CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST JOSEPH

Sheringham & Cromer

34th Week of Ordinary Time

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

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Sunday 23 November			**Jesus Christ, The King of the Universe**
Saturday	5.30pm Confessions until 5.50pm		*at Cromer*
	6pm Anticipatory Mass	Gavin Keegan +	*at Cromer*
Sunday	9am Sung Mass	Fr Peter Cansdale +	*at Cromer*
	11am Sung Mass	For the people	*at Sheringham*
Monday	24 November		**Korean Martyrs**
	No Mass today		
Tuesday	25 November		**S Catherine of Alexandria**
	6pm Adoration & Confessions until Benediction at 6.50pm		*at Sheringham*
	7pm Mass	Holy Souls	*at Sheringham*
Wednesday	26 November		**Feria**
	9.30am Mass	Mary Family +	*at Cromer*
	followed by Adoration until Benediction at 10.30am		*at Cromer*
	then followed by Tea, Coffee & Cake with the Hall's heating on all morning		
Thursday	27 November		**Feria** *(Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit)*
	9.30am Mass	Holy Souls	
	at St Andrew's Anglican Church, Church Street, Holt, NR25 6BB		
Friday	28 November		**Feria** *(Mass of the Dead)*
	9.30am Mass	Fr Francis Hacon +	*at Cromer*
Saturday	29 November		**Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday**
	9.30am Mass	Canon Gerard Hulme	*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 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Next Sunday is also the last Sunday of the month • **Old Rite Mass** at **3pm** at **Sheringham**, preceded by confessions from 2.30pm as usual

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

St John Henry Newman's had a lot of say on the **conscience**. The conscience is not a voice of personal preference or feelings, but it is *like* the voice of God working within us. A small child might say "*It's not fair*!" This shows an instinctive recognition of truth – in this case, an injustice. But a child's judgement may be right or wrong, because they cannot yet (or will not) see the bigger picture. The same is true for us: our instinct for truth is real, but our judgements are not faultless. This is why Newman said the conscience needed to be **formed**. He called it "*the aboriginal vicar of Christ*" – not the direct voice of God, but a created faculty in need of nurturing and teaching. For it to work properly, the conscience needs to be exposed to revealed truth: the truth revealed in the **natural law** (what reason tells us about what God says to us in the things natural systems he has created), and the truth revealed in the **Church** (scripture and tradition). So we circle back to where we began: **the need for education**. Newman understood that without education, we don't function properly. This is why Newman is now the *patron saint of education*. From an educated conscience, knowing and seeking the truth, flows our sense of vocation: with well-formed hearts and minds, we can better recognise God's desires for us personally, and so better embrace our calling.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

As part of a long-term aim to be more open and welcoming, on **Wednesdays after the morning Mass** and Benediction, there will be **tea, coffee and cake in Hall in Our Lady of Refuge every week** – with the heating on! – as an opportunity to meet, talk and keep warm. Fr Simon intends to be present as much as possible. We will try this for a while, and if you like it, it can be a regular part of parish life.

A total of **102 shoeboxes** (40 from the Salvation Army, 62 from us) filled with gifts, love, and prayers have been collected for *Operation Christmas Child*. This was a good opportunity to work proactively together with our wider community, organised by Dave Burns. **Thank you** for your generous response.

There have been many requests for a parish **pilgrimage to Rome**. For **October 2026** (5 nights), it would cost **£1,195 per person (based on 2 sharing)**, or **£1,415 single** (travel insurance options available).

These prices require a **minimum of 25 pilgrims**. If we can book soon, the prices would also mean we can travel during Oct 2026 school half-term at this price.

Please register your potential interest with Fr Simon ASAP. Exact dates can be focussed as soon as there is interest:

9 names so far: 25 needed!

COLLECTION

Last weekend: **£1,056.23** *(£386.23 plate + £595 standing order average + £75* 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

Thomas Upcher 1985, Mary Facon 1963, John Macovich 2020, Kathleen Kleban 2005, Brenda Eckersley 2000, Lawrence Gardiner 2009 John Wall 2023, Louise Williamson 2011, Theo Nunn 2001, John Whelan 1966, Arthur Cook 1981 Brigid Francis 2023, Eileen Winter 1987, Fr Gerard Hulme 1978, Fr Frank Hacon 1989 Rafal Milewski 2023.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD