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Christ comes as judge, a role foretold in ancient scripture as revealed in our first reading from Isaiah. As we anticipate Christ's coming at Christmas, we must, as John the Baptist puts it in today's Gospel, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.' We are left in no doubt as to Christ's righteousness, but we also know that, with repentance, comes mercy and fullness of redemption.

*Sundays Year A ~ Advent Season ~ Psalms Week: II
 Second Sunday of Advent
 7th December 2025*

Entrance Antiphon	<i>O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.</i>	
First Reading	<i>'With righteousness he shall judge the poor.'</i>	Isaiah 11:1-10
Responsorial Psalm	<i>In his days shall justice flourish, and great peace forever.</i>	Psalms 72
Second Reading	<i>Christ saves humanity.</i>	Romans 15:4-9
Gospel Acclamation	<i>Alleluia, Alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight; all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!</i>	
Gospel	<i>'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'</i>	Matthew 3:1-12

Saturday			6:00pm	Rosauro & Corazon Hermoso R.I.P.
Sunday	7th December	2nd Sunday of Advent	10:30am	Jane Henson & Family
Monday	8th December	Immaculate Conception of the BVM	9:15am	Fredrick Blick R.I.P.
			1:30pm	Funeral Service – Maureen Mortham
Tuesday	9th December	Advent Feria		No Mass
Wednesday	10th December	Bls Henry Heath & Comps	7:00pm	UCM
Thursday	11th December	Advent Feria	9:15am	Benjamin & Sarah
Friday	12th December	Advent Feria		No Mass
Saturday	13th December	St. Lucy	10:00am	Parishioners
			6:00pm	Gerry Watt R.I.P.
Sunday	14th December	3rd Sunday of Advent	10:30am	Tony & Jennie Howes

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 William Bryans, , Reginald Ward, Doreen Kielty, Sharon Pound, Peter Gray, Trevor King, Rosemary Percy, Arthur Mainwaring, Iris Kelly, Winifred O'Connor, Joan Miller, Emma Pask, Win Richardson, Winifred Metcalfe and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Volunteers Sought to Support School Admission Appeals: The Diocese of East Anglia Schools' Service is seeking volunteers to serve as school admission appeals panel members, helping ensure parents' rights are upheld when a child is not offered a place at their preferred Catholic school. Each hearing typically lasts between 20 and 30 minutes, although some may take longer depending on their complexity. During the busy summer term, multiple appeals may be scheduled on the same day, and volunteers may occasionally be asked to sit for two or even three consecutive days. Importantly, panel members are always able to decide their own availability, making this a flexible opportunity suited to those available during school hours. Appeals may be heard in person or via video conferencing, and volunteers can express a preference for the type of hearings they are comfortable with. All panel members will receive training from the Diocese. Individuals cannot sit on panels for schools with which they have a personal connection. Anyone interested in volunteering or finding out more is invited to contact Helen Bates, Assistant Director (Schools' Service), at the Diocese of East Anglia, 21 Uppgate, Poringland, Norwich, NR14 7SH, by email at ssc@rcdea.org.uk or by telephone on 01508 495509.

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.

Collections (DONA) 29th /30th November £ 881.28(£73) Many Thanks

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the cards for Cambodia, we sent 40 cards to them, they will get enormous pleasure from the cards throughout the year. Thanks to an anonymous donation to cover postage, all the money contributed-£61.15, will be added to their projects fund.

Advent Carol Service: Thursday December 18th, 7.00pm, in the church. Please come and join us to sing some Advent and Christmas carols and to hear the Christmas story read by some of our young readers.

Extra Confessions for Advent: Fr David will be available in the confessional at the back of the church from 10.30am until 12.00 noon on Saturday December 20th for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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 Cards: As in previous years, one of the noticeboards in the church porch will be cleared for you to pin up a Christmas card to the parish. Please do not leave cards for individuals in the porch. Thank you.

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.