

Catholic Church of Our Lady and St. Walstan

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God is generous with his mercy, to lengths and depths beyond our imagination or comprehension. His saving grace is neither deserved nor earned. Jesus teaches that he chooses to love everyone with the same love, the same mercy, the same generosity; no matter when or how we turn up. Our calling is to share the kindness and compassion we have received, especially among those in most need.

*Sundays Year A ~ Ordinary Time ~ Psalms Week: I
 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 20th September 2026*

Entrance Antiphon	<i>I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.</i>	
First Reading	<i>'My thoughts are not your thoughts.'</i>	<i>Isaiah 55:6-9</i>
Responsorial Psalm	<i>The Lord is close to all who call him.</i>	<i>Psalms 145</i>
Second Reading	<i>'For to me to live is Christ.'</i>	<i>Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a</i>
Gospel Acclamation	<i>Alleluia, alleluia. Open our hearts, O Lord, that we may pay attention to the words of your Son. Alleluia.</i>	
Gospel	<i>"Do you begrudge my generosity?"</i>	<i>Matthew 20:1-16</i>

Saturday			6:00pm	Mike Prada R.I.P.
Sunday	20th September	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:30am	Parishioners
Monday	21st September	St. Matthew	9:15am	Pauline Mayclim R.I.P.
Tuesday	22nd September	Feria		No Mass
Wednesday	23rd September	St. Pius of Pietralcina	7:00pm	Millicent Roope R.I.P.
Thursday	24th September	Our Lady of Walsingham	9:15am	Wendy Blick R.I.P.
Friday	25th September	Feria		No Mass
Saturday	26th September	Feria	10:00am	Wendy Blick R.I.P.
			6:00pm	Rosaura & Corazon Hermoso R.I.P.
Sunday	27th September	26th 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 Clara Dunlaney, Geoffrey Ottaway, Konrad Stembrowicz, Liam Fursey O'Doherty, Edward Arundell and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

There is a difference between grace and mercy. Mercy is the decision of God not to punish us. But grace is the decision of God to save and bless us.

Max Lucado

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.

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.)

The Community of Our Lady of Walsingham are looking to hire a highly organised and proactive **Administrator & Bookkeeper** to support our day to day operations. This is a varied role, ideal for someone who enjoys working across multiple areas of a business and taking ownership of key processes. Flexible hours, from 15-18 hours per week and increasing over time, based at their Convent in Dereham. Closing date: Monday 5th October. For service and person specifications as well as an application form visit the diocesan website or email us:

office@walsinghamcommunity.org

With thanks in advance for your help in this matter. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to email or call me on 07931 795769.

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 12th /13th September £619.66(£133) Many Thanks

Rosary: October is traditionally the month of the rosary. It will be prayed in church every Friday evening at 7.00pm throughout the month. Please come and join us for half-an-hour of communal prayer.

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.

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.

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.

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.