

Catholic Church of Our Lady and St. Walstan

Website: <http://www.stwalstans.com>



Parish Priest
Fr. David Ward
 The Presbytery, Townhouse Road
 Costessey
 Norwich NR8 5AA
 Tel. 01603 742812
David.Ward@rcdea.org.uk

Deacon
Rev. Bill Dimelow (Retired)
 Crofthaven, The Croft
 Costessey
 Norwich NR8 5DT
 Tel: 01603 743476
Bill.Dimelow@rcdea.org.uk

School
Head Teacher: Rachel Swindell
 St Augustine's Catholic Primary School
 19 West End, Costessey
 Norwich NR8 5AG
 Tel: 01603 743317
office@st-augustines.norfolk.sch.uk

Over the centuries the Church has recognized and named countless saints and accepts that many more are unknown to us. The feast calls on us to recognise that powerful spiritual bond which exists between the living and those who have achieved spiritual maturity and are now bathed in God's glory in heaven. This is what we confirm when we say in the Apostles' Creed, 'I believe in...the communion of saints'.

*Sundays Year C ~ Ordinary Time ~ Psalms Week: III
 All Saints*

2nd November 2025

Entrance Antiphon

*Let us all rejoice in the Lord,
 as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints,
 at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.*

First Reading

*'Behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation,
 from all tribes and peoples and languages.'*

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

Responsorial Psalm

Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

Psalms 24

Second Reading

'We shall see God as he is.'

1 John 3:1-3

Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, Alleluia!
 Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, says the Lord,
 and I will give you rest.
 Alleluia!*

Gospel

'Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.'

Matthew 5:1-12a

Saturday				
Sunday	2nd November	All Saints	6:00pm	Parishioners
			10:30am	Audrey Deaville, Betty & Keith Maysh
Monday	3rd November	All Souls	9:15am	Holy Souls
			11:00am	Funeral Service – June Walker
Tuesday	4th November	St. Charles Borromeo		No Mass
Wednesday	5th November	Feria	7:00pm	Derek Jassett
Thursday	6th November	Feria	9:15am	Vocations
Friday	7th November	Feria	9:30am	School Mass in Church
Saturday	8th November	Feria	10:00am	Grace Sadd R.I.P.
			6:00pm	Parishioners
Sunday	9th November	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	10:30am	War Dead

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 Georgina Ward, Sylvia Cook,, Anne Nichols, Ursula Grant, Grace Sadd, Joan Wills-Gower, Anthony Goose, Bridget Wooldridge, William Moverley, Stanley Bell and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

“Sainthood emerges when you can listen to someone’s tale of woe and not respond with a description of your own.”

Andrew Greeley

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.**

Collections	25th /26th October	£1095.13
	2nd Collection	£ 523.30
		Many Thanks

Book of Remembrance: Throughout November, the month of the Holy Souls, this book will be in the church porch for you to add the names of your loved ones who have died. The book will be brought to the altar with the gifts at Sunday Masses.

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.

Dona Update: If you wish, you can now give to second collections, donations for candles 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.