CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST JOSEPH

Sheringham & Cromer

15th Week of Ordinary Time

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

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Sunday 13 July			**15th Sunday of Ordinary Time**
Saturday	5.30pm Confessions until 5.50pm		*at Cromer*
	6pm Anticipatory Mass		*at Cromer*
Sunday	9am Sung Mass	For the people	*at Cromer*
	11am Sung Mass		*at Sheringham*
Monday	14 July		**S Camillus de Lellis**
	No Mass today		*at Sheringham*
Tuesday	15 July		**S Bonaventure**
	6pm Adoration & Confessions until Benediction at 6.50pm		*at Sheringham*
	7pm Mass	Hazel Clark +	*at Sheringham*
Wednesday	16 July		**Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel**
	9.30am Mass		*at Cromer*
	followed by Adoration until Benediction at 10.30am		*at Cromer*
Thursday	17 July		**Feria** *(Votive of the Holy Spirit)*
	9.30am Mass		
	at St Andrew's Church, Church Street, Holt, NR25 6BB		
Friday	18 July		**Feria** *(Votive of the Precious Blood)*
	9.30am Mass		*at Cromer*
Saturday	19 July		**Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday**
	9.30am Mass	Thelma Luxford +	*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 ***Stella Maris*** (chaplaincy to seafarers).

Fr Simon will be back after this weekend

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

The Holy Spirit's **gift of knowledge** helps us distinguish what is and what is not consistent with our faith, and helping us to discern the signs of the times by the light of that faith. As humans, we have knowledge from two sources: theoretical (what we work out in our mind) and practical (what we learn by experience). The gift of knowledge helps both of those, first by inspiring the imagination in our contemplation of God, and second by helping us judge our own experiences by the measure of Catholic faith and morals, but also by preventing us from being misled by faulty judgements about our own experiences and woundedness. In essence, it instils in us a solid sense of balance, proportion, and right judgement.

St Thomas Aquinas connects knowledge with the beatitude of "**mourning**", because our regrets and losses persuade us to accept created things in life as God wants us to accept them: not to idolise, but to love. He also points out that the most precious knowledge we have is the knowledge we acquire from our mistakes.

The gift of knowledge can be seen in the **Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple**. Knowledge helps us to know what we ought to believe and do when it comes to God, by helping us discern our faith and its implications in our life. As Mary and Joseph were obedient to what they discerned, so too can we be obedient. We can also see this gift working in Simeon and Anna: as it was the case with them, we can also see how God is working through people, things, and events.

I will be back during this week. One of the perils of going away is coming back to a full inbox! There are also full health & safety inspections waiting for me at both locations on Tuesday and Wednesday this week.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **parish barbeque** will take place on **Sunday 10 August** at **St Joseph**, after the 11am Mass has finished, and well into the afternoon.

Work to replace the **heating system** in Our Lady of Refuge Hall will begin on **Monday 18 August**, and hopefully be finished by the following weekend. Activities in the Hall during that week will not, therefore, be possible. This work is costing £10,300.

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 **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**

Gift-aid envelopes are available for **visitors** who are UK tax-payers. Please complete in pen and place in the collection. Donations by **card** can be made using the **payment stations** at the **back of church**.

ANNIVERSARIES

Eileen Howard 1996, Colin Gallagher 2012, Christine Bailey 1991, Luisa Peyton 2016, Stephen McGuire 1983, Emily Furlong 1988, Florence Bennett 2000, Frederick Wilcock 1979, John Miller 1993, Bob Kavenagh 2000, Maureen Kavenagh 2000, Geoffrey McKenna 2005, Stanley Stringer 1990.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM

O LORD