CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST JOSEPH

Sheringham & Cromer

27th Week of Ordinary Time

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

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Sunday 5 October			**27th Sunday of Ordinary Time**
Saturday	5.30pm Confessions until 5.50pm		*at Cromer*
	6pm Anticipatory Mass	Kathleen McIlraith (F)	*at Cromer*
Sunday	9am Sung Mass	For the people	*at Cromer*
	11am Sung Mass	Phyllis Cleall (F)	*at Sheringham*
Monday	6 October		**S Bruno**
	No Mass today		
Tuesday	7 October		**Blessed Virgin Mary of the Rosary**
	6pm Adoration & Confessions until Benediction at 6.50pm		*at Sheringham*
	7pm Mass	Anthony (+) & Clare Rossi	*at Sheringham*
Wednesday	8 October		**Feria**
	9.30am Mass	Holy Souls	*at Cromer*
	followed by Adoration until Benediction at 10.30am		*at Cromer*
Thursday	9 October		**S John Henry Newman**
	9.30am Mass	The priest's own intention	
	at St Andrew's Church, Church Street, Holt, NR25 6BB		
Friday	10 October		**S Paulinus of York**
	9.30am Mass	Susan Littlechild +	*at Cromer*
Saturday	11 October		**S John XXIII**
	9.30am Mass	Rosaleen & John O'Grady +	*at Sheringham*
	10am Confessions until 10.30am		*at Sheringham*
	10am Rosary		*at Sheringham*
	5.30pm Confessions until 5.50pm		*at Cromer*

This Sunday there is a **Second Collection** for **Cafod**

Fr Simon is on leave until 17 October

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

The second of the great trio of Catholic prayers that we learn even as children is the ***Hail Mary***. October is a special month dedicated to Our Lady, particularly in view of the ***Rosary***, so it seems fitting to look a little more closely at it.

The words of the ***Hail Mary*** are a blend of three things: (1) **God's words** spoken through the Archangel Gabriel addressed to Mary at the Annunciation, (2) the words of **Elizabeth** addressed to Mary while rejoicing with her baby John the Baptist, and (3) the words of the **Church** addressed to Mary by us now.

"***Full of grace***" (just one word in Greek!) is like Mary's name in heaven: this is how God sees her, so it is a very precious insight. God's grace (his gift which builds us up and completes us) is not an emotional or vaguely spiritual feeling, but God's own life living within his house which is the human heart. It raises us beyond our merely natural limits (we can always be more than we think we can be!), it heals what is wounded, and it brings strength to what is weak.

Mary has absolutely no resistance to grace. This is why she is *full of grace*, because humans are meant to be filled with grace. She is what a free and unencumbered human person looks like. **We are incomplete without grace**, and without God. For other animals, they are complete simply by doing what God intends for them: squirrels bury acorns, and in doing so, they complete God's loving plan for them. But we humans are only complete when we see God face-to-face in *beatitude* - we obviously cannot complete that all alone. This is why we understand that grace is necessary: to enable us to be brought to a height which is impossible by our own effort. **Mary is our model in *being human***, because participation in God's grace is not a feeling, but a pro-active and life-changing response, by giving birth to God's word in our actions.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday 1 November is our annual **Christmas Fair** in **St Joseph Hall**, 10am – 3pm. There is a poster in the porch – and a flyer in your pew! – asking for good donated items to be sold on our stall, and for our Tombola. You can leave any donations in the Church. Any questions should be directed to Nicola: admin@ourladyandstjoseph.info

Breeda Godfrey will be making her delicious **Christmas cakes** again this year. A 4-inch cake is £6. Please contact Breeda by text, email or phone to order your own Christmas cakes!

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COLLECTION

Figures for recent Offertory and Second Collections will be published when Fr Simon gets back

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

Phyllis Cleall 1996, Gino Tadeschi 2014, Robert Lilley 1984, Annie Jalings 1990, Patrick Casey 2011, Bridie Uprichard 1984, Joan Silburn 2016, Cyril Millett 1992, Ethel Frost 1971, Maria Peers 1999, Joseph Volp 2007, John Plowright 1982, Ester Fox 2006, Thomas Byrne 1971, Molly Cullen 2014, Dorothy Pegrum 2007.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD