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The striking theme today is inclusion of all peoples. The Book of Kings tells us God chooses to cure a Syrian, Naaman (as Jesus will pointedly remind people at the start of his ministry). Ten lepers are cured – itself a radical inclusion of the outcast. Then Jesus, point is made crystal clear because the Samaritan leper – ‘the foreigner’ – is the only one who returns to say thank you.

Sundays Year C ~ Ordinary Time ~ Psalms Week: IV
 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 12th October 2025

Entrance Antiphon	<i>If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.</i>	
First Reading	<i>Naaman returned to the man of God and confessed his faith in the Lord.</i>	2 Kings 5:14-17
Responsorial Psalm	<i>The Lord had shown his salvation to the nations.</i>	Psalm 98
Second Reading	<i>'If we endure, we will also reign with Christ.</i>	2 Timothy 2:8-13
Gospel Acclamation	<i>Alleluia, Alleluia! In everything give thanks; For this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Alleluia!</i>	
Gospel	<i>'No one was found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner.'</i>	Luke 17:11-19

Saturday				Parishioners
Sunday	12th October	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6:00pm	Cecil & Daphne Sparkes R.I.P.
Monday	13th October	Feria	10:30am	
Tuesday	14th October	Feria	9:15am	Holy Souls
Wednesday	15th October	Feria		No Mass
Thursday	16th October	St. Teresa of Jesus	7:00pm	Miroslaw Pietrucha R.I.P.
Friday	17th October	Feria	9:15am	Jim & Veronica O'Neil R.I.P.
		St. Ignatius of Antioch	9:30am	Mass in School
			7:00pm	Rosary
Saturday	18th October	St. Luke	10:00am	Peter Staples R.I.P.
			6:00pm	Parishioners
Sunday	19th October	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:30am	Thanksgiving (S)

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 Ria Tuazon Dela Cruz, 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 Timothy Rafftree, Sylvia Hurry, Christine Adair, Hilary Gordon, John Valori, Bernard Budds, Kathleen Mostyn, Fintane Wade, Phyllis Skedge, Elfrida Stapleford, Vyvyan Morris 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)

Stella Maris, Regional Port Chaplain for East Anglia Ports: Stella Maris (SM) is seeking to recruit a Regional Port Chaplain who will in care for all seafarers and fishers by helping to meet their pastoral and spiritual needs. They will recruit, train and support SM staff and volunteers for the port and will maintain good relations with local parishes and the local diocese, working ecumenically with members of other Christian maritime societies. More information can be found at: <https://www.charityjob.co.uk/organisation/stella-maris>

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 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	4th /5th October	£539.62
	2nd Collection	£450.80
		Many Thanks

The Chosen: The next episode of this wonderful series will be shown in the Garden Room at 7.30pm (after evening Mass) on Wednesday October 22nd. All welcome.

Baptism at Mass: There will be a baptism during the 10.30am Mass on Sunday October 19th.

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.

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.

Lectio Divina prayer group.

All welcome to St Walstan's Lectio Divina prayer group. The prayer sessions run fortnightly every other **Thursday at 7pm in the Garden room. Future dates 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.