CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST JOSEPH

Sheringham & Cromer

4th Week of Advent & Christmas — Psalter Week IV · **Readings**: Sundays: A · Weekdays: II

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Sunday 21 December			**4 Sunday of Advent • O Oriens**
Saturday	5.30pm Confessions until 5.50pm		*at Cromer*
	6pm Anticipatory Mass	For the people	*at Cromer*
Sunday	9am Sung Mass	Chris Sibellas	*at Cromer*
	11am Sung Mass	Thelma Luxford +	*at Sheringham*
Monday	22 December		**O Rex gentium**
	No Mass today		
Tuesday	23 December		**O Emmanuel**
	6pm Adoration & Confessions until Benediction at 6.50pm		*at Sheringham*
	7pm Mass	For expectant mothers	*at Sheringham*
Wednesday	24 December		**Christmas Eve**
	4.30pm Carols		*at Cromer*
	5pm Vigil Mass	Jo Melis +	*at Cromer*
	7.30pm Carols		*at Sheringham*
	8pm Mass during the Night	Holy Souls	*at Sheringham*
Thursday	25 December		**Christmas Day**
	9am Mass of the Dawn	For our families	*at Cromer*
	11am Mass during the Day	For the people	*at Sheringham*
Friday	26 December		**S Stephen**
Meat allowed	10am Mass	Parish altar servers	*at Cromer*
Saturday	27 December		**S John**
	10am Mass	Colin & Cathy Fisher & family	*at Sheringham*
	5.30pm Confessions until 5.50pm		*at Cromer*

"Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One. Let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour"

Next week is the last Sunday of the Month • There will be Mass in the **Old Rite** at **St Joseph** at **3pm**

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

When it finally comes on Wednesday this week, I wish you all a very **Happy Christmas**! Our beautiful cribs that will appear this week for Christmas, and into which we will place the Baby Jesus on Christmas Eve, will also have a collection basket beside each crib. Any money given will be sent via *Aid to the Church in Need* to provide **scholarships for children at 5 Catholic Schools in Lebanon**, which is part of the Diocese of Jerusalem. We will hear more about this in 2026. *ACN* will double what we give for this cause.

Thank you to those who have sent me cards and given gifts. It's very kind of you to think of me. As you know, it is customary for the offertory collection at Christmas (and Easter) to be given to the priest. This usually makes up over half of a priest's annual income, so I am really very grateful for your gifts, as it makes a very real difference to me (and other priests) personally.

Thank you to those who worked to make our community celebration of the Anointing of the Sick and Tea Party, most especially the SVP who organise all the practicalities and make sure everyone gets a lift. Thank you to all those who make the liturgical and musical celebration so beautiful, and our party so enjoyable.

Patricia Sibellas who has been in charge of flower arrangements at Our Lady of Refuge for quite a while will be retiring as this year comes to a close. I'd like to thank Patricia for her care, dedication, and attentiveness to making the Church beautiful all year round. The Cassidy family will be taking a lead with flower arranging in Our Lady of Refuge. Overtime we hope to develop a group of arrangers!

We also need more **volunteer church cleaners**. I'll be pushing this in the new year, but if you think you may be able to volunteer some time for occasional church cleaning, please let me know in the new year.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pilgrimage to Rome (updated!): **Monday 5 October – Friday 9 October 2026** (flying from Stansted). Cost: **£1,350** each based on 2 sharing, or **£1,450** for a single. These prices require a minimum of 20 pilgrims. Accommodation: Dinner, bed & breakfast. **Deposit: £350** required by **15 February 2026**. Full payment required by 6 July 2026. Please see the full itinerary in the porch or on the website.

Please check the newsletter very carefully for **weekday Mass times**. Everything is **different.**

On **New Year's Eve** we will have a thanksgiving **Mass at 6pm** in **St Joseph**, followed by **mulled wine and mince pies in the Hall** to celebrate 2025! On **New Year's Day**, there will be **Mass at 10am** in **Our Lady of Refuge** followed by **bubbles and canapés in the Hall** to celebrate 2026!

COLLECTION

Last weekend: **£1,043.52** *(£367.52 plate + £591 standing order average + £85* 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

Barbara Sandfield 1982, Louise Mason 2005, Thelma Luxford 2024, Martha McGahern 1998, Monica Doran 2004, Cathy Cook 2005, Rita Andrzetewska 2016, Mary Tovell 1941, Joe Gurney 2001, Fr Frederick Nutt 1971, Monica Pryor 1984, Alan Carswell, Edwina (Teddy) Cowing 2020, Ann Bailey 1983, Ann Moir 2009, Bernadette Cooper 2020, Audry Chamberlain 1988, Paul Kelly 2015, Hilary Mitchell 2023.

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