SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please keep the sick and housebound in your prayers – simply with a general intention for them (this is because of the requirements of the GDPR).

ANNIVERSARIES: 1st – 8th January 2022

Jan 1 - Beryl Milligan 2007, Hugh Arbuthnot 2020, George Kneller 2002, Terence Dakin 1999, Emily Lagan 2016, Louis Sanders?, Marion Ward 1990, George Townend 1998, William Harris 1959, Margaret Crakauskas 1976, Doreen Rainsford 2006, Joseph Zumeris 2007, Alice Cunningham 2002, May Arnott 2014, John Kelly 2020, Anne Gentle 2007, Katarzyna Skowronek 2013, Christina McGrath 2012, Sheila Borland 2005, Dennis Wise 2019, Michael Emery 2003, Patrick O'Connor 1993, Celia Raby 2003, Penny Whittaker-Wright 2021, May Daniels 1984, Margaret Jackson 1993 and Patricia Overall 2011.

May they rest in peace.

DIOCESAN AND PARISH INFORMATION

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2nd SUNDAY of CHRISTMAS

6pm Vigil Mass OLR - For the sick and Housebound
9am OLR – For the people of the Parish
11am Sheringham Priest's Intention

Tue 4th S.J. 7pm – John Power, in sickness
Wed 5th No Mass (see Thursday)
Thu 6th THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
OLR 9am - Pope Francis' Intention
S.J. 10.30am - For the People of the Parish
S.J. 7pm - RIP Chris Dunbar (Oakins)
Fri 7th OLR 9am – Bishop Alan's Intention
Sat 8th S.J 9am – RIP Deceased Benefactors of the Parish

NEXT SUNDAY 9th January FEAST OF THE BAPTISM

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST JOSEPH SHERINGHAM AND CROMER

Registered Charity (Charity Commission No. 278742)

Sunday, 2nd JANUARY, 2022
SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
Weekday Readings: 2nd Week of Christmas Year C
Psalms: Week 2



We saw his star as it rose
and have come to do him homage
(from Thursday's Gospel for the Lord's Epiphany)

Dear Parishioners,

As we enter the new civil year, perhaps we will look back on 2021 as a time of uncertainty and trial and be glad that it's over now. However, we do have to be thankful for the many good things we have enjoyed: God has kept us together, the Churches have kept open for worship and we have been able to meet socially, but in a limited way. I have so many people to thank for all the help I have received during the last year – I hesitate to list names as I'm sure to miss out someone – so let me just say a very big "Thank you" to you all.

This year I received lots of Christmas cards with their kind messages as well as some gifts – all much appreciated! As I explained before, I no longer send cards now but make a donation to a charity of £1 for every card received. This year the money will go to the *Sightsavers* appeal for African Children. Also, I would like to express my deepest thanks for the very generous Christmas Offering, which, as you know, forms a part of my income.

During last year I couldn't get into some of the care homes in the parish, however much I tried, so it was with a sense of achievement that I managed to make five visits on Christmas Eve with Holy Communion to parishioners in Care Homes for the first time since the lockdown began – something I hope to repeat (DV).

I hope that all of us who signed up for the meal are looking forward to meeting on Wednesday 5th at the Cliftonville Hotel – it will be great to enjoy some time together as well as a good meal.

THE DIOCESAN YEAR BOOK FOR 2022
Copies are in both Churches at £2 each.

Later this month (12th Jan) there will be a site meeting to look at the car park at OLR, Cromer. The drainage system there has been found to be inadequate due to excessive rainwater flowing from the land above the car park. The proposal is that we should be connected to the mains drainage system but this will involve extra cost to the parish.

Living Faith

Copies of this little book of daily Catholic devotions are now available in Church at £1. It covers three months and people find it a great help to focus their prayer on the daily readings and pray with the Church. If you have not yet tried it, may I invite you to take a free copy, as it has helped many busy people to find the space to pray.

Diocesan Advert

Head teacher required Easter 2022 – St John Henry Newman Catholic Primary School & Nursery, Peterborough. The Governors are delighted to be seeking to appoint a Head Teacher for this new school. For further details please visit:
www.st-johnhenrynewman.org.uk

NORMAL TIMES FOR CONFESSIONS
S. Joseph's Saturday after 9am Mass
OLR Saturday 5pm
AND AT CALL. Ring 01263 822036

This comes with my warmest greetings and prayers for you and those you love.