CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST JOSEPH

Sheringham & Cromer

4th Week of Ordinary Time

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Sunday 2 February 2025			**Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)**
Saturday	6pm Mass (Anticipatory)	Nutt (F)	*at Cromer*
Sunday	9am Sung Mass & Procession	For the people	*at Cromer*
	11am Sung Mass & Procession	Armstrong (F)	*at Sheringham*
Monday	3 February		**St Blaise**
	7pm Sung Mass & Induction of Fr Simon as Parish Priest *followed by light refreshments in St Joseph's Hall*		*at Sheringham*
Tuesday	4 February		**Feria**
	6pm Adoration & Confessions *(from 6)* until benediction at 6.50		*at Sheringham*
	7pm Mass	Angela Sandell +	*at Sheringham*
Wednesday	5 February		**St Agatha**
	9am Mass	Haywood (F)	*at Cromer*
	9.30am Adoration until benediction at 10am		*at Cromer*
Thursday	6 February		**Japanese Martyrs**
	9.30am Mass *at St Andrew's Church, Church Street, Holt, NR25 6BB*	Betty Grossfield +	
Friday	7 February		**Feria**
	9am Mass	Kevin Hand +	*at Cromer*
	9.30am Adoration until benediction at 10am		*at Cromer*
Saturday	8 February		**St Josephine Bakhita**
	9.30am Mass	For victims of trafficking	*at Sheringham*
	10am Rosary		*at Sheringham*

Saturday of this week is the national day of prayer for the victims of trafficking.

Next Sunday is the diocesan day of prayer for engaged couples.

Please send any newsletter items to Fr Simon by Thursday afternoon for inclusion at the weekend

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

This Sunday is the Presentation of the Lord. It's called Candlemas, because it's the day on which candles are blessed and there is a procession with lit, blessed candles. As a single community and a people of light and truth, we commemorate this feast by walking together with our candles, offering to the Lord, along with the Holy Family, our own lives, our own families, and our own wider parish family.

In placing our trust in the Lord's leadership by walking behind his guiding light, we confess our faith, hope and love. We start to move spiritually now from Christmas to Easter. Our little candles on this day are the bridge between the Star of Christmas and the Easter Candle. Like Simeon and Anna, we can feel that life is *passing us by* and the change that we hope for just doesn't seem to kick in. Like, them, however, we never despair, but live in hope. If, like them, we leave our doors open even just a little bit, Christ's radiant and warming light that *we* carry might end up being the answer to the hopeful prayer of *those passing by*.

Thank you to Paul, Mary, and Simon's practical efforts in getting the gravel in the car park sorted out at St Joseph's: gravel always needs topping up at regular intervals! Now we can again use the whole car park.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday, the feast of St Josephine Bakhita, is the annual **day of prayer for victims of trafficking and modern slavery**. Leaflets are available about this, that you can also view online: rcdea.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Modern-Slavery-Leaflet__RCDEA.pdf

Please pray for Angela Sandell, who died last week, and for all who mourn her. Her funeral Mass will take place on 7 March at 12 noon.

Hazel Clark's funeral Mass will take place at St Joseph's on Friday 21 February at 12 noon.

All are welcome to attend Fr Simon's Mass of **Induction** on **Monday at 7pm at St Joseph's**, celebrated by Bishop Peter. Light refreshments in St Joseph's Hall will follow the Mass. **Thank you** to all those from all towns who have put in so much effort to make this a lovely parish celebration.

Charismatic renewal Lenten retreat day with Mass, talks, and confession in **St Laurence's Cambridge** will take place on **1 March 10am – 4pm**. Packed lunch required. For more info email: renewaleastanglia@gmail.com or phone Pam Smith: 07869 652 115.

COLLECTION

Last Sunday's plate: **£ 437.31** · Thank you!

Our parish bank details can be used for **donations** or setting up a **standing order:**

Name: **Our Lady and St. Joseph Parish**
Sort code: **20-03-26**
Account number: **30783412**

Gift-aid envelopes are available for **visitors** who are UK tax-payers. Please complete in pen and place in the collection.

Donations by **credit/debit card** can be made using the **card readers** at the **back of church**.

ANNIVERSARIES

Elizabeth Emery 1993, Diane Holgate 1952, William MacDonald 1953, Margaret Rigby, 1988, Michael Dunning 2012, Yvonne Glynn 1991, Helen Cresso 1953, Elizabeth Ridings 2009, Stella Porcelli 1996, Katie Heslin 1995, Eric Abbs 1987, Helga Gilbert 2020, Eva Millicent Wilkinson 1983, William Jamieson 2008, Ann Shepherd 2023, Fr Robert Manley 1983, William Burke 1939, Margaret Connolly 2014, Diana Spalton 2023.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD