CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST JOSEPH

Sheringham & Cromer

14th Week of Ordinary Time

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

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Sunday 6 July			**14th Sunday of Ordinary Time**
Saturday	5.30pm Confessions until 5.50pm		*at Cromer*
	6pm Anticipatory Mass		*at Cromer*
Sunday	9am Sung Mass	Fr Peter Cansdale (F)	*at Cromer*
	11am Sung Mass	For the people	*at Sheringham*
Monday	7 July		**Feria**
	No Mass today		*at Sheringham*
Tuesday	8 July		**S Withburga**
	6pm Adoration & Confessions until Benediction at 6.50pm		*at Sheringham*
	7pm Mass		*at Sheringham*
Wednesday	9 July		**Chinese Martyrs**
	9.30am Mass		*at Cromer*
	followed by Adoration until Benediction at 10.30am		*at Cromer*
Thursday	10 July		**Feria**
	9.30am Mass		
	at St Andrew's Church, Church Street, Holt, NR25 6BB		
Friday	11 July		**St Benedict**
	9.30am Mass		*at Cromer*
Saturday	12 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*

Next week, there will be a second collection for ***Stella Maris*** (chaplaincy to seafarers).

Fr Simon is still on leave until after 14 July

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

The Holy Spirit's **gift of fortitude** (or **courage**) is a firmness of mind needed to do good, avoid evil, and endure suffering. It is a bread of confidence, helping us to stand our ground in the face of danger, and brings about in us patience and perseverance in the face of prolonged challenges ('long-suffering').

St Thomas Aquinas connects fortitude with the beatitude of "**hungering and thirsting for righteousness**", because the thirsty work hard to reach a satisfying drink. The Christian desires to drink the chalice of mercy and justice, and so they will divert all their affection from other good earthly things to the higher goal of righteousness, undeterred by the suffering that their compassion might cause within *themselves*.

The gift of fortitude can be seen in the **finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple**. Mary and Joseph were patient and long-suffering in their hunger and thirst to find their missing son. It was a little Resurrection experience, fortifying Mary to endure Christ's Passion and Death. It helps us to fortify us, too, when we face death: of people we love, of our own bodies, and of the death of sin and selfishness within ourselves.

This Sunday (6 July) is **my 6th ordination anniversary**. As you know, Fr Jude Belnas, Fr Alan Hodgson and Fr Paul Spellman all did pastoral placements in our parish during their time in seminary, and we were all ordained together. Perhaps you might spare a prayer for all of us this weekend!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The investigatory work on St Joseph's roof has indicated that there are very significant long-term problems, which we anticipated. An entirely new roof will be required, including new stonework, gutters, etc. The latest work found that the crosses at the west and east ends were unstable, and had to be removed immediately because they were a health & safety risk, costing an additional £5,000.

We should anticipate that the total cost of this work could be a 6-figure sum. We are currently seeking quotations, grants, and VAT rebates.

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

Next **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's collection figures will be available soon

Thank you for your generosity!

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

Lilian Gunton 1982, Fr John Cureton 2005, Edward Dadd 1972, William Dockeray 2010, Eileen Crossfield 2013, Joe Hickey 2000, Gracie Jelf 1987, Jack Ashby 2001, Agnes del Riego 1952, Francis Garrard 1970, Pauline Linford 2021, Robert Smith 1985, Bernard Wilson 1985, Stanley Cuthbert 1956, Winifred Meek 1967, Alfonse Kut 1967.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM

O LORD