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Peter and the apostles, with a confidence gained by the Resurrection, 'obey God rather than men' They rejoice to suffer in his name and extol the Lord' because of the new life they have received. Like he did them, Jesus loves us to the end, wanting and return, asking only one question: 'Do you love Me?'

Sundays Year C ~ Easter Season ~ Psalms Week: II
Third Sunday of Easter
 4th May 2025

Entrance Antiphon	<i>Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.</i>	
First Reading	<i>We are witness to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit.</i>	Acts 5:27b-32, 40b-41
Responsorial Psalm	<i>I will extol, you Lord, for you have raised me up.</i>	Psalm 30
Second Reading	<i>'Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth.'</i>	Revelation 5:11-14
Gospel Acclamation	<i>Alleluia, Alleluia! Christ is risen, who created all things and has shown compassion on the human race. Alleluia!</i>	
Gospel	<i>'Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish.'</i>	John 21:1-9

Saturday			6:00pm	William Heron R.I.P.
Sunday	4th May	3rd Sunday of Easter	10:30am	Pope Francis R.I.P.
Monday	5th May	Easter Feria	9:15am	Margaret Buck R.I.P.
Tuesday	6th May	Easter Feria		No Mass
Wednesday	7th May	Easter Feria	7:00pm	Louis Borg R.I.P.
Thursday	8th May	Easter Feria	9:15am	Vocations
Friday	9th May	Easter Feria		No Mass
			7:00pm	May Devotions
Saturday	10th May	Easter Feria	10:00am	Jim & Veronica O'Neill R.I.P.
			6:00pm	Jim Donaghy R.I.P.
Sunday	11th May	4th Sunday of Easter	10:30am	Dorothy Rose 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, Deirdre Mohan, Peter Bevis, Patricia Paul, Christopher Sharples, Peter King, Joseph Mitton, Geoff Routs, Henry Bedingfield, Jane Henson, John Barnes, Sue Williams, Jennifer Gates, Trudy McClosky, Gerry Watt, Yustyna Adamska, Michele Bendall, Christina Thomas, Ann Bettany and Marcia Jenkin.

Faithful Departed – Please pray for Patrick Hart, Nancy Carroll, Clarence Wilson, Graham Thurlow, Richard Rymarz, Daphne Sparkes, Olive Utting, Paul Ashtani, Linda Moore, Audrey Kelly, Conchita Board, Malcolm Francis, Ana Colovic and all whose anniversaries occur around this time,

As we complete the **Nine Days of Official Mourning**, days when we have offered our prayers for the eternal repose of our late Holy Father, Pope Francis, the Universal Church now invokes a particular outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the College of Cardinals. The Cardinals have already been meeting in 'Congregation', including those who are over eighty years of age, to reflect and discuss prayerfully in preparation for the Conclave. The Cardinal Electors, those under eighty years of age, will enter Conclave on the 7th of May. I call upon every member of this Local Church, the Diocese of East Anglia, to join me over the coming days in offering fervent prayer in support of the Cardinal Electors. We entrust the Church to Divine Providence as we await the election of the 267th Successor of St Peter. I urge each Parish Community to celebrate a Votive Mass to the Holy Spirit on Monday 5th or Tuesday the 7th of May 2025.

Good Shepherd Sunday: Sunday 11th May, is Good Shepherd Sunday; a day when we reflect on how the ministry of Christ as Priest, Prophet and Shepherd continues in the Church through the ordained priesthood. Priests do not fall from Heaven ready-made. The call to priesthood needs to be heard, vocations need to be nurtured, and funding is needed to provide for priestly formation. The cost of training a priest is more than £150,000. Please continue to pray for priestly vocations and be as generous as possible towards the Second Collection on Good Shepherd's Sunday

Day for Anyone Thinking About a Vocation to the Priesthood
The Diocese is organising a short day of recollection for anyone open to the possibility of discerning a calling to the priesthood. Held at the parish church in Thetford on the 24th of May, beginning with Mass at 10:30am, the day is open to those at any stage of discernment, including those who may simply be curious about beginning to explore this path. For more information and to express interest in attending, you are warmly encouraged to contact Fr Christopher Smith at christopher.smith@rcdea.org.uk

Pope Francis RIP: The 10.30am Mass on Sunday, May 4th, will be offered for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis. RIP.

May Devotions: Every Friday evening in May at 7.00pm in the church. Please join us for half an hour of prayer, adoration and reflection.

Journey in Faith: A follow-up meeting will be held in the Garden Room at 7.00pm on Thursday, May 8th. Please bring some snacks so we can also celebrate with those who were baptised at the Easter Vigil.

Baptism Class: The next class for parents wishing to have their children baptised will take place in the Presbytery (behind the church) from 3.30 to 4.30pm on Saturday, May 10th. Further details from Fr David.

Parish Mission: A meeting to look at the way forward following our very successful parish mission will be held in the Garden Room at 7.30pm (after the evening Mass) on Wednesday May 7th. Some of the COLW sisters will be joining us to answer any questions that may have arisen following the mission. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please send any questions, comments or ideas to Fr David.

Collections 26th /27th April £ 913.90
Many Thanks

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham: Monday May 5th. See the poster in the porch or Garden Room for more details.

The next cake stall is on Sunday May 11th in the Garden Room after Mass.
Last month's cake stall etc. raised £66.30.

The UCM: Lunch on Tuesday 6th May at the Deep Blue (Fish & Chips Restaurant), Drayton High Road @ 12:00pm. *If you would like to join us, can you please put your name down on the list in the porch by Sunday 4th May. We'll meet in the car park at about 11:50am*

Date for your diary: 21st June - Strawberry Tea in the Garden Room from 2pm to 4pm. Tickets £5, on sale from Saturday night Mass on May 17th until June 15th. Buy early as numbers are limited. All proceeds in aid of our charity – Samaritan's Purse.

International Lunch: Sunday May 4th, after the 10.30am Mass. Please bring some food representing your country, or part of the country, to the Garden Room and enjoy a varied lunch with other parishioners.

The Friends of St Augustine's (FOSA) are going to be holding a summer fete this year on **Saturday 5th July** between 12-4pm. It would be amazing for members of the parish to come along to the event too!

Also, If any parishioners would like to volunteer to help at the event. This could be making teas and coffee or helping on a stall etc., please contact Sarah Bird FOSA Chair on thompsonsarah1989@gmail.com

Job Vacancy at the Walsingham Shrine: PILGRIMAGE & SHRINE SITE TEAM LEAD £30,000–£35,000 pa.

The Walsingham Trust is seeking a leader to coordinate pilgrimage planning and provide support for the Sacred Liturgy at the Catholic National Shrine and Basilica. The role also includes overseeing the operations of the Gift Shop, Tea Room and Domestic Team. You will work closely with the General Manager and Rector to ensure pilgrimages and liturgies are well organised and properly resourced, as well as ensuring that the chapels are well kept and cared for. For details or to apply, email: recruitment@walsingham.org.uk

Marriage Celebration Mass: Bishop Peter invites all married couples in the Diocese to attend the annual Marriage Celebration Mass on Saturday 14th June at 11.30am at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist in Norwich. All are welcome! Those who are celebrating significant anniversaries (one year, five years and every multiple of five years thereafter, until 60 years where we celebrate each year thereafter) will receive a certificate from the Bishop. Refreshments will follow the Mass. For more details and if you would like to register please go to: <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/marriage-mass-registration/> Please direct all questions to the Marriage and Family Life Coordinator: mficoordinator@rcdea.org.uk

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.