

33RD WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

The Cathedral of St John the Baptist

15th November 2020

Year A · Weekday II · Psalter Week 1

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The Cathedral is open at the following times:

Monday - Saturday 11am – 6pm

Sunday 11.10 am – 4pm

Celebrant's Intention

Sunday 15TH November 33 RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	1000 · Solemn Mass 1110 · Holy Hour <i>with confessions</i> 1600 · Church closes 1630 · Vespers & Benediction	For the people
Monday 16th November S Gertrude	1000 · Mass · <i>(Cathedral open after)</i> 1100 · Holy Hour <i>with confessions</i> 1700 · Holy Hour <i>with confessions</i>	Katja Hansen Livsey +
Tuesday 17th November S Hugh of Lincoln	1000 · Mass · <i>(Cathedral open after)</i> 1100 · Holy Hour <i>with confessions</i> 1700 · Holy Hour <i>with confessions</i>	Deidre Dowling +
Wednesday 18th November Dedication of the Basilicas of SS Peter & Paul	1000 · Mass · <i>(Cathedral open after)</i> 1100 · Holy Hour <i>with confessions</i> 1700 · Holy Hour <i>with confessions</i>	David Duff +
Thursday 19th November Feria	1000 · Mass · <i>(Cathedral open after)</i> 1100 · Holy Hour <i>with confessions</i> 1700 · Holy Hour <i>with confessions</i>	Anna O'Neill +
Friday 20th November S Edmund the King	1000 · Mass · <i>(Cathedral open after)</i> 1100 · Holy Hour <i>with confessions</i> 1700 · Holy Hour <i>with confessions</i>	Graeme Takser & Tracie Taylor +
Saturday 21st November Presentation of the BVM	1000 · Mass · <i>(Cathedral open after)</i> 1100 · Holy Hour <i>with confessions</i> 1700 · Holy Hour <i>with confessions</i>	Denis Sheridan
Sunday 22nd November CHRIST THE KING FINAL WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	1000 · Solemn Mass 1110 · Holy Hour <i>with confessions</i> 1600 · Church closes 1630 · Vespers & Benediction	For the people

Prayers for the sick: Canon Paul, Fr John Warrington, Peter Warrington, Paul Horan, Liam McKenna, Philippa Barnes, Anthony Preston, Nancy Horner, Joan Marshall, Wood Family, Eleanor Bray, Lily Reid, Joe Heaney, Nina Strivens, Mary Ward, Dianne Yeadon, Chris Gillham, Peter Willets, Justina Adamska, Reece Sales, Nicholle Sales, Amanda Caistor, Patrick Campion, Una McWeeny, and Brian Whitlam [GDPR compliant]

Going into hospital? Please inform the hospital ward that you need a Catholic Chaplain, or please let us know. Fr Leo is the hospital chaplain.

Last week: £1,180.10

Thank you!

Please continue to support the Cathedral, your parish, at this time.

You can donate in **cash** while the Cathedral is open (times above) by putting your **weekly offering** in the **pillar box** at the **back of the Cathedral**.

You can also **donate online** at our **website**, or by using our **card payment stations** in the Rotunda. **Thank you** for your generous support.

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Prayer is essential. We are open from 11am – 6pm Monday – Friday (Holy Hour with confessions at 11am and 5pm daily), and on Sundays 11.10am – 4pm (Holy Hour with confessions at 11.10am).

Please do not hesitate to call us if you or a friend, neighbour or relative are sick and need a priest.



Since the reign of King Edward III in the 14th century, St George has been the patron saint of England – mainly because of the saint's martial prowess in legend.

The original patron saint of England, however, was our very own **St Edmund, the martyr King of East Anglia**. This was once, in England, a holy day of obligation, and kept with much ceremony and celebration. In East Anglia, it also marked the start of Christmas fayres (he even had his own mediaeval carol), ringing in the new season now the days are tangibly shorter.



*Pray we to that worthy king,
That suffered death upon this day,
He hears us, both old and young,
And shields us from the fiend's affray:
Singe we now, all and sun'
Ave rex gentis Anglorum
(from the carol of St Edmund)*

Alike to the story of St Sebastian, indeed, in mockery of the martyrdom of that earlier saint, Edmund, the gentle and devout king, was captured by a Viking army after battle, tied to a tree, and showered with arrows. His death came with decapitation, which was enshrined at what became Bury St Edmunds. The arms of our diocese (shown on the bishop's throne) as well as the arms of the university, use the royal crown of St Edmund.

These distant saints can seem alien to our experience today, but saints are not merely models for us to emulate. They are our elder brothers and sisters, and they have especial care for the people who now know the same landscapes they knew, the same ancient roads they knew, and the same Lord upon the Cross with whom they now reign in glory. May our earthly King pray for us, who now shares the crown of the Eternal King.

Thinking about becoming a Catholic? Contact one of the priests either at the end of Mass, or by phone or email (overleaf) to continue your **Journey in Faith**.

Mass intentions – we can offer a Mass for a particular someone by using the envelopes found at the back of the Cathedral Church. There is a very high demand for the celebration of public Masses, and our waiting list for public Masses has now grown very lengthy (over 2 months). We try to accommodate requested dates as much as possible, but please be assured that all intentions submitted and all foundation Masses are celebrated, even if some are not in public. We regret that we cannot always fulfil some specifically requested dates.



When visiting, please still **Test & Trace** by **QR Code** or by signing the **Test & Trace sheets** at the back of the Cathedral Church each time. **Face coverings** are a civil obligation unless exempted. All welcome in God's Holy House.

Christmas at the Cathedral – it is only a few weeks now until the Church commemorates the birth of our Lord and Saviour. It has acquired many other meanings in our own times, but essentially and fundamentally we celebrate Jesus's birthday at Christmas.

As we are now used to having made many significant changes to our way of life this year, **we will also need to approach the celebration of Christmas at the Cathedral a little differently**.

Assuming that we are permitted to gather for the celebration of Christmas, **there will be many more opportunities to attend Mass at Christmas** (Christmas Eve and Christmas Day), and there may have to be a change in the times of our usual Masses as a result of this. To ensure that *everybody* gets an opportunity to attend Mass, we will have to set up an **online booking** system over the next few weeks (also taking into account those who cannot use the internet).

Details will be forthcoming, and **thank you for your generosity** in sharing your needs and preferences with all our brother and sister parishioners, especially since we may have to change routines which we have been used to for so many years. We should have established our Christmas schedule for this year next weekend.



The Duckett Library will be closed during this period of lockdown. We will open again as soon as possible!

Sacristy volunteers – the sacristy is in need of volunteer helpers. Please contact davidsimcock1968@gmail.com

If before the lock-down you were undertaking a voluntary ministry as an **extraordinary minister of Holy Communion** at Mass here at the Cathedral, either by assisting the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass, or by visiting the sick at home, and you have not been contacted by us, please get in touch with Fr Simon (contact details overleaf).

Young Adults – get in touch if you are interested in joining the parish Young Adults Group: 18 – 35 welcome.

St Augustine's Primary School, Costessey - Nursery and Reception information event held on Zoom for prospective parents/carers. Wednesday 25th November 2020 at 11:00am and 2:00pm. The Head Teacher and EYFS leaders will share some key information about the school, their classes and the curriculum. Then parents are invited to ask any questions. It would be helpful if questions from families are sent to the school in advance. After the meeting a virtual video tour of the EYFS classes will be available on the school website.



Wanted – Sleeping bags in good condition for the homeless. Please leave outside the Library door in St Joseph's Chapel for Imelda. Thank you.

Norwich Open Christmas – We are aware that a number of parishioners donate, volunteer or attend our Christmas Day Meal at St Andrew's Hall. This year, because of Covid-19 restrictions, it will take a different form, food and take home bags will still be available. We will keep you informed as more is known.