CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST JOSEPH

Sheringham & Cromer

13th Week of Ordinary Time

Psalter Week I · **Readings**: Sundays: C · Weekdays: I

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Sunday 29 June			**Ss Peter & Paul**
Saturday	5.30pm Confessions until 5.50pm		*at Cromer*
	6pm Anticipatory Mass	Private intention (†)	*at Cromer*
Sunday	9am Sung Mass	For the people	*at Cromer*
	11am Sung Mass	Mary Abbs +	*at Sheringham*
	3pm Old Rite Mass	Holy Souls	*at Sheringham*
Monday	30 June		**Roman Martyrs**
	11.30am St Augustine's Catholic Primary School Choir Concert		*at Sheringham*
Tuesday	1 July		**S Oliver Plunkett**
	No Mass today		
Wednesday	2 July		**Feria**
	No Mass today		
Thursday	3 July		**S Thomas**
	9.30am Mass		
	at St Andrew's Church, Church Street, Holt, NR25 6BB		
Friday	4 July		**S Elizabeth of Portugal**
	9.30am Mass		*at Cromer*
Saturday	5 July		**Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday**
	9.30am Mass		*at Sheringham*
	10am Confessions until 10.30am		*at Sheringham*
	10am Rosary		*at Sheringham*
	5.30pm Confessions until 5.50pm		*at Cromer*

This week, there is a second collection for **Peter's Pence** (the upkeep of the **Holy See**).

Fr Simon is on leave from 30 June – 14 July

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

The Holy Spirit's **gift of counsel** helps to **perfect our prudence**, our ability to recognise the right course of action in a given moment, and to take it. Human beings are in a constant state of *searching*: for answers, for authenticity, and for identity. In our search, God helps us with this gift. It is the safeguard, therefore, of our liberty by helping us to remain clear minded, and thus freer to make better choices. It casts away our impetuosity (acting without thinking), and it also releases us from the trap of self-reliance, because with maturity comes the knowledge that we cannot act effectively without consulting others.

St Thomas Aquinas connects the gift of counsel, therefore, with the beatitude "**blessed are the merciful**". Counsel guides us towards pardoning others, because it rids us of that illusion of self-sufficiency, and we begin to see by the light of the Holy Spirit that *all of us are weak*, and so *all of us are in need of pardon*.

The gift of counsel can be seen at the **wedding feast at Cana**, since Mary shows the waiters how to co-operate with God's counsel. They did not blindly follow her word, but they discussed it carefully, and decided to obey (obedience means 'to listen'). They did not rely solely on the knowledge of their own past experiences. They *trusted* that Jesus is new and can indeed transform us, and therefore came to *faith*.

I will be on leave from Monday 30 June until Monday 14 July. I am very grateful to Fr Tim Bugby for covering most of the parish's liturgical schedule during this period at late notice, since the priest originally booked to cover this period fell sick. I am also grateful to Canon John Barnes for celebrating the Thursday Masses in Holt. **This week, there will be no Masses on Tuesday or Wednesday**.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Monday this week **at 11.30am** at St Joseph, St Augustine's Catholic Primary **School Choir** from Costessey will be visiting our parish specially to perform a **free concert** of varied music. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Please continue to let Fr Simon know if you would like to attend the parish pilgrimage to Walsingham on Thursday 2 October: simon.davies@rcdea.org.uk

On **Saturday 12 July**, Fr Alvan Ibeh will lead a **retreat day for men at Walsingham** on evangelisation. See the poster in the porch for details.

On **Tuesday 22 July**, there will be a day of reflection at Clare Priory with the theme "**Seeking silence amid the noise: Hope in a despairing world**". See the poster in the porch for details.

COLLECTION

Last week: £1,017.17 *(£462.90 plate & £40 DONA & £514.80 standing order average)* • **Thank you!**

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

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

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ANNIVERSARIES

Annie O'Boyle 1989, Ita Hopkins 2002, Anthony Lagan 1982, Armando Vanzino 1966, John Fitzmaurice 1968, Joan McDermott 2011, James Joseph Gillick 2009, Thomas Arnold 1962, William Whitland 1940, Fr Maurice Hignett 1982, Dorothy Mostyn 2002, Ferdinand Richards 1943, Patrick Miller 1956.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM

O LORD