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God's love and mercy is echoed in Jesus' summary of the Law and Prophets. The love of the 'living and true God' enables me to love in return, including a proper love of self. This love is especially directed towards widows and orphans; all those without advocates. Will we grow in mercy, sustained by the love of God, or may we have to face the love of God as justice?

*Sundays Year A ~ Ordinary Time ~ Psalms Week: II
 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 25th October 2026*

Entrance Antiphon	<i>Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.</i>	
First Reading	<i>'If you mistreat any widow or fatherless child, my wrath will burn against you.'</i>	<i>Exodus 22:21-27</i>
Responsorial Psalm	<i>I love you, Lord, my strength.</i>	<i>Psalms 18</i>
Second Reading	<i>'You turned away from idols to serve God and to wait for his Son.'</i>	<i>1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10</i>
Gospel Acclamation	<i>Alleluia, alleluia. If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him. Alleluia.</i>	
Gospel	<i>'You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.'</i>	<i>Matthew 22:34-40</i>

Saturday			6:00pm	Harry Kearns & Family
Sunday	25th October	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:30am	Georgina Hicks
Monday	26th October	Feria		No Mass
Tuesday	27th October	Feria		No Mass
Wednesday	28th October	Ss Simon & Jude		No Mass
Thursday	29th October	Feria		No Mass
Friday	30th October	Feria		No Mass
			7:00pm	Rosary
Saturday	31st October	Feria	10:00am	Deceased Members of the Southwood Family
			6:00pm	Parishioners
Sunday	1st November	All Saints	10:30am	Lorcan 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, Joseph Mitton, Jane Henson, Sue Williams, Trudy McClosky, Yustyna Adamska, Michele Bendall, Christina Thomas, Ann Bettany and Marcia Jenkin.

Faithful Departed – Please pray for Anne Watson, William Baldock, Kathleen Toye, John Fahy, Patricia Valori, John Wood, Donna Edwards, Charles Trevor Hilton, Christopher Vince, Beatrice Watts, Ingelore Adair, Gillian Munro, Nan Stuart, Janet Rogers, Gregor Barrett and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

St Augustine's School: Open morning for prospective parents, Wednesday November 25th November 9.45am. More details are available on the poster in the porch.

Could you inspire the next generation and gain valuable experience of presenting to young people at the same time? CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, is looking for volunteers to visit local schools to present assemblies and workshops. Full training and support provided. See cafod.org.uk/Volunteer for more information or contact Westminster's CAFOD representative Chris Driscoll at cdriscoll@cafod.org.uk or call 07776 493162

Jubilee Celebration: If anyone has photos, they are happy to share on the parish website of the jubilee celebration on July 19th, please email them to Fr David: david.ward@rcdea.org.uk

Baptism Class: The next class for parents who wish to have their children baptised will take place in the Presbytery (behind the church) on Saturday November 7th from 3.30 to 4.30pm. Further details from Fr David.

Medjugorje Apostolate Annual Retreat: Friday 5th to Sunday 7th February 2027, at the Kairos Centre, Roehampton, London. For further details please contact Paul Spencer pilgrimsofmary@hotmail.com or on 07710567183.

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-englia/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.

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 29th October then 12th November, continuing fortnightly.

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.

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

**Collections incl. (DONA) 17th /18th October £613.62(£150)
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Many Thanks**

Wednesday November 11th: The annual Mass for the deceased clergy of the deanery will be celebrated at St John the Baptist Cathedral in Norwich at 12 noon. Please do your best to come and pray for those who have served us so well in the past. There will be no evening Mass at St Walstan's that day, although confessions will take place as usual at 6.00pm.

The next cake stall is on Sunday, November 1st after mass in the Garden Room. Last month's stall raised £47.50. Many thanks for your support.

The next UCM meeting is on Tuesday, November 3rd in the Garden Room at 10:45.

Our speaker is Sister Gabriella who will be talking about Walsingham, spiritually and Mary's House Appeal. All are welcome.

Inviting Young people Year 7 to Young Adult for a special Norwich Deanery Event on 7th November. Held at St. John's Cathedral, the afternoon will include inspiring talks, music, prayer, and delicious food! For more information and to download a parental consent form, please see www.rcdea.org.uk/youth

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.

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.

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.