hospitality and supporting young people to grow in faith. The community will pray for all benefactors and are grateful for donations of any amount which can be made
at www.walsinghamcommunity.org/maryshouseappeal
Web: www.walsinghamcommunity.org Tel 01362 692574

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

Monday February 24th: There will be no 9.15am Mass on this day as there will be a Requiem Mass for the late Cecilia King at 12.00 noon.

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.

Beetle Drive: This annual fun evening will take place in the Garden Room at 6.00pm on Friday February 28th. Do not worry if you have never played Beetle before: you will soon get the hang of it. Bring your own snacks and refreshments.

Collection	15th/16th February	£ 750.45
	Direct Debits – January	£1772.50
		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.

Parish Mission: Thank you to everyone for making the parish mission such a success, especially to the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham who led us so wonderfully. The sisters send their thanks for the very generous retiring collection at the end of the Mission which amounted to £2171.75. Copies of the handouts they gave during the week are available on the table in the porch.

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/>

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.

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

First Holy Communion: We now have a display of photographs of those children who will be making their First Holy Communion this June. We are asking for your prayers during this journey, and have placed a sheet next to the Baptismal Font, for two names to be applied against each child. Can we ask that each child has at least one prayer partner beside their name before doubling up on others. Many thanks.

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.