CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST JOSEPH

Sheringham & Cromer

2nd Week of Advent

Psalter Week II · **Readings**: Sundays: A · Weekdays: II

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Sunday 7 December			**2 Sunday of Advent**
Saturday	5.30pm Confessions until 5.50pm		*at Cromer*
	6pm Anticipatory Mass	For the people	*at Cromer*
Sunday	9am Sung Mass	Valsa Joseph +	*at Cromer*
	11am Sung Mass	Leslie Goreham +	*at Sheringham*
	6pm Ecumenical Christmas Service for BBC Norfolk Radio at St Peter's Anglican Church, Church St, Sheringham • Please **arrive by 5pm** if you would like to attend		
Monday	8 December		**Immaculate Conception of the BVM**
	10am Mass	Holy Souls	*at Cromer*
Tuesday	9 December		**Advent feria**
	6pm Adoration & Confessions until Benediction at 6.50pm		*at Sheringham*
	7pm Mass	Kevin Hand +	*at Sheringham*
Wednesday	10 December		**East Anglian Martyrs**
	9.30am Mass	Matthew John	*at Cromer*
	followed by Adoration until Benediction at 10.30am		*at Cromer*
	then followed by Warm Wednesday Tea, Coffee & Cake in the Hall		
Thursday	11 December		**Advent feria**
	9.30am Mass	Eugenia D. Trinh	
	at St Andrew's Anglican Church, Church Street, Holt, NR25 6BB		
Friday	12 December		**Blessed Virgin Mary of Guadalupe**
	9.30am Mass	Private intention (†)	*at Cromer*
Saturday	13 December		**S Lucy**
	9.30am Mass	Rosaleen & John O'Grady	*at Sheringham*
	10am Confessions until 10.30am		*at Sheringham*
	10am Rosary		*at Sheringham*
	10.30am – 2pm Advent Study Day in St Joseph Hall • *Bring a packed lunch*		
	5.30pm Confessions until 5.50pm		*at Cromer*

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

The **Immaculate Conception** is one of the most beautiful feasts of Our Lady. It does not refer to the birth of Jesus. Mary was conceived in the ordinary way by Anna and Joachim, but by a special gift of God, in that moment, Mary was preserved from the sin and brokenness we all inherit at our own conception. From the beginning of her life, Mary was free to love God with an undivided heart. Because of this grace, Mary shows us what humanity was always meant to look like. We see it in her faith at Calvary, her hope at Cana, and her love when she visits Elizabeth. In her, God gives us all a glimpse of a human person living in their full potential. Modern science tells us that some of a baby's cells remain in their mother's body for decades. This echoes something Christians have always sensed: it is appropriate that God preserved Mary's whole being – body and soul – from anything that would make her an unfit dwelling for himself. In Mary, God shows us what he wants for each of us: a whole person, body and soul, who can love him without fear.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 are able to 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: **14 names so far: 25 needed!**

Christmas cakes will be available for collection after each Mass **next weekend** (13 & 14 December). If anyone would like their cakes earlier and/or delivered please let Breeda know. Email Breeda at godfrey.bag@gmail.com or phone 01263 833 665 or 07712 618 791.

All of the **100 Club renewals have been sent out**. Please contact Peter Godfrey if you have not received yours by **10 December**.

The **100 Club is a subscription lottery open to all**. £1 per ticket per month. It helps raise money for the parish, and the more members, the bigger the prize.

Thanks to the North Norfolk **SVP**, there will be a **healing Mass for the Sick** on **Thursday 18 December at 2pm** at **Our Lady of Refuge** (confessions from 1pm), followed by an **afternoon tea party in the Hall**. The SVP will prepare everything, and is able to arrange transport to the church and back home. If you would like to book a lift to the church and back, please call Lorraine Henriksen on **01263 712 288**. Please let Lorraine know if you think someone would like to come who may not hear about it. All are welcome.

COLLECTION

Last weekend: **£1,007.64** *(£366.64 plate + £591 standing order average + £50* 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

Mary MacDonald 1948, Betty Clarke 2000, Patrick O'Regan 1981, Beverley Cosse 2013, Michael Connolly 1985, Desmond McGrath 1980, Leonard Crux 1987, Joan MacFie 1995, James Fitzpatrick 1998, Mary French 1998, Mary Fitt 1964, Sr Maura Mulcahy 1974.

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