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Are we ready to meet Christ the bridegroom, who is also the wisdom of God, and our hope for eternity? Even if we do not see the end of all things with the trumpets and angels as St Paul depicts; we do inevitably face our own end. We remain ready and prepared, for this may come at a time we do not expect: 'you know neither the day nor the hour.'

Sundays Year A ~ Ordinary Time ~ Psalms Week: IV
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8th November 2026

Entrance Antiphon	***Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.***	
First Reading	***Wisdom is found by those who seek her.***	***Wisdom 6:12-16***
Responsorial Psalm	***For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.***	***Psalm 63***
Second Reading	***Through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.***	***1 Thessalonians 4:13-18***
Gospel Acclamation	***Alleluia, alleluia. Stay awake and be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. Alleluia.***	
Gospel	***'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.'***	***Matthew 25:1-13***

Saturday			***6:00pm***	***David & Eileen Hogg R.I.P.***
Sunday	***8th November***	***32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time***	***10:30am***	***War Dead***
Monday	***9th November***	***Dedication of the Lateran Basilica***	***9:15am***	***Ralph Rose R.I.P.***
Tuesday	***10thNovember***	***St. Leo the Great***		***No Mass***
Wednesday	***11thNovember***	***St. Martin of Tours***	***12:00noon***	***Deceased Clergy of the Deanery (Cathedral)***
Thursday	***12thNovember***	***St. Josaphat***	***9:15am***	***Louis Borg R.I.P.***
Friday	***13thNovember***	***Feria***	***9:30am***	***School Mass in Church***
Saturday	***14thNovember***	***Feria***	***10:00am***	***Parishioners***
			6:00pm	***David & Eileen Hogg R.I.P.***
Sunday	***15thNovember***	***33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time***	***10:30am***	***Scrutton Family 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 Stanley Bell, Joan Miller, Ralph Rose, Betty Kibble, Marie Cooper, Maureen Mortham, Mary Blackett, Gregg Elliott and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

"Each moment is a gift; unwrap it with joy."

Holy Hours for the Sanctity of Life: At St John's Cathedral, Norwich on Wednesdays 11th, 18th and 25th November there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for prayer and adoration for the intention of the Sanctity of Life. Adoration will take place between 5-6 pm. The Holy Hours will begin with a Rosary for Life followed by silent prayer. All Welcome. Please join in prayerful support. Thank you.

Readers & Ministers of the Eucharist: Please put your name to the list in the porch for the Masses you will be attending over the Christmas period. Ministers, please indicate if you would prefer to distribute hosts (H), chalice (C) or either (E). Please sign up by November 29th at the latest. Thank you.

Youth Group: The next meeting for those of teenage years, give or take a couple of years, will be held in the Garden Room from 6.00 to 7.30pm on Friday November 20th. Please bring some games and a couple of friends.

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.

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 12th November then 26th November,** continuing fortnightly.

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.

East Anglian Air Ambulance is inviting supporters across Norfolk to enjoy a festive evening of Christmas carols at Norwich Cathedral on Friday 18 December, where the singing will be led by the Norwich Cathedral Chamber Choir. Tickets for the concert are on sale now – with all proceeds from the event helping East Anglian Air Ambulance continue to provide critical care across Norfolk, Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire, and Suffolk. Doors will open at 19:00 with the concert starting at 19:30 and finishing at 20:30 (estimated).
Tickets start from £7 for children and £10 for adults. Under 5's can attend for free.

Collections incl. (DONA) 31st/1st November £ 679.25 (£135)
Many Thanks

Christmas Bazaar: St Augustine's School, 2.00-4.00pm on Saturday December 5th. Draw tickets are available after both Sunday Masses for you to take and sell to family and friends. Any items you have to donate either as prizes or to sell on the day can be left in the church porch clearly marked Bazaar.

Email: When contacting Fr David please use the email address david.ward@rcdea.org.uk. If you still have the St Walstan's email address please delete it. Thank you.

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.

Christmas Cards to send to our twin parish of St. Joseph's, Tahen 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 Tahen 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.

"In every heartbeat, let love be your 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.