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Today the church offers a brilliant – if rather stark – illustration of a key principle of the Catholic Social Teaching, the 'Preferential Option for the Poor'. Amos – a champion of the poor – castigates those who 'trample on the needy' and 'buy the poor for silver.' The Psalm response is clear: Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.' The Gospel distils it into a simple choice for each one of us: 'You cannot serve God and money.'

*Sundays Year C ~ Ordinary Time ~ Psalms Week:
 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 21st September 2025*

Entrance Antiphon *I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
 Should they cry to me in any distress,
 I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.*

First Reading *Against those who 'buy the poor for silver.'* **Amos 8:4-7**

Responsorial Psalm *Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.* **Psalm 113**

Second Reading *'Prayers should be made for all people to God, who desires all people to be saved.'* **1 Timothy 2:1-8**

Gospel Acclamation *Alleluia, Alleluia!
 Jesus Christ, though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor,
 So that you by his poverty might become rich.
 Alleluia!*

Gospel *'You cannot serve God and money.'* **Luke 16:1-13**

Saturday				
Sunday	21st September	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6:00pm	The Jones Family
			10:30am	Bernard & Christopher Lambe R.I.P.
Monday	22nd September	Feria	9:15am	Millicent Roope R.I.P.
Tuesday	23rd September	St. Pius of Pietralcina		No Mass
Wednesday	24th September	Our Lady of Walsingham	7:00pm	Communion Service
Thursday	25th September	Feria		No Mass
Friday	26th September	Feria		No Mass
Saturday	27th September	St. Vincent de Paul	10:00am	Parishioners
			6:00pm	Mike Prada R.I.P.
Sunday	28th September	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:30am	Sister Mairead

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 Clara Dunlany, Geoffrey Ottaway, Konrad Stembrowizz, Liam Fursey O'Doherty, Edward Arundell, Kasper Kowol, Clara Dunlavy, Raymond Thurlow, Mary Byrne and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Bible Timeline Course: Grasp the big picture of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation with this free course presented live online by Mauro Ianicelli. Starts Wed. 1st October at 7pm (eight Wednesday evenings). Info and registration: www.comeandsee.org.

Harvest Festival: Weekend of September 27th/28th. Please place your offerings of food in front of the altar before Mass. They will be distributed to the needy after the weekend. Thank you.

Lost Property Reminder Have you misplaced something recently? If you're missing anything, please check the Lost Property area located in the porch. Unclaimed items will be donated or disposed of.

Marriage Support - Does your relationship need some TLC? Need help with deeper issues? Next programme starts 17th October www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: [+44 7887 296 983](tel:+447887296983)

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

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

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)

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.

Collections **13th /14th September** **£ 710.10**
Direct Debits for the month of August **£1657.50**
Many Thanks

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal - Friday 3 October

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10 – Many thanks

October 18th marks UK Modern Slavery Day set up under the Modern Slavery Act 2015.

This "Open Wound on the Body of Christ" as Pope Francis put it is growing at an alarming rate in the UK. Figures produced by the Home Office show a 32% year on year increase in the number of souls found in modern slavery for the quarter to 30th June of this year.

To mark Modern Slavery Day a Conference is being held in Norwich on 10th October. The conference is being organised by my Initiative co-lead Mark Little MBE who (as you may know) received this award in 2022 for his services the victims of modern slavery. Please follow this link <https://fundraising.rotaryeastanglia.co.uk/event/modern-slavery-conference-2025#purchase> for more information.

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.**

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 is on Thursday 25th September at 7pm in the Garden Room.