CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST JOSEPH

Sheringham & Cromer

24th Week of Ordinary Time

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

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Sunday 14 September			**Exultation of the Holy Cross**
Saturday	5.30pm Confessions until 5.50pm		*at Cromer*
	6pm Anticipatory Mass	Bernie Walsh +	*at Cromer*
Sunday	9am Sung Mass	Catherine Merriman +	*at Cromer*
	11am Sung Mass	For the people	*at Sheringham*
Monday	15 September		**Blessed Virgin Mary Dolorous & Sorrowful**
	No Mass today		
Tuesday	16 September		**Ss Cornelius & Cyprian**
	6pm Adoration & Confessions until Benediction at 6.50pm		*at Sheringham*
	7pm Mass	Helen Thomas +	*at Sheringham*
Wednesday	17 September		**S Hildegard of Bingen**
	9.30am Mass	KM Matthew +	*at Cromer*
	followed by Adoration until Benediction at 10.30am		*at Cromer*
Thursday	18 September		**Feria**
	9.30am Mass	Eugenia D. Trinh	
	at St Andrew's Church, Church Street, Holt, NR25 6BB		
Friday	19 September		**S Theodore of Canterbury**
	9.30am Mass	Annakutty Matthew +	*at Cromer*
Saturday	20 September		**Korean Martyrs**
	9.30am Mass	Irene Hynes +	*at Sheringham*
	10am Confessions until 10.30am		*at Sheringham*
	10am Rosary		*at Sheringham*
	5.30pm Confessions until 5.50pm		*at Cromer*

This Sunday is also day of prayer for those in education.

Next Sunday is **Home Mission Sunday** • There will be a **second collection** for Bishops' Conference of England & Wales's Directorate for Mission's work of proclamation, evangelisation, dialogue, and catechesis in our own country

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

As we forgive those who trespass against us… This petition reminds us that just as we often miss the mark, so do others. Forgiveness is not about ignoring wounds, nor is it a call to be naïve, or to place ourselves in unsafe situations. Rather, it is an invitation to hand over ultimate judgment to God, who alone sees the full truth. Trying to exact divine justice ourselves will only harden our own hearts, making us impervious to the mercy of God which we need too.

Forgiveness asks us to distinguish between the real harm done to us externally, and the interior grip it can gain over us internally. If we let injury define us, the one who hurt us continues to hold power over us. Some fear this means, "If I don't pretend it didn't happen, God won't forgive me." But it's better understood as: "If I close my heart to mercy for another, how can I truly be open to receive God's mercy for myself?"

The command to forgive is not optional. God knows how long the road can be. The journey of forgiveness, like the path of holiness, begins not with perfection, but with the sincere desire to walk with the Lord step by step, wound by wound, in grace. He shows us in his own Body on the Cross what mercy looks like.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pray for **Bernie Walsh**, who has died, and for all those who mourn him. Details of his funeral will be published soon.

Angela Sandel will be interred at Sacred Heart **North Walsham** on **Sunday 28 September at 12 noon**. All would be welcome to attend.

Our annual **Christmas Fair** will be on **Saturday 1 November**, **10am – 3pm** in **St Joseph Hall**, with professional local crafters, a café, tombola, and sale of donated gifts, much like last year. We will need good quality items to sell and to include in the tombola. More information will be published soon, but start thinking what you might be able to donate!

St Joseph will be participating in **Heritage Open Days** (supported by the National Trust) on Saturday **this week**, **20 September**. We still need **volunteers** to welcome visitors, and even act as guides (literature provided!). This will be an important event to help welcome people and begin to make our parish more visible in the community, which is what was asked for by you in the parish's synodal responses. **Sign up at the back of church to help!**

Wednesday 24 September is our **parish feast**, Our Lady of Walsingham. Mass will be celebrated at **Our Lady of Refuge at 10am**, followed by a lunch in the Hall (and a talk on a local subject!). Please do attend if you can.

COLLECTION

Last weekend: **£1,112.94** (£514.80 *standing order average* + £558.14 *plate* + £40 *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

Audrey Kiss 2001, George Branford 2003, Roger Wheelan 2003, George Scudamore 2003, Hugh Willins 1994, Ann Day 2014 Patricia Kelly 2024, Josephine Percey 2003, Gertrude Webster 1989, Vera Barclay 1989.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM

O LORD