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We are reminded of the awe-inspiring wonder of God, proclaiming the Lord's indomitable power and might..." but who has traced out what is in the heavens? Who has learned your counsel, unless you have given wisdom..." And, again, we acknowledge God's omniscience, and our need of him, 'that we may gain wisdom of heart.' Our aim is to pray for wisdom, and to understand better the Father's plan for us.

*Sundays Year C ~ Ordinary Time ~ Psalms Week: III
 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7th September 2025*

Entrance Antiphon	<i>You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right; Treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.</i>	
First Reading	<i>'Who can discern what the Lord wills?'</i>	<i>Wisdom 9:13-18b (9:13-19)</i>
Responsorial Psalm	<i>O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to generation.</i>	<i>Psalm 90</i>
Second Reading	<i>'Have him back no longer as a bondservant but as a beloved brother.'</i>	<i>Philemon 9b-10, 12-17</i>
Gospel Acclamation	<i>Alleluia, Alleluia! Let your face shine forth on your servant, And teach me your decrees. Alleluia!</i>	
Gospel	<i>'Anyone who does not renounce all that he has, cannot be my disciple.'</i>	<i>Luke 14:25-33</i>

Saturday			6:00pm	<i>Emanuel Caruana R.I.P.</i>
Sunday	7th September	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:30am	<i>Liesbeth Tollar R.I.P.</i>
Monday	8th September	Nativity of the BVM	9:15am	<i>Janet Smith R.I.P.</i>
Tuesday	9th September	Feria		No Mass
Wednesday	10th September	Feria	7:00pm	<i>Wendy Carpenter R.I.P.</i>
Thursday	11th September	Feria	9:15am	Personal Intention
Friday	12th September	Feria		No Mass
Saturday	13th September	St. John Chrysostom	10:00am	Holy Souls
			6:00pm	Saviour, Mary and Stephen Agius R.I.P.
Sunday	14th September	Exaltation of the Cross	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 Dorota Gobiecka-Grosz, Peter Bevis, Patricia Paul, Christopher Sharples, Peter King, Joseph Mitton, Geoff Routs, Henry Bedingfield, Jane Henson, John Barnes, Sue Williams, Jennifer Gates, Trudy McClosky, Yustyna Adamska, Michele Bendall, Christina Thomas, Ann Bettany and Marcia Jenkin.

Faithful Departed – Please pray for Grace Field, Norman Scott, Robert Croll, Honora Beales, Rufus Dimelow, Michael Stuart, Wendy Wood, Malcolm Armstrong, Gabor Peley, Edward Moore, John Lowe, David Walden and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

“Let your heart be anchored in hope; God’s promises are unwavering.”

The Chosen: The next part will be shown in the Garden Room at 7.30pm (after evening Mass) on Wednesday September 17th. All welcome.

Parish Quiz Night: Thursday September 18th, 6.30 for 7.00pm in the Garden Room. Come as a team of six or make up a team on the night. Tickets on sale after Mass. Don’t forget to order your food when booking.

Journey in Faith: The initial meeting for anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, with the possible aim of joining the Church, will take place in the Presbytery (behind the church) at 7.00pm on Thursday September 11th. More details are available from Fr David.

The UCM are out to lunch on Tuesday, October 7th at Bawdswell Garden Centre. If you want to join us can you put your name down on the list in the porch, places on the coach is limited, so if you can come by car please state. Thank you.

The next cake stall is on Sunday, September 7th in the Garden Room after Mass. Last month's cake stall raised £38.80, many thanks for your support.

Readers & Ministers of the Eucharist: The annual half-day of recollection will take place on Saturday September 13th, beginning with Morning Prayer in the church at 9.45pm and ending with a shared lunch in the Garden Room at about 1.00pm.

Our Lady of Peñafrancia Pilgrimage

Join us on Sunday, September 21, 2025, as we joyfully celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Peñafrancia, a beloved expression of Filipino Marian devotion and deep faith in our Blessed Mother.

The whole day pilgrimage and celebration will begin with a fluvial procession by boats along the Broads, and culminated by a Holy Mass at 2:00 PM at St Helens, Hoveton.

All are welcome! For inquiries: email fred.venzon@yahoo.com or arlaine.amoyo@gmail.com

Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion 2026

We are welcoming applications from those who wish their child to prepare for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in 2026.

If your child will be in year 3, or above, in September 2025, and you wish them to be included, please contact Julia Murphy via email – Boot2982@outlook.com for an application form.

The programme will start in January 2026.

The closing date for applications is **Sunday 28 September 2025.**

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.

Collections

30th / 31st August

£670.93

Many Thanks

In Laudato Si, Pope Francis writes of ...*‘the harm we have inflicted on her (earth) by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her’*. Join the Secular Franciscans on Saturday 20 September at St George's RC church for a day of prayer, talks, music and reflection on Earth, Our Common Home - Cared For or Violated? The day will start at 11am, after 10am Mass, until 4pm. Please bring food for a shared lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided.

Lectio Divina prayer group: All welcome to St Walstan’s Lectio Divina prayer group .What is Lectio Divina prayer? It is a peaceful and contemplative way to pray with the Bible. Rather than studying the Bible like a textbook, it invites you to reflect and listen, creating space for God’s word to speak directly to your heart (and no experience needed). The next prayer sessions are Thursday 11th September at 7pm and Thursday 25th September at 7pm in the Garden Room.

You're Invited! The Couples for Christ – Handmaids of the Lord warmly welcomes you to our upcoming Christian Life Program, a beautiful opportunity for spiritual renewal and deeper connection with God. Program Dates: September 28, October 11, October 18, November 2. Time: 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM. Location: St. John's Cathedral. If you're a woman aged 40 and above, seeking to grow in faith and build meaningful friendships with others on the same journey, we invite you to come and be part of this life-changing experience. Let's walk together in faith, sisterhood, and love. Come and join us — your journey begins here! Contact: Lyn Taaca (07967305142)

Jubilee Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 05th October 2025. £849.00 pps. Price includes return flight, 10kg check in bag, 4 nights’ in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport, with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre. Limited single rooms £200.00. Contact 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Youth Group: The next meeting of the parish youth group will take place in the Garden Room from 6.00 to 7.30pm on Monday September 8th. It is open to those of teenage years, give or take a couple of years.

If anyone would like to join the flower group, you would be very welcome. It’s just an hour or two every six weeks, Easter, Christmas and an occasional wedding.

You don’t have to have any experience, just enjoy arranging flowers. If you are interested or would like to know more about our group, please give me a call on 07714417663 or email h.guerin@sky.com