

Catholic Church of Our Lady and St. Walstan

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We are not alone. We are profoundly and closely connected to each other as a community, and to God, who is always with us. We are not left without support. The Holy Spirit is a comforter and a joy bringer. The Spirit is also our inspiration and guide to go and make meaningful connections with others, especially those on the margins of society, who may feel excluded and lost.

Sundays Year A ~ Easter Season ~ Psalms Week: II
Sixth Sunday of Easter
 10th May 2026

Entrance Antiphon	<i>Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; Proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.</i>	
First Reading	<i>'They laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.'</i>	<i>Acts 8:5-8, 14-17</i>
Responsorial Psalm	<i>Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.</i>	<i>Psalm 66</i>
Second Reading	<i>'Being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.'</i>	<i>1 Peter 3:15-18</i>
Gospel Acclamation	<i>Alleluia, alleluia. If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord. And my Father will love him, and we will come to him. Alleluia.</i>	
Gospel	<i>'I will ask the Father and he will give you another Helper.'</i>	<i>John 14:15-21</i>

Saturday			6:00pm	Parishioners
Sunday	10th May	6th Sunday of Easter	10:30am	Ann Mahony & Emm Trott R.I.P.
Monday	11th May	Easter Feria	9:15am	Dorothy Rose R.I.P.
Tuesday	12th May	Easter Feria		No Mass
Wednesday	13th May	Easter Feria	7:00pm	Fred Minturn R.I.P.
Thursday	14th May	Ascension of the Lord	9:15am 7:00pm	Kent Wayling R.I.P. Parishioners
Friday	15th May	Easter Feria	7:00pm	No Mass May Devotions
Saturday	16th May	Easter Feria	10:00am 6:00pm	David Minturn R.I.P. Parishioners
Sunday	17th May	7th Sunday of Easter	10:30am	Graham Thurlow 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, Eamon McGrath, 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 and Marcia Jenkin.

Faithful Departed – Please pray for Audrey Kelly, Conchita Board, Malcolm Francis, Ana Colovic, Mary Chettleborough, Glen Haylett, Shaun Green, George Brown, Dorothy Rose, Veronica O'Neil, Marjorie Chapman, Josephine Mudd, Angela Howman, Peter Derricourt, Frieda Gibson, John Barnes and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Annual Mission Appeal: On behalf of the Sisters Mission Committee of England and Wales, the missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver will be present on the weekend of May 23 and 24. They collaborate with missionaries worldwide, particularly in areas where the Church is weak and resources are scarce. They support efforts in pastoral ministry, education, and healthcare through prayer and practical assistance. The Sisters appreciate your kindness and ask that you remember missionaries and their work in your prayers.

Ascension: Thursday May 14th is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord and is a holyday of obligation. There will be two Masses at St Walstan's: 9.15am and 7.00pm. The school will be having a separate Mass this year so will not be joining us at the morning Mass.

Bawburgh Pilgrimage: Our annual walking pilgrimage to St Walstan's Well in Bawburgh takes place on Sunday May 31st. If you are able to walk the four miles, please gather at St Walstan's at 2.00pm. If not, do join us at the well for a short service and a picnic at 4.00pm.

May Devotions: These will take place every Friday in the church at 7.00pm. They last about half-an-hour – a gentle, prayerful way to end the working week. All are welcome.

Deacon Anthony's Ordination: There are still seats available on the coach to the ordination to the priesthood of Deacon Anthony (along with Deacons Peter Ho and Matthew Allen) on Saturday July 4th. The coach will leave St Walstan's at 10.00am, allowing plenty of time to get there for the 11.30am ordination Mass. It will depart from the cathedral at 2.30pm. Please let Fr David know a.s.a.p. if you would like a seat on the coach.

Diocesan Jubilee: On Sunday, July 19, following Mass, the parish will celebrate our diocese's 50th anniversary with a cookout and Fr. David's 70th birthday. We felt it would be entertaining to include pictures of parishioners in 1976, even if you weren't a parishioner at the time. (Yes, I am aware that many of you weren't around at the time—the pleasures of youth!) If you would like to submit a photo, please place it in the Presbytery's letterbox with your name and contact information printed on the back or on a post-it note that is attached.

A Day With Mary: Sunday May 17th, starting with a procession from Walsingham village car park at 12.20pm. Further details on the poster in the church porch.

"Head to Heart": Diocesan Retreat Day For Women 2026:

This retreat day is scheduled for Saturday, 23rd May, at the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham in Dereham, Norfolk. Participants will engage with talks focusing on growing in relationship with Christ, inspired by Saint Edith Stein's ideas on womanhood and embracing daily life's challenges. The event will feature discussions, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and a cream tea. Due to limited spots, booking is essential, with further details available at www.rcdea.org.uk/east-anglia-diocese-announces-retreat-day-for-women/ and inquiries directed to mflcoordinator@rcdea.org.uk

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) 2nd /3rd May
2nd Collection**

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£30
Many Thanks**

Jubilee Information: The Diocese of East Anglia is celebrating its 50th anniversary with a year-long schedule of festivities. On Sunday, July 19, St. Walstan's will participate in the festivities with a special Mass, followed by the yearly parish barbecue and the creation of a St. Walstan's booklet. We wish to honour and celebrate the cultural history of St. Walstan's parishioners as part of these celebrations. We are a unique parish because of our diversity, and we would want to know which nations our families are from so that we can honour them in our booklet. Please fill out the form on the porch if you are comfortable sharing your cultural heritage. Thank you, Priscilla and Marcelle.

Head of School required for St Edmunds and St Joseph's Catholic Primary Schools, please see diocesan website for more details: <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/schools/school-vacancies/>

Join the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham in Dereham for their annual open house and gardens on Monday, 25th May, from 12pm to 4:30pm. Enjoy teas, coffees, and homemade cakes for a suggested donation of £5 for adults and £3 for children. Please bring a picnic lunch, if desired. Note: There is no disabled access, and the ground is uneven. Drive with caution at 10mph. For more information, email office@walsinghamcommunity.org or call 01362 692574. All ages are welcome!

Are you a taxpayer? If so, did you know that you can gift aid your parish gifts, allowing us to get 25% of them back from the tax office? You only need to have paid tax in an amount equivalent to the claim during the tax year. All you have to do is fill out a gift assistance declaration form, and we will handle the rest. The forms are available on the porch. If you have any questions, please email me at jennypercysky@sky.com Parish Gift Aid Administrator.

Tickets for the Strawberry Tea which will be held in the Garden Room on Saturday June 27th. Tickets on sale from Saturday, May 23rd until Sunday, June 21st, after all masses. Tickets are £6, all proceeds to Mary's House Appeal. Numbers are limited so purchase early.

St Walstan's Lectio Divina Prayer Sessions

We warmly invite you to join St Walstan's Lectio Divina sessions. The Bible 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 next sessions are 7pm in the Garden room on Thursday 14th May, then 28th May, continuing fortnightly.

Marriage Celebration Mass: all married couples in the Diocese are invited to the annual Marriage Celebration Mass on June 13, 2026, at 11.30am at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist in Norwich. Significant anniversary couples (1, 5, and every multiple of 5 years, up to 60) will receive a certificate from the Bishop. Refreshments will follow. For registration and details, visit <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/marriage-mass-registration/> or email mflcoordinator@rcdea.org.uk

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