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The church year end soon, and today's scripture hints at this: 'I have finished the race. I have kept the faith.' This is not written boastfully. St. Paul has the same humble heart as the man in the Gospel sitting at the back of the Temple; he often writes of his need for forgiveness. The Gospel shows us the truth expressed by Pope Francis: 'Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy.'

Sundays Year C ~ Ordinary Time ~ Psalms Week: II
 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 26th October 2025

Entrance Antiphon	<i>Let the hearts that the seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.</i>	
First Reading	<i>'The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds.'</i>	<i>Sirach 35:15b-17, 20-22b</i>
Responsorial Psalm	<i>The lowly one called, and the Lord heard him.</i>	<i>Psalm 34</i>
Second Reading	<i>'There is laid up for me the crown of righteousness.'</i>	<i>2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18</i>
Gospel Acclamation	<i>Alleluia, Alleluia! God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Alleluia!</i>	
Gospel	<i>'The tax collector went down to his house justified, rather than the Pharisee.'</i>	<i>Luke 18:9-14</i>

Saturday				Parishioners
Sunday	26th October	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6:00pm	Jan Trzcinski & Family R.I.P.
			10:30am	
Monday	27th October	Feria		No Mass
Tuesday	28th October	Feria		No Mass
Wednesday	29th October	Feria	7:00pm	Communion Service
Thursday	30th October	Feria		No Mass
Friday	31st October	Feria		No Mass
			7:00pm	Rosary
Saturday	1st November	Feria	10:00am	MGR. David Forde R.I.P.
			6:00pm	Parishioners
Sunday	2nd November	All Saints	10:30am	Audrey Deaville, Betty & Keith Maysh

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 David Hogg, Peter King, 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 John Wood, Donna Edwards, Charles Trevor Hilton, Christopher Vince, Beatrice Watts, Ingelore Adair, Gillian Munro, Nan Stuart, Janet Rogers, Gregor Barrett and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Social Evening: Thank you to everyone who made the recent social evening such a wonderful event. The raffle raised £82 for our twin parish of Taken.

Encore, Anyone? Tickets for Fr David's one-man show will be on sale after weekend Masses, priced at £10 adult and £5 children. Family tickets are also available. The show, in aid of our twin parish of Taken and Let the Children Live, will take place in St Augustine's school hall at 7.00pm on Friday November 7th.

Flower Group: There will be a second collection for Christmas flowers on the weekend of 15th/16th November. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

Youth Group: The next meeting will be on Monday November 10th, 6.00-7.30pm in the Garden Room. It is open to all of teenage years, give or take a couple of years. Please bring along some games and a friend or two.

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

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: 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)

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 6th and 20th November and 4th December. More dates will be added.**

Baptism Class: The next class for parents wishing to have their children baptised will take place in the Presbytery (behind the church) from 3.30 to 4.30pm on Saturday November 1st. Further details are available from Fr David.

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.

Mobility scooter for sale: new condition. Call Marcelle on 07766595517.

Collections	18th /19th October	£553.69
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		Many Thanks

Abortion Act: There have now been over ten and a half million abortions in Great Britain since the Abortion Act was passed 58 years ago, on 27th October 1967. On this terrible anniversary please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this country. On Monday 27th October please go to Mass, say an extra Rosary, and give up some food for the day. Share this with your friends on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/events/2088827391922348/>

Rachel's Vineyard offers weekend retreats for women and men who have participated in, or been affected by, abortion. It aims to help them find hope and healing. The founder of Rachel's Vineyard, Rachel Mackenzie, will be speaking at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist on Saturday November 15th at 7.15pm. She will be sharing her personal testimony and outlining the work of Rachel's Vineyard. Supper and refreshments will be provided. This talk is not just for those who may have been personally affected by abortion in whatever way, but for anyone who would like to know more, and those in the caring ministries and profession, including medical professionals, priests, counsellors and also for young adults (over-18-only). Contact mflcoordinator@rcdea.org.uk for more information.

The next cake stall is on Sunday, November 2nd in the Garden Room after mass. Last month's cake stall raised £54.70. Many thanks for your support.

UCM Meeting on Tuesday, November 4th - Mark Watkin is unable to attend, so we will be having our AGM instead. You are all invited to attend to see up what we get up to during the year!

Deanery Requiem Mass: The annual Requiem Mass for the deceased clergy of the Norwich deanery will be celebrated on Wednesday 5th November at the Cathedral, at 11am. Parishioners from across the Deanery are invited to attend this Mass, as we pray for the many priests and deacons who have served our parishes in the past.

Annual Mission Appeal: A priest from the Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers) will be making the appeal at both Masses on the weekend of October 25th/26th.

Blessing of the Graves: This annual event will take place at the end of the 6.00pm Mass on Saturday November 1st.

Dona Update: If you wish, you can now give to second collections and purchase items from the Repository using the Dona machine in the porch.

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.