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God the Father announces his filial relationship with Jesus saying, 'listen to him.' In reading the Gospels we are listening to what God, incarnate in Jesus Christ, is saying. God's word is active and alive, and every encounter we have with our Lord in the scriptures can change us and those around us for the better. Our listening becomes the means. It is an essential element in our path to holiness.

Sundays Year A ~ Christmas Season ~ Psalms Week: Feast (Week 1)

Baptism of the Lord

11th January 2026

Entrance Antiphon

*After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened,
and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove,
and the voice of the Father thundered:
This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.*

First Reading

'Behold my servant, in whom my soul delights.'

Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Psalm 29

Second Reading

'God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit.'

Acts 10:34-38

Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, Alleluia!
The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered:
'This is my beloved Son; listen to him'.
Alleluia!*

Gospel

'When Jesus was baptised, he saw the Spirit of God coming to rest on him.'

Matthew 3:13-17

Saturday			6:00pm	Gil Hermoso
Sunday	11th January	Baptism of the Lord	10:30am	Parishioners
Monday	12th January	Feria	9:15am	Holy Souls
Tuesday	13th January	Feria		No Mass
Wednesday	14th January	Feria	7:00pm	Personal Intention
Thursday	15th January	Feria	9:15am	Adam Fitzpatrick R.I.P.
Friday	16th January	St. Fursey		No Mass
Saturday	17th January	St. Anthony	10:00am	Fr. Emilie Nkumu R.I.P.
			6:00pm	Terence & Martha
Sunday	18th January	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:30am	Parishioners

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 Jenny King, 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 Catherine Meehan, Hannah Brown, Jack Collier, Michael Bagshaw, Gerald Newsham, Teresa Moller, Jean Jurak, Barbara Matthews, Hillary Tuli, Reggie Paston and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

“The Lord was Baptised, not to be cleansed Himself, but to cleanse the waters, so that those waters, cleansed by the flesh of Christ which knew no sin, might have the power of Baptism.”
St. Ambrose of Milan

Would you like to discover how Caritas is responding to conflict in Ukraine.

Henry Wilson Smith CAFOD Ukraine Emergency Programme Officer will be talking about his work. On: Saturday 17 January 2026 Time: Coffee from 10.30am, talk starting at 10.45am, finishing at noon.
At: St George's Parish Hall, Sprowston Rd, Norwich NR3 4HZ plenty of parking. All welcome
This event has been jointly organised by Caritas East Anglia and CAFOD in East Anglia.
Jane Crone-Community Participation Coordinator – CAFOD in East Anglia and Brentwood 07779 804252

Please send donations to CAFOD Head Office, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7JB

Parish Council: The next meeting will take place in the Garden Room at 7.30pm (after the evening Mass) on Wednesday January 14th. The meeting is open to elected and co-opted members of the council.

Decorating: The Garden Room, sacristy and parish office will be decorated the week commencing Monday January 19th and so will be unavailable for use during that week. Ministers of the Eucharist should be able to access the tabernacle key but please take extra care and be advised by the decorators. Thank you.

Diocesan Yearbook 2026: This very useful resource is available in the church porch priced at £5. You can either put the money in the silver slot or select the repository option on the Dona machine.

Tea & Coffee after Mass: Please sign up to the rotas in the church porch to help with this ministry. If you are unsure what to do, please ask one of the regular helpers or Fr David

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.

Collections (DONA)	3 rd /4 th January	£596.56 (£22.50)
Many Thanks		

Deacon Anthony Reilly: Anthony was ordained to the diaconate on Saturday December 20th and will be resident in our parish from January 14th until he is ordained priest in July. I am sure you will make him very welcome and assist him all you can. On Saturday January 17th, Fr Peter Wygnanski, Bishop Peter's secretary, will be concelebrating the 6.00pm Mass and giving a short talk in the Garden Room afterwards about the role of a transient deacon. Please do attend if you possibly can. Tea and coffee will be available.

All welcome to St Walstan's Lectio Devina prayer sessions. They will recommence every other Thursday in the new year at 7pm in the Garden room on 8th January, then 22nd January continuing fortnightly.

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:

