CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST JOSEPH

Sheringham & Cromer

20th Week of Ordinary Time

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

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Sunday 17 August			**20th 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	Lucasz Skornog +	*at Cromer*
	11am Sung Mass	Private intention (†)	*at Sheringham*
Monday	18 August		**Feria**
	No Mass today		
Tuesday	19 August		**S John Eudes**
	6pm Adoration & Confessions until Benediction at 6.50pm		*at Sheringham*
	7pm Mass	Shirley Lundergan +	*at Sheringham*
Wednesday	20 August		**S Bernard**
	9.30am Mass	Simone Liang (F)	*at Cromer*
	followed by Adoration until Benediction at 10.30am		*at Cromer*
Thursday	21 August		**S Pius X**
	9.30am Mass	Private intention (†)	
	at St Andrew's Church, Church Street, Holt, NR25 6BB		
Friday	22 August		**Queenship of Mary**
	9.30am Mass	Private intention (DJ)	*at Cromer*
Saturday	23 August		**S Rose of Lima**
	9.30am Mass	Rutter Family	*at Sheringham*
	10am Confessions until 10.30am		*at Sheringham*
	10am Rosary		*at Sheringham*
	5.30pm Confessions until 5.50pm		*at Cromer*

St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) National Raffle tickets available for sale after Sunday Masses this weekend: top prize £5,000!

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

Thy Kingdom come… is not merely about future hope, but asking that the hope we have makes itself visible in our lives now. It is asking that God take deeper root in our personal lives, that he may give us us a *missionary* desire – a desire to communicate God – not only in words, but in how we *are* as people. St Catherine of Siena said that if *we are who God meant us to be, we will set the world on fire.* I remember supporting someone coming to faith, and after a time, they said "*for the first time in my life, I feel comfortable in being who I am*". In the Our Father, we are asking that God – his integrity, goodness, truth, and beauty – makes his home in us, and that will bring us wholesome peace. St Augustine said: "*my heart is restless until it rests in you, O Lord*". An honest surrender to Christ the King is what calms our storms. His throne is the cross, and while the world spins chaotically, the cross stands still: our anchor and our shelter.

Thank you to all those who worked so hard preparing and pulling off our parish barbeque last weekend. As you can imagine, it took a lot of preparation and physical hard work, especially for those in the Hall! I noted that we had a good number of holidaymakers join in as well. Such events are really vital for parish life, so thank you, too, to all those who came. The personal participation of each one of us in parish events – even by simply attending things – is a vital component in signalling that our parish is alive and kicking!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride and Walk** takes place on **Saturday 13 September**. Both our churches are welcoming locations for participants, so **we need of volunteers** to be on hand for welcoming and providing refreshments. There are **sign up sheets** at the back of each church. If you would like to participate by cycling or walking, there are also **sponsorship forms** available.

St Joseph will also be participating in **Heritage Open Days** (supported by the National Trust) on **Saturday 20 September**. We'll be needing volunteers for that too, so watch this space!

Sheringham Beach Life takes place from **Tuesday 26 August to 29 August:** 4 days of free activities for children and young people with specific activities offering sessions for toddlers up to 16+. Events include sports, drama, creative Bible teaching, arts and craft and fun. If you have children or (great-) grandchildren who might like to attend any of this, see the programme timetable in the porch, and find out more at sheringhambeachlife.co.uk. Please also pray for Beach Life, both participants and volunteers; it is a good public display of Christian unity in our community.

COLLECTION

Last weekend: **£1,123.38** (£580.80 *standing order average* + £507.58 *plate* + £35 *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**

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

Irene Marriner 1985, Vincent McCarthy 2000, Catherine Hestin 2014, Paulina Abbot 2021, Harry Doran 2005, Bernard Roscoe 1994, Hilda Fairhurst 1988, Lionel McGinn 2020 Diana Kirby 2023, Angela Browne 2015, Phyllis Gibson 1947, Nanette Watts 1958, Giovanni Vanzino 2006. Arthur Simmons 2002, Harry Vinson, Clare Lawton 2020.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM

O LORD