CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST JOSEPH

Sheringham & Cromer

23rd Week of Ordinary Time

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

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Sunday 7 September			**23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time**
Saturday	5.30pm Confessions until 5.50pm		*at Cromer*
	6pm Anticipatory Mass	Bernie Walsh	*at Cromer*
Sunday	9am Sung Mass	Susan Littlechild +	*at Cromer*
	11am Sung Mass	Charles West	*at Sheringham*
Monday	8 September		**Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
	No Mass today		
Tuesday	9 September		**S Peter Claver**
	6pm Adoration & Confessions until Benediction at 6.50pm		*at Sheringham*
	7pm Mass	For the people	*at Sheringham*
Wednesday	10 September	**Feria** *(Votive Mass of the Holy Eucharist)*	
	9.30am Mass	Private intention (JC)	*at Cromer*
	followed by Adoration until Benediction at 10.30am		*at Cromer*
Thursday	11 September		**Feria**
	9.30am Mass	Eileen Short +	
	at St Andrew's Church, Church Street, Holt, NR25 6BB		
Friday	12 September		**Holy Name of Mary**
	9.30am Mass	Joseph Michael Richmond +	*at Cromer*
Saturday	13 September		**S John Chrysostom**
	9.30am Mass	Annmarie Brown	*at Sheringham*
	10am Confessions until 10.30am		*at Sheringham*
	10am Rosary		*at Sheringham*
	5.30pm Confessions until 5.50pm		*at Cromer*

Next Sunday is the feast of the **Exultation of the Holy Cross**

Monday this week is the accession day of The King • Please pray for him, and the whole family of our nation this week, in such difficulty as we are, and for those who govern us all in his name.

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

And forgive us our trespasses… In this we name the truth that all of us fall short. Sin is not merely about breaking rules: more deeply, it is about how we miss the mark, failing to live life to the full as God has made us. Just because we may not have committed heinous crimes does not mean we are without sin (the only sins in the world are not just murder and lust, but some people seem to think that's all sin means! This is dangerous, and a trick of the devil who wants us to pretend sin is not real for us, so he can trap us in it). When we say "nobody is perfect", which we know to be true, we are actually saying "we are all sinners".

The first part of this petition invites us to be honest and name sin. If we shy away from that – as we so often shy away from going to confession at least once a year – we are just covering our eyes to our common sickness, refusing the help of our true doctor, the Lord. To acknowledge our sin is not to say that we are evil (which we are not), but that we desire healing. In asking for forgiveness, we are not declaring our lack of dignity, but placing ourselves before our Father, who longs to heal us, a longing from which he never tires. Seeking forgiveness is not about shaming, but asking God that he place us in fresh, green pastures.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pray for our sisters in Christ who have died recently, and for those who mourn them:

- † **Catherine Merriman**: Funeral at St Joseph on Friday **26 September at 12 noon**.
- † **Irene Hynes**: Funeral at St Joseph on Tuesday **30 September at 11am**.
- † **Susan Littlechild**: Funeral at Our Lady of Refuge on Friday **3 October at 11am**.

St Joseph will be participating in **Heritage Open Days** (supported by the National Trust) on **Saturday 20 September**. We need volunteers to welcome visitors, and even act as guides (literature will be provided!). **Sign up at the back of church!**

Meg Willins will be cycling for the **Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride & Walk** on 13 September, and would like **sponsors**. Please speak to Meg or Fr Simon after Mass if you can help!

The Outsiders Exhibition continues at **Cromer Artspace** on the **Prom** until **14 September, 11am – 4pm** each day. The exhibition, in partnership with Shelter, highlights contemporary homelessness, a problem in North Norfolk, as elsewhere.

The SVP have a reasonably new and hardly used **dishwasher** available for a donation. Please speak to Fr Simon if you would be interested in taking it.

COLLECTION

Last weekend: **£1,192.35** (£514.80 *standing order average* + £582.55 *plate* + £95 *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

Gilda Garofalo 1998, Pat Pinsent 2023, Iris Stannard 2008, Nellie Knight 1987, Mike Richmond 2020.

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O LORD