CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST JOSEPH

Sheringham & Cromer

29th Week of Ordinary Time

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

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Sunday 19 October			**29th 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	Kevin Hand +	*at Cromer*
	11am Sung Mass	Charles West +	*at Sheringham*
Monday	20 October		**Feria**
	No Mass today		
Tuesday	21 October		**Feria**
	1pm Funeral Mass of Charles West		*at Sheringham*
	6pm Adoration (Chapel) & Confessions until Benediction at 7pm		*at Sheringham*
	No Mass after Benediction tonight		
Wednesday	22 October		**S John Paul II**
	9.30am Mass	Patricia Kelly +	*at Cromer*
	followed by Adoration until Benediction at 10.30am		*at Cromer*
Thursday	23 October		**S John of Capistrano**
	9.30am Mass	Helen Thomas +	
	at St Andrew's Church, Church Street, Holt, NR25 6BB		
Friday	24 October		**S Anthony Mary Claret**
	9.30am Mass	Anthony de Grey Webster +	*at Cromer*
Saturday	25 October		**Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday**
	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*

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

Next Sunday is the **last of the month** • Mass in the **Old Rite** at **St Joseph at 3pm**

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

As we start to look towards the end of October, we also look towards the end of the ***Hail Mary*** – and in the final part of this prayer, we look also toward the end of our lives: "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death".

It is the third part of this prayer, the words of the Church (us) addressed to Mary are mentioned the only two moments of our earthly lives which are in need of grace: **right now**, and the **moment of death**. One day, those two moments will meet each other. They gradually narrow towards one another, meeting at a sharp point: *the sword that pierces the heart*, the same sword that pierced Mary's own heart of sorrows. Death is the final act of trust. It is the moment for which we are in training our whole lives, the culmination of a lifelong "yes" (a life lived like Mary), when we move from a life lived in hope, to a life being lived, we pray, with hope fulfilled: the vision of God in the fullness of grace.

It's not morbid to think, pray, and talk about these things. Our secular culture wants to hide these realities, but we do not, because we believe in the Resurrection of the Body. Mary stands constantly on the threshold of death, standing with us at the foot of the Cross. She is there too, in our own death. We will never face it alone, therefore. Our faithful and obedient Mother will always nurture us and encourage us at every moment. In the Hail Mary, we are asking her to help us to shape our lives in such a way that we may remain faithful in our final trial, which is the one experience all humans really have in common. These are not dark thoughts, but illuminating thoughts, because by passing through death, we meet the Lord and his definitive and final mercy. Until then, we repeat our petition with trust, learning to live and to die in all of our actions as a child of the Lord and a child of Mary, his Mother and ours.

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 next week

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

Timothy O'Rourke 1994, Rosemary Whitwood 2019, Mary Hollister 2006, Cecilia Drury 2003, Agatha Dickson 1978, Marigold Thornton 2022, Peter Brogdale 2013, Queenie Vanzino 1998, Daniel Breen 1993, Gordon Middleton 2013, John Francis 2018, Dorothy Silvester 1986, Jack Boulter 1999, Billy Whittaker 1995 Anthony de Grey Webster 2024, Arthur Fairhurst 1963, Winifred Platton 2001.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD