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We are living in a new period of martyrdom for the Church, more severe even than in the time of the apostles. As those seen holding palm branches by St. John are identified as those who have 'washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb', let us be faithful sheep; bold, and trusting the voice of the Shepherd.

Sundays Year C ~ Easter Season ~ Psalms Week: IV
Fourth Sunday of Easter
 11th May 2025

Entrance Antiphon	<i>The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.</i>	
First Reading	<i>'Behold, we are turning to the Gentiles.'</i>	<i>Acts 13:14, 43b-52</i>
Responsorial Psalm	<i>We are his people, the sheep of his flock.</i>	<i>Psalms 100</i>
Second Reading	<i>'The Lamb will be his shepherd and will guide them to springs of living water.'</i>	<i>Revelation 7:9, 13a 14b-17</i>
Gospel Acclamation	<i>Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord. I know my sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!</i>	
Gospel	<i>'I give eternal life to my sheep.'</i>	<i>John 10:27-30</i>

Saturday			6:00pm	Jim Donaghy R.I.P.
Sunday	11th May	4th Sunday of Easter	10:30am	Dorothy Rose R.I.P.
Monday	12th May	Easter Feria	9:15am	Parishioners
Tuesday	13th May	Easter Feria		No Mass
Wednesday	14th May	St. Matthias	7:00pm	Thanksgiving (Yee Family)
Thursday	15th May	Easter Feria	9:15am	Canon Bernard Scholes R.I.P.
Friday	16th May	Easter Feria		No Mass
			7:00pm	May Devotions
Saturday	17th May	Easter Feria	10:00am	Kathleen Kelly R.I.P.
			6:00pm	Parishioners
Sunday	18th May	5th Sunday of Easter	10:30am	Percy & Flora Harvey 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 Dorota Gobiecka-Grosz, 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 Tomasz Moller, Mary Chettleborough, Glen Haylett, Shaun Green, George Brown, Dorothy Rose, Veronica O'Neil, Marjorie Chapman, Josephine Mudd, Angela Howman, Peter Derricourt, Frieda Gibson, John Barnes, Billy Wells and all whose anniversaries occur around this time,

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

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: mflcoordinator@rcdea.org.uk

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

Saturday 12 July Retreat Day for Men: "Men of Evangelisation" You are invited to Walsingham to join Fr Alvan Ibeh and Catholic men from across the Diocese as we discuss and reflect on our call to holiness and mission of evangelisation. Includes confession, Mass, Holy Mile and Rosary as well as talks and discussion. Please bring your own packed lunch. Tea, coffee, refreshments included. Cost for the day is £12.50. Booking can be found on EventBrite, or email Marriage and Family Coordinator on mflcoordinator@rcdea.org.uk

Collections	3rd /4th May	£ 587.55
	Direct Debits for April	£2627.50
		Many Thanks

St Walstan's Well: The annual walking pilgrimage to St Walstan's Well in Bawburgh will take place on Sunday June 1st. If you are able to take part in the walk (about four miles) please meet at the church at 2.00pm. If you are unable to walk, meet us at the well for a short service at about 4.00pm. This will be followed by a picnic, so don't forget to bring your sandwiches!

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

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.

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.

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THE COMMUNITY OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM OPEN HOUSE AND GARDENS

You are warmly invited to the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham's Convent in Dereham for our annual open house and gardens! Join us on **26th May** at House of the Divine Will, Neatherd Moor, NR20 4AZ between **midday and 5pm**. Teas, coffees, cream teas and a variety of homemade cakes will be on offer for a suggested donation of **£5.00**, and do feel free to bring a picnic lunch. All ages welcome! Please note that, unfortunately, we do not have disabled access at this time and the ground is uneven in places. If driving, we ask that you be mindful of the 10mph speed limit on the approach to our convent. Email office@walsinghamcommunity.org or call the sisters on **01362 692574** for further information. We look forward to welcoming you!

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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.