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Christ our hope is risen!

Christ dies to rise again so that his Father will be glorified. We too are brought back to true life in Christ. If we die with him, we will rise with him and be living witness to the power of the Resurrection.

*Sundays Year A ~ Easter Season ~ Psalms Week: I
 Easter Sunday
 5th April 2026*

Entrance Antiphon	<i>I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.</i>	
First Reading	<i>'We ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.'</i>	<i>Acts 10:34a, 37-41</i>
Responsorial Psalm	<i>This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.</i>	<i>Psalm 118</i>
Second Reading	<i>'Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.'</i>	<i>Colossians 3:1-4</i>
Gospel Acclamation	<i>Alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed, let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord. Alleluia.</i>	
Gospel	<i>'He must rise from the dead.'</i>	<i>John 20:1-9</i>

Saturday			8:30pm	Easter Vigil
Sunday	5th April	Easter Sunday	10:30am	Leslie & Mary Stowers
Monday	6th April	Easter Octave	9:15am	Eva Bell R.I.P.
Tuesday	7th April	Easter Octave		No Mass
Wednesday	8th April	Easter Octave	7:00pm	Andriejus Maskajevs
Thursday	9th April	Easter Octave	9:15am	Vocations
Friday	10th April	Easter Octave		No Mass
Saturday	11th April	Easter Octave	10:00am	Parishioners
			6:00pm	David & Eileen Hogg R.I.P.
Sunday	12th April	2nd Sunday of Easter	10:30am	Louis Borg 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 Jenny King, Peter King, Dorota Gobiecka-Grosz, Peter Bevis, Patricia Paul, Christopher Sharples, Peter King, Joseph Mitton, Geoff Routs, Jane Henson, John Barnes, Sue Williams, Jennifer Gates, Trudy McClosky, Yustyna Adamska, Michele Bendall, Christina Thomas, Ann Bettany, Eamon McGrath and Marcia Jenkin.

Faithful Departed – Please pray for Phyllis George, Tony Green, Ann Trench, Walter Thurlow, Renee Melton, Brian Allen and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Collections 28th /29th March
Many Thanks

£649.80

Easter Egg Hunt: As usual, this will take place in the grounds of the church after the morning Mass on Easter Sunday, April 5th.

Ignite Festival is back! An invitation to ALL young people in Year 8 upwards 2nd - 4th May - Come and experience your faith in a new and dynamic way at the Ignite Festival. The weekend will include powerful talks, passionate prayer, live music, and lots of fun stuff. Check out <https://sjbcathedral.org.uk/events/ignite-festival> for more information on booking with the Cathedral group. There is transport available from Norwich. For more information on this please email Jo Graham - stjohnfhc@gmail.com

St Walstan's Lectio Divina Prayer Sessions

All invited to join St Walstan's Lectio Divina sessions. Scripture is inspired by God and Lectio Divina offers a way of *encountering Scripture* rather than studying it; an opportunity to listen, reflect, and rest in God's presence. Our sessions are recommencing after Easter at 7pm in the Garden room on Thursday 16th April, then 30th April, continuing fortnightly.

Youth Group: The group will meet in the Garden Room from 6.00 to 7.30pm on Monday April 6th. All those of teenage years (give or take a couple of years) are welcome. This time we will be watching a DVD about the life of Pier Giorgio Frassati, who was canonised in recent times.

Marriage Support: If you are just in a rut or for more serious issues – Retrouvaille could be the solution. www.retrouvaille.org.uk +44 797 338 0443

UCM: The next cake stall is on Sunday, April 5th after Mass in the Garden Room. Last month's cake stall etc. raised £57, many thanks for your support.

The next UCM meeting is on Tuesday, April 7th in the Garden Room at 10:45. We are having a small Easter Flower arrangement competition. All are welcomed followed by a buffet lunch all for the cost of £2 includes a raffle ticket!

New condition mobility scooter for sale. For more information call Marcelle on 07766595517.

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.

“Easter gives hope to everyday life.”

“Paschal hope does not disappoint. To believe truly in the Pasch through our daily journey means revolutionizing our lives, being transformed in order to transform the world with the gentle and courageous power of Christian hope.”

From Pope Leo's Easter message

I Peter 1:3

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.