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Caesarea Philippi was a centre of pagan worship. Lifeless idols are implicitly challenged by Christ, the son of the living God. Our God is alive; he gives us life through the death and Resurrection of his Son. The entrusting of Peter with the keys of the kingdom assures us that, through the Church, we encounter Christ and worship the living God.

Sundays Year A ~ Ordinary Time ~ Psalms Week: I
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
 23rd August 2026

Entrance Antiphon	<i>Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all day long.</i>	
First Reading	<i>I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David.</i>	Isaiah 22:15, 19-23
Responsorial Psalm	<i>O Lord, your merciful love is eternal; discard not the work of your hands.</i>	Psalms 138
Second Reading	<i>From him and through him and to him are all things.</i>	Romans 11:33-36
Gospel Acclamation	<i>Alleluia, alleluia. You are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Alleluia.</i>	
Gospel	<i>'You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.'</i>	Matthew 16:13-20

Saturday			6:00pm	Sean Tobin R.I.P.
Sunday	23rd August	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:30am	Parishioners
Monday	24th August	St. Bartholomew	9:15am	Wendy Blick R.I.P.
Tuesday	25th August	Feria		No Mass
Wednesday	26th August	Feria	7:00pm	Personal Intention
Thursday	27th August	St. Monica	9:15am	Gerry Watt R.I.P.
Friday	28th August	St. Augustine		No Mass
Saturday	29th August	The Passion of St. John the Baptist	10:00am	Parishioners
			6:00pm	Margaret McFarlane R.I.P.
Sunday	30th August	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:30am	Jean Flingo 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 Edwin Mahon, Jenny King, 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 Alice King (known as Sister Bernadette Mary when teaching at Notre Dame High School), Thomas Faulkner, Violet 'May' Allison, Pauline Crilly, Benjamin Millbank, Ann Marcantonio, Michael Kelly, Eileen Kiley, Mary Whitley, Doris (Joan) Faulkner, George Laws, John McGuire, Edward Trafford, Anne Burlison, John Topper, Donna Woozencroft and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

2027: We are welcoming applications from those who wish their child to prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in 2027. If your child will be in year 3 or above, in September 2026, and you wish them to be included, please contact Julia Murphy via email – Boot2982@outlook.com for an application form. The programme will start in January 2027. The closing date for applications is Sunday 27 September 2026. Thank you.

The Secular Franciscans invite you to a celebration of the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi

on 3rd October at St John's Cathedral at 2.30pm.

The celebration will begin in St Joseph's chapel (the sunken chapel) where you will find several companions of St Francis, including; his mother Pica, St Clare, Brothers Leo, and Ginepro and others, reminiscing about his life. This will be followed by light refreshments in the hall, where you can get to know more about Francis by taking with these companions.

The afternoon will close with a Franciscan liturgical celebration of the Transitus, the passing from life to death of St Francis.

The afternoon will finish in time for those wishing to, to attend the evening Anticipatory Mass at 6pm.

Pilgrimage to Walsingham: Faith & Light, part of the L'Arche family supporting those living with learning difficulties/special needs and their families, invite all with learning difficulties or special needs to a join them at their pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 5th September. A light lunch is available at the Village Hall in Walsingham High Street from 12.00 noon, we walk the Holy Mile at 13.00 and celebrate Mass together in the Chapel of Reconciliation at 15.00. Details are on the poster in the porch.

Youth Group: The next meeting for those of teenage years (give or take a couple of years) will be held in the Garden Room from 6.00 to 7.30pm this coming Friday, August 28th. Please bring some games with you and a couple of friends.

Children's Liturgy during Sunday Morning Mass: This will recommence on Sunday, September 6th. Please note that it is for children of Reception age up to First Communion age (Year 3) only. [Once they have made their First Communion they need to be attending the whole of the Mass.]

Don't forget to sign in your child on the list in the porch when you arrive: this is required for safeguarding reasons. Unfortunately, parents cannot accompany their children to the classes.

Collections 15th /16th August

£ 533.71

Many Thanks

The next UCM cake stall is on Sunday, after Mass in the Garden Room.

Last month's cake stall raised £57.

Many thanks for your support.

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 20th August, 3rd September, then 17th September, continuing fortnightly.

Journey in Faith: If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, perhaps with a view to becoming a Catholic, please come along to the introductory session of the Journey in Faith on Thursday September 24th, 7.00pm, in the Presbytery (behind the church). Further details are available from Fr David.

Adult Confirmations: If you were not confirmed in your teens and would like to prepare for this sacrament, please come along to the introductory session of the Journey in Faith on Thursday September 24th, 7.00pm, in the Presbytery (behind the church). The same topics are covered on both courses, so it makes sense for them to be run together. Further details are available from Fr David.

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](#)

The Chosen: The next episode will be shown in the Garden Room this Wednesday, August 26th, at 7.30pm (after the evening Mass). All are welcome.

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.

*Whenever you feel sad... Adore and entrust yourself to God.
In a word, I tell you, be happy. Be at peace. Be untiringly gentle.
Pierre Teilhard de Chardin*