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The self-emptying of the servant king, obedient to his Father, is held before our eyes in the second reading. The Gospel reveals how the first son changed his mind and did his Father's will. St Ignatius of Loyola taught that: 'Love is more in deeds than in words'; so, while our 'Amen' is easily given at Mass, we also make humble resolutions in love, allowing God to teach us his way.

*Sundays Year A ~ Ordinary Time ~ Psalms Week: II
 Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 27th September 2026*

Entrance Antiphon	<i>All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.</i>		
First Reading	<i>'When a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed, he shall save his life.'</i>		<i>Ezekiel 18:25-28</i>
Responsorial Psalm	<i>Remember your compassion, O Lord.</i>		<i>Psalms 25</i>
Second Reading	<i>'Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus.'</i>		<i>Philippians 2:1-11</i>
Gospel Acclamation	<i>Alleluia, alleluia. My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord, and I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia.</i>		
Gospel	<i>'He changed his mind and went.'</i>		<i>Matthew 21:28-32</i>

Saturday			6:00pm	Rosario & Corazon Hermoso R.I.P.
Sunday	27th September	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:30am	Parishioners
Monday	28th September	Feria	9:15am	Wendy Blick R.I.P.
Tuesday	29th September	Ss Michael, Gariel & Raphael		No Mass
Wednesday	30th September	St. Jerome	7:00pm	Patrick Suttin R.I.P.
Thursday	1st October	St. Therese of the child Jesus	9:15am	Vocations
Friday	2nd October	The Holy Guardian Angels		No Mass
			7:00pm	Rosary
Saturday	3rd October	Feria	10:00am	Wendy Blick R.I.P.
			6:00pm	Parishioners
Sunday	4th October	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:30am	Betty & Keith Maysh 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, Philip David Snook, Jenny King, Peter King, John Barnes, 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 Kasper Kowol, Clara Dunlavy, Raymond Thurlow, Mary Byrne, Joyce Quain, Norah Jackson, Grace Cork and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

The next cake stall is on Sunday, October 4th after Mass in the Garden Room. Last month's stall raised £38, many thanks for your support.

The next UCM meeting is on Tuesday, October 6th in the Garden Room at 10:45, it is a Stately Homes Quiz, followed by Soup and Roll. All are welcome.

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.

Collections incl. DONA 19th/20th September £602.47(£98)
2nd Collections incl. DONA £203.80(£20)

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.

Lift Required: A lady who lives close to the church needs a lift to the 10.30am Mass on Sundays. Because of mobility problems, it would need to be in an SUV or other high-up car. If you can help please let Fr David know. Thank you.

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.

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.

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.

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.