CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST JOSEPH

Sheringham & Cromer

28th Week of Ordinary Time

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

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Sunday 12 October			**28th Sunday of Ordinary Time**
Saturday	5.30pm Confessions until 5.50pm		*at Cromer*
	6pm Anticipatory Mass	Anthony Rossi +	*at Cromer*
Sunday	9am Sung Mass		*at Cromer*
	11am Sung Mass	For the people	*at Sheringham*
Monday	13 October		**S Edward the Confessor, King of England**
	No Mass today		
Tuesday	14 October		**S Callistus**
	6pm Adoration & Confessions until Benediction at 6.50pm		*at Sheringham*
	7pm Mass		*at Sheringham*
Wednesday	15 October		**S Teresa of Avila**
	9.30am Mass		*at Cromer*
	followed by Adoration until Benediction at 10.30am		*at Cromer*
Thursday	16 October		**S Margaret Mary Alacoque**
	9.30am Mass		
	at St Andrew's Church, Church Street, Holt, NR25 6BB		
Friday	17 October		**S Ignatius of Antioch**
	9.30am Mass		*at Cromer*
Saturday	18 October		**S Luke**
	9.30am Mass	Mary Arbuthnot (F)	*at Sheringham*
	10am Confessions until 10.30am		*at Sheringham*
	10am Rosary		*at Sheringham*
	5.30pm Confessions until 5.50pm		*at Cromer*

Next Sunday there will be a **Second Collection** for ***Missio*** (red boxes)

Fr Simon is on leave until 17 October

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

As we continue to rediscover the Rosary this October, we can think about the next part of the Hail Mary: "*Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus*".

These are words spoken by Elizabeth when Mary comes to see her. Both women are now pregnant with their babies, but Elizabeth closer to term than Mary.

To call someone blessed is saying something quite specific. We also hear it in the beatitudes (*Blessed are the poor in spirit*, etc), which we also looked at recently. In the older translation of the readings of Mass, "blessed" was written as "happy". It's a deeper happiness than what makes us smile, or even the satisfaction at the end of a day well-spent in joy. It is a *permanent joy* that we experience in unending completeness.

This phrase "*Blessed art thou among women*" is actually being quoted by Elizabeth. Most of St Luke's sentences in his first few chapters are Old Testament quotations! Both **Jael** and **Judith** are called "*blessed among women*" after defeating their enemies with their courageous uses of the sword. Mary shows profound courage by accepting unexpected pregnancy, and so she brings into the world Jesus, who, in his own words, comes to bring a sword to defeat the ancient enemy: the divisions of both sin and death.

Elizabeth represents all of us in addressing Mary in this way. And she does so not to give glory to Mary, but, as we find in the second half of the sentence, to point towards Jesus, the fruit of Mary's womb: the fruit of being *full of grace*, and, therefore, being totally accepting of God's will and plan without resistance (sin). Mary is the most direct road to Christ, and never a distraction from him. This also shows the way that the *communion of saints* really works: all of us, Elizabeth, Jael, Judith, and, most of all, Mary, are connected to one another, trying to live spiritually fruitful lives that point towards Jesus and his justice and mercy.

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**
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Account number: **30783412**

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ANNIVERSARIES

Julie Kavenagh 1995, William Ratcliffe 2009, George Ferguson 1998, William Silburn 1992, Cecil Hemus 1977, Kathleen Lavender 1987, Michael Barnard 2022.

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