CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST JOSEPH

Sheringham & Cromer

3rd Week of Advent

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

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Sunday 14 December			**3 Sunday of Advent • Gaudete Sunday**
Saturday	5.30pm Confessions until 5.50pm		*at Cromer*
	6pm Anticipatory Mass	For the people	*at Cromer*
Sunday	9am Sung Mass	Hector McIlraith (F)	*at Cromer*
	11am Sung Mass	Albert Arbuthnot (F)	*at Sheringham*
Monday	15 December		**Advent feria**
	No Mass today		
Tuesday	16 December		**Advent feria**
	6pm Adoration & Confessions until Benediction at 6.50pm		*at Sheringham*
	7pm Mass	Annmarie Richardson	*at Sheringham*
Wednesday	17 December		**O Sapientia**
	9.30am Mass	Private intention (JF)	*at Cromer*
	followed by Adoration until Benediction at 10.30am		*at Cromer*
	then followed by ***Warm Wednesday*** *Tea, Coffee & Cake in the Hall*		
Thursday	18 December		**O Adonai**
	9.30am Mass	Amy Photiou	
	at St Andrew's Anglican Church, Church Street, Holt, NR25 6BB		
	1pm Confessions		*at Cromer*
	2pm Mass for the Sick *followed by a* ***Tea Party*** *in the Hall*		*at Cromer*
Friday	19 December		**O Radix Jesse**
	9.30am Mass	Holy Souls	*at Cromer*
Saturday	20 December		**O Clavis David**
	9.30am Mass	Mary Jensen +	*at Sheringham*
	10am Confessions until 10.30am		*at Sheringham*
	10am Rosary		*at Sheringham*
	10.30am – 2pm Advent Retreat Day in St Joseph Hall • *Bring a packed lunch*		
	5.30pm Confessions until 5.50pm		*at Cromer*

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

Advent is divided into two "parts". In the **first part** of Advent, the sacred liturgy has been focussed on God's care for us and his desire to save us from ourselves, looking ahead to his second coming, but also becoming ever-more conscious of his presence right now.

This week, the **second part** of Advent begins, heralded by the use of pink at Sunday Mass. The pink is like purple tinted with festal white, as the Church begins to get liturgically excited. Between 17 and 24 December, the focus shifts to an immediate preparation for Christ's birth, as the daily Mass readings tell the story of those months leading up to the Nativity. To help us get much more into focus before Christmas, on **Saturday** is an **Advent Retreat**, praying with the **Old Testament images of Christ.**

Thank you to our **choir** who sang **beautifully** at the ecumenical event in St Peter's Anglican Church last Sunday. I noticed that there was only one other parishioner from our parish sitting in the congregation. Arms may start to ache if only one or two people are flying the parish flag on behalf of the rest of us!

I became aware last week that the **parish telephone number**, again, has **not been receiving calls** for a little while. If you've been calling, it's not been ringing. Please let me know in person if you've been trying to call me. We are going to work out a way to improve connectivity and communication in the parish, and this may involve new telephone numbers for the parish after the new year, so please watch this space!

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!**

The **Mass for the Sick** followed by an **afternoon tea party**, thanks to the North Norfolk SVP will be at **2pm this Thursday at Our Lady of Refuge**. Confessions available from 1pm.If you still need a lift arranged by the SVP, contact Lorraine Henriksen on **01263 712 288**.

Pre-ordered Christmas cakes will be available for collection after each Mass **this weekend**.

COLLECTION

Last weekend: **£1,105.96** *(£514.61 plate + £591 standing order average + £35* 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 French 1998, Mary Fitt 1964, Maura Mulcahy 1974, Henry Briggs 1983, Thomas Fisher 2000, John Botwright 2016, Alesdair McBratney 1997, Patrick Parker 2000, Agnes Barrows 2015, Patrick Gallagher 1959, Hector McIlraith 1995, Marylyn Wilkinson 2012, Anne Chapman 2020, Peter Haynes 2020, John Kelly 2021, Alfred Taylor 2005, Vincent Tattersall 2010, Leonard Wilde 2012, Brian Mullarkey 2016, Charles Slade 1984, Elizabeth Holt 2023, Myra Leonard 2011, Mary Mortimer 1976.

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