CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST JOSEPH

Sheringham & Cromer

3rd Week of Ordinary Time Psalter III · Sunday Readings C · Weekday Readings I

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Sunday 26 January 2025			**3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time**
Saturday	6pm Mass (Anticipatory)	For the people	*at Cromer*
Sunday	9am Sung Mass	Mary Henriksen +	*at Cromer*
	11am Sung Mass	Jozef Szokalski +	*at Sheringham*
	3pm Mass (Old Rite)		*at Sheringham*
Monday	27 January		**St Angela Merici**
	No Mass today		
Tuesday	28 January		**St Thomas Aquinas**
	6pm Adoration & Confessions *(from 6)* until benediction at 6.50		*at Sheringham*
	7pm Mass	Carter Family (F)	*at Sheringham*
Wednesday	29 January		**Feria**
	9am Mass	Private intention (C)	*at Cromer*
	9.30am Adoration until benediction at 10am		*at Cromer*
Thursday	30 January		**Feria**
	9.30am Mass	June Janiszeski & Joan Baines +	
	at St Andrew's Church, Church Street, Holt, NR25 6BB		
Friday	31 January		**St John Bosco**
	9am Mass	Leo W. F. Currie (F)	*at Cromer*
	9.30am Adoration until benediction at 10am		*at Cromer*
Saturday	1 February		**St Henry Morse**
	9.30am Mass	Holy Souls	*at Sheringham*
	10am Rosary		*at Sheringham*

Next Sunday is the **Presentation of the Lord**, or **Candlemas**. There will be blessing of candles and procession at the Sung Mases 9am (outside – *hopefully*!) and 11am (inside).

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

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

This Sunday is dedicated to the *Word of God*. God spoke all things into being and spoke the Law to Moses. This same Word of God is what became flesh in Jesus. The first reading tells us how the written Law of God was rediscovered once the Babylonian exile had ended, and the King of Persia had allowed Israel to return home. We recognise what is going on in the first reading, because it is similar to the first part of Mass.

Every Mass has two parts: a *Liturgy of the Word* followed by a *Liturgy of the Eucharist*. Ezra "stood on a wooden platform that they had made for the purpose", like at Mass. But today it does not end with the homily as it did in the past. Something has changed: the *Word became flesh*. Jesus says: "Today this *scripture* has been *fulfilled* in your hearing". So *now* we move from the *Table of the Word* (the *Ambo*) to the *Table of the Eucharist* (the *Altar*): we not only *listen* to God's Word, but we *eat* him, and so *become* like him.

Maybe we can spend some time regularly with the written Word of God every week or more often (perhaps by slowly reading a Sunday reading or the psalm), so that we might get to know God better through his own words. Then our enjoyment of his gift of himself in the Eucharist might be even more complete.

The newsletter has had an update this week as you can see. I hope it is a little clearer. Thank you for welcoming me so warmly last weekend and this week: there is still unpacking and reorganising to do!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday is **Candlemas**. Both 9am and 11am Mass will have a **procession**. Bring your own candles for blessing too, if you like!

Please pray for Hazel Clark who has died, and for those who mourn her. I understand that Hazel was involved in the music at St Joseph's for many years, both with the choir and at the organ bench. Her Funeral Mass will be on **21 February at 12 noon in St Joseph's**. There will be more information closer to the time.

Fr Simon's Mass of Induction, celebrated by Bishop Peter, will be on **Monday 3 February at 7pm** at St Joseph's. This will be followed by some light **refreshments** in St Joseph's Hall. Do come if you are able; all are welcome. Thank you to all those who have stepped up to arrange both the liturgy and community celebration afterwards at short notice!

n.b. An induction *is a liturgical ceremony in which a new parish priest makes his profession of faith and oath of fidelity before the bishop and parishioners.*

COLLECTION

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

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ANNIVERSARIES

Jenny Brayne 1988, Marjorie Rooks 1998, Jacqueline Cooper 2013, Gladys Ealand 1982, Jonathan Grecan 1976, Bridget Lacey 2003, Joseph Batty 1984, Patritia Deare 1998, Rex Jones 2016, Jean Assirati 1989, Bragio Marchetti 2003, Frances Gilhooley 1996, Anna Middleton 1992, Ann Heslin 1999, Elizabeth Chilcott 1975, Louise Whitfield 2002, Bert Cremer 1980, David Parker 1993, Marguerite Nigg 1971, Denis Walshe 2010.

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