CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST JOSEPH

Sheringham & Cromer

18th Week of Ordinary Time

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

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Sunday 3 August			**18th Sunday of Ordinary Time**
Saturday	5.30pm Confessions until 5.50pm		*at Cromer*
	6pm Anticipatory Mass	For the people	*at Cromer*
Sunday	9am Sung Mass	Martha McGahern (F)	*at Cromer*
	11am Sung Mass	Kevin Hand +	*at Sheringham*
Monday	4 August		**S John Vianney**
	No Mass today		
Tuesday	5 August		**Dedication of the Liberian Basilica**
	6pm Adoration & Confessions until Benediction at 6.50pm		*at Sheringham*
	7pm Mass	Rosaleen & John O'Grady +	*at Sheringham*
Wednesday	6 August		**Transfiguration**
	9.30am Mass	Christobel Colomba Laing (F)	*at Cromer*
	followed by Adoration until Benediction at 10.30am		*at Cromer*
Thursday	7 August		**Ss Sixtus & co.**
	9.30am Mass	Maria Watts +	
	at St Andrew's Church, Church Street, Holt, NR25 6BB		
Friday	8 August		**S Dominic**
	9.30am Mass	Michael O'Connor +	*at Cromer*
Saturday	9 August		**S Teresa Benedicta of the Cross**
	9.30am Mass	Holy Souls +	*at Sheringham*
	10am Confessions until 10.30am		*at Sheringham*
	10am Rosary		*at Sheringham*
	5.30pm Confessions until 5.50pm		*at Cromer*

The **parish barbeque** is **next Sunday** (**10 August**) after 11am Mass at St Joseph • **All are welcome!**

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

We had the happy news this week that the Pope has decided to declare **St John Henry Newman** to be a **Doctor of the Church**. This is a special title by which the Church says that the saint's writings are to be especially treasured and held up. Cardinal Newman will be only the 38th person to be named Doctor of the Church (alongside, for example, St Augustine and St Teresa of Avila), and the second from our island.

While I find Cardinal Newman's writings to be a little *heavy* for me personally, I enjoy many of his poems and hymns (my favourite being a simple little hymn he wrote for Candlemas). Perhaps his most famous is the ***Dream of Gerontius*** (made *more* famous by Elgar who set it to music; it contains the hymns "*Praise to the holiest*" and "*Firmly I believe and truly*"). A man named Gerontius died, and he is led through the afterlife by his guardian angel. He moves from disorientation to clarity, as realises the enormity of God's love, and the need for his own purification – not as punishment, but a preparation to encounter the truth for which we all thirst. Through the poem, Newman invites us to see our death not as a moment of fear and punishment, but as a total surrender of self to God, when we realise the truth and beauty about ourselves, the truth and beauty about God, and how God is tireless in bridging the gap between himself and us.

When Newman himself died, 15,000 people came to his funeral in Birmingham, and many of them came not to venerate a notable Victorian, but to show respect and pray for their loving and caring parish priest.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our **parish barbeque** is next **Sunday 10 August** at **St Joseph**, after the 11am Mass (i.e. from after 12 noon). The BBQ is not ticketed; all are welcome. **Please bring, *if you can*, a pudding and/or a salad.**

In August at St Joseph, you will see that Tony will be serving Mass alone. We have a wonderful team of servers from 2 families, but holidays often mean we end up being short-handed. It's not just about the Mass itself, but also its *preparation*. **We are in need of committed adult servers**: please think about it.

Please pray for **Helen Thomas**, who has died. Her funeral will take place at St Joseph on Thursday 28 August at 12.30pm.

While the sun is out, we have 7 **iron gates** (6 in Sheringham, 1 in Cromer) that are flaking and tired. They need **stripping, repainting, and refitting**. If you think you can do this, please speak to Fr Simon.

We'll also soon be advertising for a **treasurer** and invoicing/booking/contract **manager**, so watch this space for more details if you have such skills!

COLLECTION

Last weekend: **£1,240.52** (£580.80 *standing order average* + £584.72 *plate* + £75 *DONA*) • **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

Joseph Clark 1983, Sarah Chastney 2007, Elizabeth Carswell, 2008, George Fricker 1983, Kenneth Mortimer 1994, Geoffrey Sanders 1997, Rosaleen O'Grady 2021, Desmond Fernadez 2014, Eileen Ranyell 2010, Joan Reynolds 2004, Theresa Dennis 2007, Paul Kavenagh 2011, Emily Simmonds 2005, Palmira Nunes de Sequira 2019.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM

O LORD