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There are four major basilicas in Rome, of which the oldest is the Lateran Basilica, the official cathedral of the Diocese of Rome. It is the mother church of the entire world and is universally commemorated because it symbolises not only the importance of churches as buildings of prayer and reconciliation, but also of the Church as a living institution through which we can encounter the infinite forgiveness of God.

*Sundays Year C ~ Ordinary Time ~ Psalms Week:
 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
 9th November 2025*

Entrance Antiphon	<i>I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband.</i>	
First Reading	<i>'I saw water flowing from the Temple, and all to whom this water came were saved.'</i>	<i>Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12</i>
Responsorial Psalm	<i>The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place, the abode of the Most High.</i>	<i>Psalm 46</i>
Second Reading	<i>'You are God's temple.'</i>	<i>1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17</i>
Gospel Acclamation	<i>Alleluia, Alleluia! I have chosen and consecrated this house, says the Lord, that my name may be there forever. Alleluia!</i>	
Gospel	<i>'He was speaking about the temple of his body.'</i>	<i>John 2:13-22</i>

Saturday			6:00pm	Parishioners
Sunday	9th November	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	10:30am	War Dead
Monday	10th November	St. Leo the Great	9:15am	Ralph Rose R.I.P.
Tuesday	11th November	St. Martin of Tours		No Mass
Wednesday	12th November	St. Josaphat	7:00pm	Louis Borg R.I.P.
Thursday	13th November	Feria	9:15am	Gerry Watt R.I.P.
Friday	14th November	Feria	9:15am	School Mass in Church
Saturday	15th November	Feria	10:00am	Parishioners
			6:00pm	Scrutton Family
Sunday	16th November	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:30am	Bridget Wooldridge 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 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 Joan Miller, Ralph Rose, Betty Kibble, Marie Cooper, Mary Blackett, Gregg Elliott, Robert McIsaac, Leola Mould and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Christmas Bazaar: Saturday December 6th, 2.00-4.00pm, in St Augustine's School Hall. Please bring any items in good condition to sell or as prizes and leave in the church porch. Draw tickets will be on sale after the weekend Masses and during the bazaar.

Mass Intentions: Please note that all Masses for the rest of this year now have intentions booked. If you would like a Mass said for a particular intention it can be booked for 2026. The suggested offering for a Mass intention is £5.

UCM: On behalf of the Union of Catholic Mothers, I wish to thank you for your support at our monthly coffee/cake stall. We raised £1250.00 for our charity Samaritan's Purse. Our charity for next year is Mary's House Appeal.

Repository: There are several new items for sale in the repository, located in the church porch, along with a selection of cards for various occasions, prayer books, rosaries, etc. Payment can either be in cash, putting the money in the silver slot in the countertop, or by card, using the Dona machine.

Mass for those who have died in the past year: This intention will be offered at the 6.00pm Mass on Saturday November 22nd.

Mobility scooter for sale. New condition. For more details call Marcelle on 07766595517.

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

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

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.

Collections	1st / 2nd November	£634.00
Card Donations	(DONA)	£ 30.00
		Many Thanks

Christmas Cards, with the Christmas greeting stickers, to send to our twin parish of St. Joseph's, Taken in Cambodia, are available throughout November in the porch for the usual price of £1.50 to cover costs including postage. We know from Bishop Kike and our other contacts in Taken how important these are to the parishioners of St. Joseph's, they treasure them throughout the year. Thank you in anticipation for your continued support.

Church Cleaner Required: Is there anyone attending Our Lady and St. Walstan's church who is able to help with cleaning our lovely church? If you would like to join a team, you would only have to help six times a year maximum. Please contact me Kathleen Easter email kathleaster@btinternet.com or 01603 745588 or speak to Father David

Jubilee Survey: As part of the Diocesan Golden Jubilee celebrations, we would like to set up an exhibition to show how our parish has changed during the last 50 years. To achieve this, we need your help by looking in your homes for any pictures, videos or memorabilia from special occasions that took place in the parish, like weddings, baptisms, special visits, or other significant events. Please complete our survey to share your ideas and to let us know how you can support us with the exhibition. You can complete the survey either by using the link [here](#) (if reading this online), scanning the QR code in the separate leaflet or completing the paper copy attached to the newsletter and returning it in the box in the porch. Please see our separate leaflet for more information.

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.

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.