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Timothy has the beautiful exhortation: 'Fan into flame the gift of God', which is in you. 'This is a vital part of the 'duty' that we have, as the servants of God that the Gospel calls us to be. To develop, deepen and use our God-given gifts in a joyful way that expands our hearts and lives.

*Sundays Year C ~ Ordinary Time ~ Psalms Week: IV
 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5th October 2025*

Entrance Antiphon	<i>Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, And all that is held within the circle of heaven, You are the Lord of all.</i>	
First Reading	<i>'The righteous shall live by his faith.'</i>	<i>Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4</i>
Responsorial Psalm	<i>O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'</i>	<i>Psalm 95</i>
Second Reading	<i>'Do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord.'</i>	<i>2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14</i>
Gospel Acclamation	<i>Alleluia, Alleluia! The word of the Lord remains for ever And this word is the good news that was preached to you, Alleluia!</i>	
Gospel	<i>'If you had faith.'</i>	<i>Luke 17:5-10</i>

Saturday				
Sunday	5th October	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6:00pm	Rosauro & Corazon Hermoso R.I.P.
			10:30am	Louis Borg R.I.P.
Monday	6th October	Feria	9:15am	Paula Hughes R.I.P.
Tuesday	7th October	Our Lady of the Rosary		No Mass
Wednesday	8th October	Feria	7:00pm	Andriesus & Katarzyna Maskajewas
Thursday	9th October	St. John Henry Newman	9:15am	Holy Souls
Friday	10th October	Feria		No Mass
			7:00pm	Rosary
Saturday	11th October	Feria	10:00am	Personal Intention
			6:00pm	Parishioners
Sunday	12th October	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:30am	Cecil & Daphne Sparkes 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, 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 Marguerite Taylor, Bernard Locke, Gary Caswell, Edith Vines, Rosaria (Rose) King, Agnes Hogan, Geoffrey, Smith, Philip Tilbrook and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Diocesan Retreat Day For Women 2025 "Waiting in Hope". With talks given by the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham, this highly popular retreat day will take place on Saturday 15th November in OLEM, Cambridge. Places are limited! Booking essential! Booking Form and all information found here: www.rcdea.org.uk/east-anglia-diocese-announces-retreat-day-for-women/ Please direct all enquiries to mflcoordinator@rcdea.org.uk

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

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: 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)

World Mission Day is approaching, so would all Red Mission Box holders please bring their boxes in. Please see the poster in the porch for more information. New collectors are welcome.

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.

Collections **27th /28th September** **£ 823.60**
Many Thanks

Rosary: October is the month of the rosary so we will meet in the church to pray five decades every Friday evening during this month at 7.00pm.

Social Evening: Our annual social evening takes place on Thursday October 16th, 6.30 for 7.00pm, in the Garden Room. This year's theme is Children's Literature. There will be prizes for the best costume (adult and child) and for the short quiz. Delicious food and great company are assured. Tickets, available after Mass, are free but please do get one if you plan to attend as we need to know numbers for catering.

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 prayer sessions run fortnightly every other **Thursday on 9th October at 7pm in the Garden room. Then Thursday 23rd October, 6th and 20th November and 4th December. More dates will be added.**

F.O.S.A. – you can help the school raise some funds by bringing any unwanted clothes you'd like to donate. Please leave any bags (marked Bags2School) in the porch by the 3rd weekend of October (18th/19th). If you're ever unsure what to add to the bag, it's best to check the Bag2School website for the most accurate guidance:

<https://www.bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

Dona: Many of you will have noticed Dona machines appearing in churches and other public buildings so that people can purchase items and donate by card. Following a number of requests, we now have such a machine in the church porch.

Toy Collection: The annual toy collection for children who otherwise wouldn't receive any this Christmas will take place on the weekend of October 18th/19th. Please bring **NEW AND UNWRAPPED** toys and books and leave them in front of the altar. They will be taken to the Salvation Army for distribution. Thank you.

The next cake stall is on Sunday, October 5th after Mass, in the garden room. Last month's stall raised £57, many thanks for your support.

Also, all those who are going to Bawdswell Garden Centre on Tuesday, October 7th, please note lunch is at 12 o'clock. Thank you.