

# Catholic Church of Our Lady and St. Walstan

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*Stay awake!*

*Advent is a time of waiting and watching for the coming of the Lord Jesus.*

*The Holy Spirit is our constant help so that we may always be alert and prepared for the last day. The best preparation is a life lived in the knowledge that God is our Father and we are the work of his hands.*

Readings

*Sundays Year B ~ Weekdays of Advent ~ Psalms Week 1*

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017**

**Entrance Antiphon**

*To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.  
 In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.  
 Nor let my enemies exult over me;  
 and let none who hope in you be put to shame.*

**First Reading**

*Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down.*

*Isaiah 63:16-17;64:1. 3-8*

**Responsorial Psalm**

*God of hosts, bring us back;  
 Let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.*

*Psalm 79*

**Second Reading**

*We are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.*

*1 Corinthians 1: 3-9*

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Let us see, O Lord, your mercy  
 and give us your saving help.  
 Alleluia!*

**Gospel**

*Stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming. Mark 13: 33-37*

## Mass Times and Intentions

| Day       | Date                      | Occasion                             | Time    | Intention                      |
|-----------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------|
| Saturday  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> December  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent     | 6:00pm  | Bates Family                   |
| Sunday    | 3 <sup>rd</sup> December  |                                      | 10.30am | Lisa Green R.I.P               |
| Monday    | 4 <sup>th</sup> December  | Advent Feria                         | 3.00pm  | Joint Service (Evening Prayer) |
| Tuesday   | 5 <sup>th</sup> December  | Advent Feria                         | 11.00am | Requiem Mass : Joan Miller     |
| Wednesday | 6 <sup>th</sup> December  | Advent Feria                         |         | No Mass                        |
| Thursday  | 7 <sup>th</sup> December  | St Ambrose                           | 7:00pm  | Tony Green R.I.P               |
| Friday    | 8 <sup>th</sup> December  | The Immaculate Conception of the BVM | 9.15am  | Concetta Borg                  |
| Saturday  | 9 <sup>th</sup> December  | Advent Feria                         |         | No Mass                        |
| Saturday  | 9 <sup>th</sup> December  |                                      | 10.00am | UCM                            |
| Sunday    | 10 <sup>th</sup> December | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent     | 6.00pm  | Parishioners                   |
|           |                           |                                      | 10.30am | Fredrick Blick                 |

Morning or Evening Prayer will be said 15 minutes before all weekday Masses.

The Prayer Group meets every 'term time' Tuesday morning at 10am in the Garden Room

Confessions are before Mass on Wednesday 6.00-6.30 pm and Saturday at 10.30-11.00am

**Sick and Housebound** – Please pray for, Fr. Michael Hood, John Wright, Sery Mao, Anne Stanway, Christina Thomas, Geoffrey Croasdale, Katie Hawketts, Juana Pagaoa, Peter Brown, Michael Coster, Marlene Coster, Regina Mukontiene, Peter Derricourt, Mark Taylor, Eila Barnett, Teresa Barron, Michele Bendall, Anthony Potter, Sybil Chamberlin, Joan De Manby, Veronika Cook, Alice King, Robert Pitts, Oliver Rogers, Ella-Grace Honeyman, Darren Platts, Vivienne Mallet, Claire Edmeades, Richard O'Brien, Jose Monzon, Nancy Daley, Marguerite Ross, Ken Jenkin, Darren Grey, Susan Redford, Penny Bartlett, Banny Kibblewhite, Lory Brooks, Helen Freeston, Ann Bethany and Antoni Gadzicki.

**Faithful Departed** – please pray for John Pollard, Agnes Hall, Jim Sutherland, Reginald Ward, Francis Barnes, Anna Peck, Sarah Tomlinson, Clive Chamberlin, Beatrice Pratt, Sharon Pound, Dora Burnett, Jack Baker, Trevor King, Helen Culling, Arthur Mainwaring, Iris Kelly, Martha Hogg, Ron Shayler, Patrick O'Donnell, Bob Vines, Winifred O'Connor, Jessica Clayton, Thomas Southwood and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

**Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them?** Then we need you to make your voice heard.

The Government is about to make a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which currently prevents new Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils who want a place, to attend. The Government has previously acknowledged that such a policy discriminates against Catholics and had promised to abandon it. Now we need you to tell the Government not to u-turn on their promise to Catholics.

Please visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap> to fill in a simple form that automatically generates an email to Government expressing concern about this change. Alternatively, please search for 'Catholic Education' in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

Thank you for your help with this.

**Ordination to the Priesthood** of Jaylord Magpugo at St John the Baptist Cathedral, Norwich, on Friday 8th December at 7.00pm. All are welcome to attend.

**Christmas Card Board:** One of the boards in the porch will be cleared by December 9th so that you can put a Christmas card to the whole parish on it if you wish. Please do not leave cards for individuals in the porch as we are usually still trying to clear them come Lent!

**Extra Confession Time for Advent:** Fr David will be available in the confessional from 10.30am until 12 noon on Saturday 16th December.

**Vocations Day:** Monday December 11th will be our monthly day of prayer for vocations. Mass will be at 9.15am, followed by Exposition, ending with simple Benediction at 10.30am.

**Parish Carol Service:** Thursday December 21<sup>st</sup> at 7.00pm.

**TOY APPEAL:** The Salvation Army send their sincere thanks to everyone who kindly donated toys last week-end. They want to assure you all that everything will be used to help many deprived children have a really Happy Christmas.

**CHRISTMAS READERS & MINISTERS:** the list of Readers & Ministers for Masses over the Christmas period is now up in the porch so you can check at which you will be needed. If you are not able to attend for any reason, please ensure that you arrange for another Reader or Minister to replace you & amend the list.

**'If anyone is interested** in supporting prisoners or ex-offenders through prayer, fundraising or volunteering in various ways please contact Ursula at the prison chaplaincy for further information: [Ursula.edwards@hmps.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Ursula.edwards@hmps.gsi.gov.uk) '

**The next UCM meeting** is on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December in the garden room at 10.45am. It is a flower arranging demonstration. All are welcome.

**The next cake, jam and bring and buy sale** is on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December in the Garden room after mass.

**Readers:** All Readers will be re-commissioned at both Masses on the weekend of December 9th/10th.

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| <b>Collections:</b> | 25 <sup>th</sup> /26 <sup>th</sup> November | £745.11 |
|                     | Diocesan Youth                              | £222.00 |

Many thanks

**Vacancy for a Head of School** at St Felix Catholic Primary School, Haverhill, for more details please see Diocesan Website. <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/school-vacancies/>.

**Don't Dine Alone** – The team here, led by General Manager Sonia Sales, is extending a friendly arm and offering a hot meal and some company each Sunday until Christmas to anyone who is elderly and living alone this winter. If you would like to dine at Hethersett Hall call 01603 810478 and ask for Sonia Sales or Sue Trowse to book your place quoting the "Don't Dine Alone" offer.

**LEAF CLEARING.** On Saturday 9th December we will be having our annual leaf clearing of grounds ie. car park, drive & cemetery. Help would be much appreciated from 10.00am onwards, please bring Rake etc. if possible. Thank you

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

**CHURCH CLEANERS** - FIVE cleaners are required to replace those on the rota who have retired through age or other reasons. You will only be required to clean the Church approx. once every three months. The new rota will commence in January 2018. If you are able to help or require further information, please contact me Dorothy Rose, Tel no. 746943.

#### **GRAVE MATTERS**

In 1981 New Costessey (Evening) WI as part of a local history project mapped and recorded our Churchyard and its 'occupants'.

We now wish to bring the Records up to date and ensure they are accurately recorded and stored for now, and future Reference. For now we would very much appreciate help from anyone who has access and can use to a 'Theodolite' to get best accuracy in our measurements and drawings. Please contact John Malley 07879524652 ASAP if you can help with that. Many thanks

**Nativity Scene Painting Competition:** for children of primary school age. See poster in porch or Garden Room for more details.

**School Masses** – Friday 9.15am in St Augustine's school hall  
19<sup>th</sup> December

All 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](mailto: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.