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A fortnight ago, we heard Jesus say to Peter, 'Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven.' Today he gives the same promise to the disciples. The promises of Jesus are true forever. The Second Vatican Council teaches: 'The infallibility promised to the Church resides also in the body of Bishops, when that body exercises the supreme magisterium with the successor of Peter.'

*Sundays Year A ~ Ordinary Time ~ Psalms Week: III
 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 6th September 2026*

Entrance Antiphon	<i>You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.</i>	
First Reading	<i>If you do not speak to warn the wicked, his blood I will require at your hand.</i>	Ezekiel 33: 7-9
Responsorial Psalm	<i>O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'</i>	Psalm 95
Second Reading	<i>'Love is the fulfilling of the law.'</i>	Romans 13:8-10
Gospel Acclamation	<i>Alleluia, alleluia. God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Alleluia.</i>	
Gospel	<i>'If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.'</i>	Matthew 18:15-20

Saturday			6:00pm	Geroge Smith R.I.P.
Sunday	6th September	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:30am	Jane Henson & Jan Trzcinski R.I.P.
Monday	7th September	Feria	9:15am	Deceased Members of the Agius Family
Tuesday	8th September	The Nativity of the BVM		No Mass
Wednesday	9th September	Feria	7:00pm	Steven Potter R.I.P.
Thursday	10th September	Feria	9:15am	Wendy Blick R.I.P.
Friday	11th September	Feria		No Mass
Saturday	12th September	Feria	10:00am	Parishioners
			6:00pm	Christopher Lambe R.I.P.
Sunday	13th September	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:30am	Bridget Wooldridge

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, Philip David Snook, Jenny King, Peter King, John Barnes, Dorota Gobiecka-Grosz, Patricia Paul, Christopher Sharples, , Joseph Mitton, Jane Henson, Sue Williams, Trudy McClosky, Yustyna Adamska, Michele Bendall, Christina Thomas, Ann Bettany and Marcia Jenkin.

Faithful Departed – Please pray for Jimmy Scott Sylvia Everett , Gabor Peley, Edward Moore, John Lowe, David Walden and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

“Whatever is honestly done out of love and in accordance with love can never be blameworthy.”
Blessed Isaac of Stella

Adoremus National Eucharistic Congress, Saturday

10th October: The diocese is delighted that fifty places are available for participation in the National Eucharistic Congress in London on the 10th of October this year. The day begins at midday with Mass in St George's Cathedral, Southwark, followed by a keynote address by Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe. After a picnic lunch, the day will culminate with a historic Eucharistic Procession, through the streets of London, from Southwark to Westminster Cathedral where devotions will continue into the evening. Those who would like to register interest in participating in this momentous celebration of our faith are asked simply to email the Diocesan Adoremus Representative, peter.wygnanski@rcdea.org.uk to receive further information. (Those taking part will need to arrange their own transport to and from the event.)

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.

Teas after Mass: There are vacancies on the rotas in the porch for people to do teas after Mass on both Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings.

Collections incl. **DONA** 29th / 30th August £662.41 (~~£160~~)
22nd / 23rd August **Corr. £777.20** (~~£165~~)
Direct Debits for July 26 £1851.50
Many Thanks

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.

Parish Quiz Night: Thursday 17th September, 6.30 for 7.00pm, in the Garden Room. Come as a team of 6 or form a team with others when you arrive. Tickets on sale soon.

The next **UCM cake stall** is on Sunday, September 6th in the Garden Room after Mass. Last month's cake stall etc. raised £60. Many thanks for your support.

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](#)

Safeguarding: Anyone who is volunteering in the parish for a role that requires a DBS check needs to complete the diocesan level 3 safeguarding online training (posters in the porch and garden room). Once completed please forward a copy of your level 3 certificate to; Donna wright - mailto:safeguarding.administrator@rcdea.org.uk This can be as a screenshot, photo or scanned copy. Any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me - Hilda Kaye - 0777943264

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.