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At the start of Advent, when we mark the beginning of the new liturgical year, the readings invite us to 'stay awake' and 'be ready' for the coming of the Lord. We are reminded that our lives are short and that we must not fritter them away and abandon God's law; we must seek the prize of eternal Redemption, a gift offered to us by Christ whose coming we anticipate.

Sundays Year A ~ Advent Season ~ Psalms Week: 1

1st Sunday of Advent

30th November 2025

Entrance Antiphon

*To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
 In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
 Nor let my enemies exult over me;
 and let none who hopw in you be put to shame.*

First Reading

The Lord gathers all nations together into the eternal peace of the Kingdom of God. Isaiah 2:1-5

Responsorial Psalm

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Psalm 122

Second Reading

'Salvation is nearer to us now.'

Romans 13:11-14a

Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, Alleluia!
 Show us O Lord, your mercy,
 and grant us your salvation.
 Alleluia!*

Gospel

Stay awake so that you may be ready.

Matthew 24:37-44

Saturday			6:00pm	Mike Prada R.I.P.
Sunday	23rd November	1st Sunday of Advent	10:30am	Katarzyna Maskajewas
Monday	24th November	Advent Feria	9:15am	Fr. Brian McWilliams R.I.P.
Tuesday	25th November	Advent Feria		No Mass
Wednesday	26th November	St. Francis Xavier	7:00pm	Concetta Borg R.I.P.
Thursday	27th November	Advent Feria	9:15am	Vocations
Friday	28th November	Advent Feria	9:30am	No Mss
Saturday	29th November	Advent Feria	10:00am	Parishioners
			6:00pm	Rosauero & Corazon Hermoso R.I.P.
Sunday	30th November	2nd Sunday of Advent	10:30am	Jane Henson & Family

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 Gwyneth Hale, John Allison, Henry Hedtke, Toni McKenna, Lisa Green and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Advent increases our hope, a hope which does not disappoint. The Lord never lets us down.

Pope Francis

Readers & Ministers of the Eucharist: Please can you put your names on the list in the porch for the Masses you will be attending over the Christmas period. The list will be on the noticeboard in the porch until after Mass on Sunday December 7th. The rota will be put up the following weekend.

The next cake stall is on Sunday, December 7th in the Garden Room after mass.

Carols at the Convent

The sisters from the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham are pleased to announce that our annual 'Carols at the Convent' will be back for the fourth year on Saturday 13th December. You are welcome to drop in anytime between 12pm - 4pm with cakes and crafts available for a suggested donation of £5.00 per adult and £2.50 per child. You are also welcome to look around our beautiful grounds, weather permitting. We will be singing a few carols together around our beautiful crib at 1pm and 3pm for those who wish to participate.

Our address is House of the Divine Will, Neatherd Moor, Dereham, NR20 4AZ. Please note that, unfortunately, the house and grounds are not suitable for those with more serious mobility problems. For more information email: office@walsinghamcommunity.org or call 01362 692574.

Tea & Coffee Rotas 2026: The rotas are now on the noticeboard in the porch for you to sign up to help with tea and coffee after Mass. There are still a couple of gaps on the 2025 rotas. Thank you.

Leaf Clearing: Yes, it's that time of year again! If you can help with leaf clearing, please bring a rake or blower whenever you have some time to spare and clear what you can. The leaves can be piled in the far corner of the back car park. Thank you.

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.

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 date 4th December. More dates will be added.**

Collections (DONA) 22nd/23rd November £ 597.15 (£80)
2nd Collection – Flowers £ 5.00
Many Thanks

The next UCM meeting is on Tuesday, December 2nd in the Garden Room at 10:45.

It is our Christmas meeting with a flower arranging demonstration with Jane followed by our Christmas Buffet. All are welcome including men and ladies who are looking after grandchildren (they are welcome too - your responsibly).

Cost £2 includes a raffle ticket.

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: Thank you to those who have already completed the Jubilee survey. We need more responses please so we can hear your comments and share your ideas in our pamphlet or contribute to our exhibition. There are spare surveys in the porch with our information leaflet, or you can complete the survey online here

<https://forms.office.com/e/0Qq2CZgEcb> or scan the code:



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.