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St Paul encourages the Philippians to cultivate not sour grapes, but grapes of truth, purity and decency, living in the faith he had taught them. The vineyard has been entrusted to us, with all that we need to bear fruit; in the gospel parable, the master built a wall, dug a wine press and built a watchtower. They are the graces already given, and graces constantly being renewed to enable us to bear lasting fruit.

*Sundays Year A ~ Ordinary Time ~ Psalms Week: III
 Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4th October 2026*

Entrance Antiphon

*Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
 and there is none that can resist your will.
 For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
 and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.*

First Reading

'The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel.'

Isaiah 5:1-7

Responsorial Psalm

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel

Psalms 80

Second Reading

Persevere in all things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4:4-9

Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia.
 I chose you out of the world, says the Lord,
 that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should abide.
 Alleluia.*

Gospel

He will put those wretches to a miserable death.

Matthew 21:33-43

Saturday			6:00pm	Parishioners
Sunday	4th October	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:30am	Betty & Keith Maysh R.I.P.
Monday	5th October	Feria	9:15am	Louis Borg R.I.P.
Tuesday	6th October	Feria		No Mass
Wednesday	7th October	Our Lady of the Rosary	7:00pm	Peace in Ukraine
Thursday	8th October	Feria	9:15am	Wendy Blick R.I.P.
Friday	9th October	St. John Henry Newman		No Mass
			7:00pm	Rosary
Saturday	10th October	Feria	10:00am	Parishioners
			6:00pm	Private Intention (H)
Sunday	11th October	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:30am	Cecil & Daphne Sparkes 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 Jean Vince, Asmik Toprakashvili, Marguerite Taylor, Bernard Locke, Gary Caswell, Edith Vines, Rosaria (Rose) King, Agnes Hogan, Geoffrey Smith and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

“Hate stirs up trouble, but love forgives all offenses.”

Proverbs 10:12

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.

Toy Collection: The annual collection of toys for children who wouldn't otherwise receive any at Christmas will take place on the weekend of October 17th/18th. Please leave your donations of toys and books – **NEW AND UNWRAPPED** – in front of the altar before the Masses that weekend. Thank you.

Lost Property: There are a few items of lost property on the table in the porch. If they are still unclaimed by October 11th they will be donated to a charity shop.

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.

Social Evening: Our annual fun evening – fancy dress, short quiz, great food and good company – will take place on Thursday October 22nd, 6.30 for 7.00pm, in the Garden Room. This year's theme is Mardi Gras. More details to follow.

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.

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.)

Collections incl. DONA 26th /27th September £610.90(£105)
Direct Debits for August £1851.50
Many Thanks

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers: The new rota is now available in the porch.

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.

You are warmly invited to A Musical Oratory: A celebration of John Henry Newman in music, poetry and prose on Sunday 18 October at 5pm in St Joseph Sheringham. Free event; donations accepted. Hospitality in the Hall afterwards.

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.

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.

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.

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.