OUR LADY AND ST. JOSEPH SHERINGHAM AND CROMER
Parish Pastoral Council 28th February 2024

1. **Welcome Opening Prayer for our Parish**
   Present: Father Trindade Monteiro, Darryl Smith (Chair), Breeda Godfrey, Michele Otway, Angela Sandell, Anne Buxton, David Burns, Mary Mustoe-Arthur. There were 3 parishioners in attendance
   Tony Grossfield has left the PPC to join the Finance Committee thanks were given for his work.
2. **Apologies** – all present
3. **Notes of Meeting 24th October 2023 – agreed**
4. **Matters Arising**
   a. Parish Magazine: *Church and Community* – David asked for content by tomorrow.
   b. Parish Project – Kuchinate project finished and £3,000 target reached. The social and fundraising group had met and recommended to the Finance Committee that this year's project is to fundraise for the Presbytery which needs some care and attention as it has been neglected particularly in recent years. David Burns had visited "School of Joy" in Bethlehem and found the work inspiring. It was agreed that fundraising and publicising this could come under the title of ***Support for School of Joy*** and David is happy to lead on events/fundraisers during the year. The PPC supported this and there will be an article in the next Magazine. There could be specific appeals e.g. for stationery/clothes etc which can be delivered directly. It was hoped that his could start an ongoing relationship and feedback. Further information:
   https://www.friendsoftheholyland.org.uk/school-of-joy
   c. Welcoming Church David will lead on moving this forward and will send Father information for the bulletin.
5. **Treasurer's report**
   Peter Godfrey reported. Parish showed a loss of £10,000 last year. This was closely monitored in year and there were a number of exceptional costs including £70,000 on maintenance. The Parish has accounts with the Diocese to maximise income from interest. A further heavy year ahead for maintenance tasks to comply with insurance and other requirements from the Diocese and address routine tasks which are outstanding - £40,000 budgeted for this. Peter has submitted last year's account to the Diocese. It was noted that hire of St Joseph's Hall has increased and contracts addressing health and safety and other liabilities are all in place. Nicola Gilbert our Parish Administrator has obtained a number of contracts and is in discussion about some longer-term hire plans. It is hoped that OLR Hall will soon be available for hire. There have been a number of emergency repairs to roofs etc caused by the very wet and stormy weather, insurance claims have been made where eligible. Peter noted that the Parish needs to ensure that basic maintenance routines are in place e.g. gutter clearance as the Diocese has advised that failure to do so can invalidate insurance (see item 6 below)
   Fundraising events raised £4,500 not including monies for the Kuchinate Project.
   Thanks, in particular to Nicola, Peter and Michael for all their efforts.
   100 Club report – current membership 61 holding 135 numbers (A decrease from last year when 139 numbers were held). Parishioners were encouraged to consider this as a simple way of increasing Parish funds and opportunity for prizes. More players mean larger prizes.
6. **Maintenance/Working Party Committee**
   Mary reported that this committee had just been set up and had its first meeting in January. The plan is to establish a routine of maintenance and care avoiding preventable damage where possible e.g. drain and gutter clearance/inspections etc. The findings of the Quinquennial report need to be addressed and planned for and there are some substantial issues already identified. The members of that committee are: Peter and Breeda Godrey, Darryl Smith, Kay Edwards, Andrew Bullock, Liam Kearney, Paul Henriksen and Mary and Simon Mustoe-Arthur. Once work scope is established appeals for specific assistance and support will be made to the Parish. Substantial work had been carried out around identifying maintenance tasks previously and this work will be used and built upon.
7. **Father Trindade's report**
   Father thanked parishioners for their ongoing support.
   Parish Bulletin
   Items for inclusion in the Parish Bulletin – Father needs any items for the bulletin by Wednesday evening for inclusion that weekend.
   Sheringham Churches Father Trindade encouraged to engage with this network and build on existing work and links by Parishioners – next meeting 5th March at the Lighthouse local clergy are keen to rebuild links with our Priest. Parishioners engaged with a number of activities including Climate change and sustainability Fair 20th April (information in Parish magazine and Posters, BeachLife 27th to 30th August etc.

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Number of planned events during the Spring and Summer please note for your diaries

Event	Date
Patronal Feast Day of St. Joseph's at St. Joseph's	**Tuesday 19th March at 5pm** **Solemn Mass** followed by a procession and refreshments in the Hall.
Mass of the Chrism	**St. John's Cathedral Norwich Tuesday 26th March at 11.30** (Sign-up sheets available at the churches. Father to review numbers this weekend and publicise details of costs and timing etc. In discussion concerns raised about possible double counting of numbers and also the need for the Parish not to subsidise. Possible attendees from Sacred Heart Parish. Father was advised that coach bookings would need prompt confirmation (especially as still in term time).
Father Trindade on holiday 2nd to 8th April	**Father Denys Lloyd will cover Weekend Masses 6th and 7th April** **No Weekday Masses**
Recommissioning of Parish Readers	**Pentecost weekend** 18/19th May
Recommissioning of Parish Eucharist Ministers	**Corpus Christi** Weekend 1st and 2nd June
Mill Hill Missionary Visit and Red box appeal	Father Kevin Hughes 29th and 30th June
First Holy Communion	7th July at St. Joseph's – 3 candidates *Please keep the boys, their parents and Catechists in prayers.*

8.Social Fundraising Committees

Comprehensive report submitted and Michael Trott (in his absence) asked for thanks for all the hard work carried out in Year

Activities: Very successful Bring and Share session, Christmas dinner at outside venue disappointing so alternative plans for next year to be explored. Pancake evening raised £258.47 between pancakes and raffle prizes. May be a Lenten lunch in Sheringham Angela to explore possibility.

Confirmed Future Dates

April 7th Bacon Butties after 9am Mass at OLR
19th March Feast of St. Joseph
16th May Curry Evening
29th June Strawberry Fayre at Cromer
28th August Parish BBQ

Events to be finalised

There were discussions about increasing contact and engagement with other Christian churches in Sheringham. It was agreed to support an open event hosted by Refugees from Sudan and Afghanistan providing a simple supper and talking about their experiences. Invites to be issued to wider Christian networks – Angela and Michele to lead

Lunch time speaker and buffet – to be confirmed.
Harvest supper date to be confirmed.
Quiz night date to be confirmed

9. Holy Week and Triduum Services 2024

Holy Week 2024

Palm Sunday	**Our Lady of Refuge Cromer**	**St. Joseph's Sheringham**
Sat 23rd March	**6pm Vigil Mass**	**x**
Sunday 24th March	**9am Mass**	**11am Mass**

Triduum Services all held at St. Joseph's Sheringham

Maundy Thursday - 28th March	**7pm**
Good Friday - 29th March *Stations of the Cross 9am at OLR* (*Walk of Witness 11am from Sheringham to Beeston Bump*)	**3pm**
Easter Vigil - Saturday 30th March	**8pm**

Easter Sunday

Easter Day Sunday 31st March	Normal Masses 9am at OLR and 11am St. Joseph's	NB Latin Mass will take 3pm at St. Joseph's

Times for Reconciliation/Confession

Our Lady of Refuge	St. Joseph's
Saturday 23rd March 5pm	Saturday 16th March after 9.30 am Mass
Wednesday 27th March 10 o'clock	Saturday 23rd March after 9.30am Mass
Confessions at St. Joseph's every Tuesday between 6.30 and 7pm and by appointment by contacting Father Trindade directly	
Lenten Station Mass Tuesday 12th March Adoration and confessions at 6pm and Mass at 7pm at St John's Cathedral Norwich	

10. Any Other Business

- World Day of Prayer – St. Martin's Suffeld Park Cromer 1st March at 2pm prepared by Christian Women of Palestine.
- Restoration of bringing gifts to the altar at OLR Masses – this will begin again at Easter, welcomers to arrange cover on day
- Request for less Latin led to discussion about music provision and variety e.g. other non-Latin mass settings, hymns that are known to Parishioners. Father Trindade to discuss with Paul Henriksen.
- Resources section and electronic links on Parish website to be updated once permissions obtained. Recent issues have been resolved and ongoing input will be picked up by Maintenance Group.

11. Dates Times and Venues of Next meetings

Need to finalise Finance Committee dates for Diocesan reporting and then dates and venues will be confirmed