

# Catholic Church of Our Lady and St. Walstan

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*Authentic love, which is self-sacrificing and self-giving, is the mark of the true disciple, and is often the first door to evangelisation. It is only when we allow Christ, who 'makes all things new', into our hearts to transform them, can we 'strengthen the souls' of others, and encourage them to 'continue in the faith'.*

*Sundays Year C ~ Easter Season ~ Psalms Week: V*

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

*18<sup>th</sup> May 2025*

**Entrance Antiphon**

*O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders;  
in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.*

**First Reading**

*'They declared to the Church all that God had done with them.'*

*Acts 14:21b-27*

**Responsorial Psalm**

*I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.*

*Psalm 145*

**Second Reading**

*'God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'*

*Revelation 21:1-5a*

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia, Alleluia!  
A new commandment I give you, says the Lord,  
that you love one another, just as I have loved you.  
Alleluia!*

**Gospel**

*'A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another.'*

*John 13:31-33a, 34-35*

<b>Saturday</b>					<b>Parishioners</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<i>Percy &amp; Flora Harvey R.I.P.</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Easter Feria</b>		<b>9:15am</b>	<i>Maria O'Reilly R.I.P.</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Easter Feria</b>			<i>No Mass</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>Easter Feria</b>		<b>7:00pm</b>	<i>Communion Service</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>Easter Feria</b>			<i>No Mass</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>Easter Feria</b>		<b>7:00pm</b>	<i>No Mass May Devotions</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Easter Feria</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<i>Fred Barnes R.I.P. Parishioners</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>		<b>10:30am</b>	<i>Peter Dixon 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 6.00-6.30pm.*

*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 Erna Hammond, Fred Barnes, Mary Youngs, Sidney Paston, Brian Lansdell, Patrick O'Neill, , Mary Cohen, Maria Dance, Christina Brackley and all whose anniversaries occur around this time,

*For every faithful Catholic, participation at Holy Mass on Sunday is at once a duty and a privilege; a sweet obligation to respond to God's love for us, so that we can bear witness to this love in our daily lives.*

*St. John Paul II*

**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 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:christopher.smith@rcdea.org.uk)

**Adoration/Vocations:** As you know, we have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday from the end of the morning Mass until 10.00am. At the suggestion of a parishioner, this will be offered every week for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

**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](mailto: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 [thompsonssarah1989@gmail.com](mailto:thompsonssarah1989@gmail.com)

**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.

**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](mailto:mflcoordinator@rcdea.org.uk)

<b>Collections</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> /11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>£ 718.11</b>
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection</b>	<b>£ 763.41</b>

**Many Thanks**

**Lost Property:** There are several lost property items on the small table in the porch. If they are not claimed by Sunday May 25th they will be taken to a charity shop.

**Ecumenical Pentecost Service:** We will be hosting a service at 4.00pm in the afternoon of Sunday June 8th (Pentecost Sunday) attended by members of the other Christian churches in Costessey. Please do come along to join in this short service which will be followed by refreshments in the Garden Room.

**St Walstan's Well:** The annual walking pilgrimage to St Walstan's Well in Bawburgh will take place on Sunday June 1<sup>st</sup>. If you can 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!

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

**Saturday May 24<sup>th</sup>:** During the 6pm Mass next Saturday Gerri O'Mara will be baptised and confirmed.

**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](mailto:office@walsinghamcommunity.org) or call the sisters on **01362 692574** for further information. We look forward to welcoming you!

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](mailto: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.