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Jesus asks the Pharisees whose likeness is on the coin. We are reminded that every human life is inscribed with the image and likeness of God. By our offering the Eucharist we are rendering to God the worship that is rightfully his and receiving the grace to reflect God's image in the world: to tell all nations his Glory and shine as a light in the world.

*Sundays Year A ~ Ordinary Time ~ Psalms Week: I
 Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 18th October 2026*

Entrance Antiphon

*To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
 turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye;
 in the shadow of your wings protect me.*

First Reading

I have grasped the right hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before him.

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Responsorial Psalm

Ascribe to the Lord glory and power.

Psalms 96

Second Reading

'Remembering your faith, love and hope.'

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia.
 Shine as lights in the world,
 holding fast to the word of life.
 Alleluia.*

Gospel

'Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.'

Matthew 22:15-21

Saturday			6:00pm	Parishioners
Sunday	18th October	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:30am	Judith Petrie
Monday	19th October	Feria	9:15am	SR. Mairead
Tuesday	20th October	Feria		No Mass
Wednesday	21st October	Feria	7:00pm	Thomas Conneely R.I.P.
Thursday	22nd October	Feria	9:15am	Cesira Odorico (In Thanksgiving)
Friday	23rd October	Feria		No Mass
			7:00pm	Rosary
Saturday	24th October	Feria	10:00am	Parishioners (Mass for the Sick)
			6:00pm	Harry Kearns & Family
Sunday	25th October	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:30am	Georgina Hicks

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, Joseph Mitton, Jane Henson, Sue Williams, Trudy McClosky, Yustyna Adamska, Michele Bendall, Christina Thomas, Ann Bettany and Marcia Jenkin.

Faithful Departed – Please pray for Fintane Wade, Phyllis Skedge, Elfrida Stapleford, Vyvyan Morris, Kay Southwood, Ellie McGregor, Anne Blackburn, Raymond Read, Chris Turling, Janet Smith, Stanley Howes and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Man was made in the image of God, and nothing will satisfy man but God, in whose image he was made.

Charles Spurgeon

Modern Slavery: 'Freedom Watchers' are needed to help our diocesan team identify cases of modern slavery. For more details, please follow this link -

<https://www.rcdea.org.uk/caritas-east-anglia/modern-slavery/> - or see the poster and leaflet in the church porch. There will be a conference held in the diocese on February 6th next year to raise awareness and explain ways in which we can help.

All Souls Day: There will be two Masses at St Walstan's on Monday November 2nd – 9.15am and 7.00pm. The evening Mass will be followed by the annual blessing of the graves.

Book of Remembrance: The book will be in the porch throughout November (the month of the Holy Souls) for us to enter the names of loved ones who have died. It will be brought to the altar at both Sunday Masses throughout the month.

Fatima: Relics of St Jacinta and St Francisco will be at the cathedral on Earlham Road in Norwich on October 17th & 18th. Full details are on the poster in the church porch.

Retreat Day for Men: 'The Fatherhood of God' 'One God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.' - Ephesians 4:6 (NIV). You are invited to attend the Diocese's Retreat Day For Men on Saturday 7th November 2026 in Dereham. For more information and for booking please email: mflcoordinator@rcdea.org.uk

Social Evening: Tickets are available from this weekend for our annual social evening in the Garden Room on Thursday October 22nd, 6.30 for 7.00pm. This year's theme is Mardi Gras. There will be prizes for the best costumes (adult and child) and for the short quiz, and there will also be plenty of delicious food. The evening is free but you do need to get a ticket if you're coming so we know the numbers for catering. 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 15th October then 29th October, continuing fortnightly.

Collections incl. (DONA) 10th /11th October £677.41(£130)
Many Thanks

Christmas Cards to send to our twin parish of St. Joseph's, Taken in Cambodia, are available until mid-November in the porch for the usual price of £1.50 to cover costs including postage.

Just choose a card, write it and apply one of the stickers with the traditional khymer greeting on, ensuring the picture is the correct way up, pop £1.50 in the tin and put the card in the 'post box' provided.

We know from Bishop Kike and our other contacts in Taken how important these are to the parishioners of St. Joseph's, they treasure them throughout the year. Thank you, in anticipation for your continued support.

Concert in Sheringham: 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.

The Chosen: The next episode will be shown in the Garden Room at 7.30pm (after the evening Mass) on Wednesday October 21st. All welcome.

Red Missio Boxes: Please bring your Red Missio Box for counting. Your help will reach missionaries and communities who need our assistance. Thanks for all your support. Mark Knight

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.

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.