CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST JOSEPH

Sheringham & Cromer

2nd Week of Lent

Psalter II · Sunday Readings C

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Sunday 16 March			**2nd Sunday of Lent**
Saturday	6pm Mass (Anticipatory)	For the people	*at Cromer*
Sunday	9am Sung Mass	Marissa Calma	*at Cromer*
	11am Sung Mass	Michael Harrington	*at Sheringham*
Monday	17 March		**S Patrick**
	No Mass today		
Tuesday	18 March		**Lent feria (St Cyril of Jerusalem)**
	6pm Adoration & Confessions until benediction at 6.50pm		*at Sheringham*
	7pm Mass		*at Sheringham*
Wednesday	19 March		**St Joseph**
	9.30am Stations of the Cross & Benediction		*at Cromer*
	5.30pm Sung Mass & Procession	Quidenham Carmel	*at Sheringham*
Thursday	20 March		**Lent feria**
	9.30am Mass		
	at St Andrew's Church, Church Street, Holt, NR25 6BB		
Friday	21 March		**Lent feria**
	9am Mass		*at Cromer*
	9.30am Adoration & Benediction & Confessions in the Hall until 10am		*at Cromer*
	6pm Stations of the Cross		*at Sheringham*
Saturday	22 March		**Lent feria**
	9.30am Mass	Michael Mathai +	*at Sheringham*
	10am Rosary		*at Sheringham*
	5.30pm Confessions		*at Cromer*

Our **Parish Lent Soup Lunch** will take place **next Sunday**, 23 March, after the **11am Mass**, in **St Joseph's Hall**: all welcome!

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

Although no formal events were arranged in the parish for this **Jubilee Year** 2025, I think that we can, as a community, do **something**. We hear about doors in years of Jubilee. **Doors are for walking through**.

St Joseph's is physically prominent in Sheringham, and **I would like its doors to be open every day**. In the past, the porch alone was kept open. I would like to revive this practice, but for it to happen *consistently* and *safely*, from experience, **I need a team of reasonably able-bodied locally-situated parishioners who can commit to being on a timetable *with* me to open and close** (morning and evening) when I am not here on a weekly basis, with the possibility, also, to cover holidays. The more the volunteers, the easier the possibilities are: please let me know if you can help. I'd let to get this up and running as quickly as possible. Once we have sorted out our **inventory** and our accessible treasures are properly named on the charity's insurance, **we can keep the whole church building open**. I also intend that the parish **participate** in the Heritage Open Days scheme each September, to help us **integrate** our buildings into the wider community.

In this, I am concentrating on St Joseph's because of its accidental prominence in the town centre. This is not to the exclusion of Our Lady of Refuge, which realistically has less pedestrian traffic and is more out of town. Ideally, I'd like both churches to be open as much as possible. Please get in touch with me if you can help me, the whole parish, and our local community, or even if you have any of your own ideas and constructive thoughts… *open wide the doors to Christ and you will find true life.*

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Anne Mann and **Sean White** have decided to retire from the **Parish Finance Council**. We are very grateful to them for their many years of loyal and dedicated service to the parish.

If you have financial, business, management or marketing expertise, or similar, and feel that you would like to offer some of your time and skill to the parish, even in a small way, please contact Fr Simon.

This **Wednesday** is **St Joseph's Day**. It's fitting that we keep our patronal feast with joyful splendour. Mass on that day will be at **5.30pm** at **St Joseph's Church**, and will start with a procession (outside, weather permitting): song and bells galore.

Our parish **Lent Soup Lunch** will take place in **St Joseph's Hall** on **Sunday 23 March** after the **11am Mass**. Profits for our parish Lenten Alms projects.

COLLECTION

Last week's collection: **£929.84** (£392.15 plate & £522.69 standing order weekly average & £15 DONA card payments) • Thank you!

Bank details for **donations** or **standing orders:**

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 payment stations** at the **back of church**.

ANNIVERSARIES

John McCarthy 2002, Alice Davey 2002, Molly Webster 1976, Doreen Vout 2004, Francis Jacques 1947, Harry Benwell 2012, Mary Smaldon 1983, Francis Winstanley, Cavan Wain 2001, Edward O'Malley 1976, Barbara Leake 2012, Anne Stasi 2017, Monica Barber 1983, John Smith 1999, James Slatter 1965, Millie Hudson 1984, Mary Fitzmaurice 1998, Rose Amo 2001, Hugh Cummings 2004.

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