

Catholic Church of Our Lady and St. Walstan

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Reconciled with God through the sacraments, members of the Church are made a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. Jesus sends his apostles out to find the lost sheep from among God's people, just as the Church's sacred ministers remind us that all who have received Christ's grace can live as citizens of heaven.

*Sundays Year A ~ Ordinary Time ~ Psalms Week: III
 Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
 14th June 2026*

Entrance Antiphon	<i>O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!</i>	
First Reading	<i>'You shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.'</i>	<i>Exodus 19:2-6a</i>
Responsorial Psalm	<i>We are his people, the sheep of his flock.</i>	<i>Psalms 100</i>
Second Reading	<i>'If we were reconciled by the death of the Son, much more shall we be saved by his life.'</i>	<i>Romans 5:6-11</i>
Gospel Acclamation	<i>Alleluia, alleluia. The kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel. Alleluia.</i>	
Gospel	<i>'Jesus called to him his twelve disciples and sent them out.'</i>	<i>Matthew 9:36-10:8</i>

Saturday			6:00pm	Gerry Watt R.I.P.
Sunday	14th June	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:30am	Jennie Hepworth R.I.P.
Monday	15th June	Feria		No Mass
Tuesday	16th June	Feria		No Mass
Wednesday	17th June	Feria		No Mass
Thursday	18th June	Feria		No Mass
Friday	19th June	Feria		No Mass
Saturday	20th June	Feria	10:00am	Parishioners
			6:00pm	Brenda Millar
Sunday	21st June	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:30am	Evelyn Petrie

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, 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 Daphne Youngman, Margaret Townsend, Frank Thurlow, Eileen Armstrong, Bridget Fleming, Kathleen Tarling, Elizabeth Manuel, Josephine Barnard, and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

St Augustine's School Fete: Saturday July 4th, 12noon-3.00pm. All welcome.

The Chosen: The next episode will be shown in the Garden Room at 7.30pm (after the evening Mass) on Wednesday June 24th.

Confirmations 2027: Registration is now open for next year's Confirmations. As usual, the youngsters will join with others at St John's Cathedral for the classes, which begin in September of this year, but will be confirmed here in their home parish at Costessey. Please note that the closing date for application is a firm one so don't delay to apply! For details please follow this link: [FHC and Confirmation Booking form 2026-27- please click here](#)

School Masses: Please remember that if a school Mass is advertised in the newsletter, whether it be at the school or in the church, then parishioners are welcome to attend.

Teas After Mass: There are spaces on the rotas in the church porch for people to make tea and coffee after both weekend Masses. New volunteers are always welcome. If you're not sure what to do, have a chat with those who are experienced hands.

Deacon Anthony's Ordination: There are still seats available on the coach to the ordination to the priesthood of Deacon Anthony (along with Deacon Peter Ho) 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 BBQ 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.

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 25th June, then 9th July, continuing fortnight.**

Collections (DONA) 6th /7th June
Direct Debits for May

£886.43 (£140)
£1901.50
Many Thanks

Day for Life 2026: This Sunday, 21 June, we mark the Day for Life under the theme "The Wonder of the Child in the Womb." The theme also recognises the loss of children who died before birth and the grief of their parents. The bishops' message and prayers can be found on the Day for Life website: www.dayforlife.org. The second collection will go towards the Day for Life Fund, which distributes grants to organisations that promote respect for life from conception until natural death. You can also donate online via the Day for Life website.

Ministers of the Eucharist: All Ministers of the Eucharist will be re-commissioned at both Masses on the weekend of June 13th/14th.

A donation page has been set up in memory of Deacon Bill. The chosen charities are Parkinson's UK and St Joseph's Parish, Taken, Cambodia. The link to the page is: <https://www.memorygiving.com/reverendwilliamjohndimelow>

Mass Intentions: I reported a while ago that Mass intentions were booked quite a way in advance. This is still the case with no vacant intentions now until August. Please remember to book well in advance if you would like a specific date.

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.

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.