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Everyone has experienced anger, whether our own or that of others. In calmer moments, we may recognise the truth of today's first reading: 'Anger and wrath, these are abominations.' The following words are challenging: 'the sinful man will hold them fast.' Reflecting on today's psalm may help us let go of anger rather than holding on to it: The Lord will not always find fault; nor persist in his anger for ever.

*Sundays Year A ~ Ordinary Time ~ Psalms Week: IV
 Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 13th September 2026*

Entrance Antiphon	<i>Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.</i>	
First Reading	<i>Forgive your neighbour the wrong he has done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray.</i>	<i>Sirach 27:30-28:7</i>
Responsorial Psalm	<i>The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in mercy.'</i>	<i>Psalms 103</i>
Second Reading	<i>Whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.</i>	<i>Romans 14:7-9</i>
Gospel Acclamation	<i>Alleluia, alleluia. A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. Alleluia.</i>	
Gospel	<i>'I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.'</i>	<i>Matthew 18:21-35</i>

Saturday			6:00pm	Christopher Lambe R.I.P.
Sunday	13th September	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:30am	Bridget Wooldridge
Monday	14th September	Exaltation of the Cross	9:15am	Deceased Members of the Caruana Family
Tuesday	15th September	Our Lady of Sorrows		No Mass
Wednesday	16th September	Ss Cornelius & Cyprian	7:00pm	Fr. Dick Healey R.I.P.
Thursday	17th September	Feria	9:15am	Wendy Blick R.I.P.
Friday	18th September	Feria		No Mass
Saturday	19th September	Feria	10:00am	Eva Bell R.I.P.
			6:00pm	Mike Prada R.I.P.
Sunday	20th September	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:30am	Parishioners

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 Peter Paston, Bety Crane, Margaret Preston, Geoffrey Carway, Margaret Bass, Michael Prada, Eva Bell, Anna Paulina, Maura Wright and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

"The measure of love is to love without measure, for the heart that gives freely receives a hundredfold in return, enriching the soul beyond all earthly possessions and gold."

Memory Book: As part of the Diocesan Golden Jubilee celebrations there is a book in the church porch for parishioners to record their memories and thoughts about the parish.

Children's Liturgy: Please remember that Children's liturgy on Sunday morning is for children from Reception age to Year 3 and that you need to sign them in on the list in the porch when you arrive for Mass. Thank you.

Harvest Festival: On the weekend of September 26th/27th, please bring any offerings of food and leave them in front of the altar before each Mass. They will then be distributed to the foodbank and others.

A Message from the Cathedral! Thank you all again for your wonderful welcome, encouragement, and support while I was based in Costessey and also the many cards and generous gifts for my ordination. I really enjoyed my time as deacon at Our Lady & St Walstan's and hope to stop by now and again. Please do pop into the Cathedral to say hello if you're passing through. Thank you and God bless, Fr Anthony.

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.

Collections incl. DONA 5th/6th September £842.67(£130) Many Thanks

Mass for the Sick: The 10.00am Mass on Saturday October 24th will include the sacrament of the anointing of the sick for those who would like to receive it. Those who wish to receive this sacrament are asked to sit in the front row. Please note that confessions may be a little late this day. Thank you.

The Chosen: The next episode will be shown in the Garden Room at 7.30pm (after the evening Mass) on Wednesday September 23rd. All welcome.

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.

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 1st October then 15th October**, continuing fortnightly.

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.

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.

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.