CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST JOSEPH

Sheringham & Cromer

2 Week of Christmas

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

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Sunday 4 January			**2 Sunday after Christmas**
Saturday	5.30pm Confessions until 5.50pm		*at Cromer*
	6pm Anticipatory Mass	For the people	*at Cromer*
Sunday	9am Sung Mass	Private intention (SB)	*at Cromer*
	11am Sung Mass	For confirmation candidates	*at Sheringham*
Monday	5 January		**Christmas feria**
	No Mass today		
Tuesday	6 January		**Epiphany • HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION**
	10am Sung Mass	For the people	*at Cromer*
	12 noon Old Rite Mass	Sophia Photiou	*at Sheringham*
	7pm Sung Mass	Rosaleen & John O'Grady	*at Sheringham*
Wednesday	7 January		**S Raymond**
	9.30am Mass	Penny Whittaker-Wright +	*at Cromer*
	followed by Adoration until Benediction at 10.30am		
	then followed by tea, coffee & cakes in the Hall		
Thursday	8 January		**Christmas feria**
	9.30am Mass	Andrew Photiou	
	at St Andew's Anglican Church, Church Street, Holt, NR25 6BB		
Friday	9 January		**Christmas feria**
	9.30am Mass	Holy Souls	*at Cromer*
Saturday	10 January		**Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday at Christmas**
	9.30am Mass	Hazel Clark +	*at Sheringham*
	10am Confessions		*at Sheringham*
	10am Rosary		*at Sheringham*
	5.30pm Confessions until 5.50pm		*at Cromer*

Next Sunday, Fr Simon will preach at **Evensong** at **St Andrew's Anglican Church** in **Holt** at **5pm**

Also next weekend, there will be a **second collection** for the **dependent priests** of East Anglia

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

292 people attended Mass at Christmas. Compiling the annual parish's statistics for 2025, you may be interested to know the following autumn 2025 average Mass attendance figures for our parish:

6pm Mass: 43 • 9am Mass: 36 • 11am Mass: 82 • 3pm Mass: 98

Our total average Mass attendance for autumn 2025 was 185. Recent autumn averages have been:

2019: 184 • 2020: 120 • 2021: 150 • 2022: 160 • 2023: 168 • 2024: 178.

A month's average is a little unfair for us and similar tourist towns, because we have many more in the summer and fewer in the winter (but our collection does not go up by much in the summer!). To that end in 2026, I intend to record numbers for every Mass to create seasonal and annual averages, so that we have a more accurate picture of parish Mass attendance available, especially with a view to wider planning.

After this week, **Nicola Gilbert will be retiring** from her role as Office Administrator. Nicola was first invited by Fr Wygnanski to help out "for a year"! She has worked well over these years to help sort things out in the wake of covid and several rapid priest changes, particularly in respect of our business agreements, contracts, and maintenance co-ordination, and has also developed a good rapport with local community organisations. **Nicola is not leaving the parish**, and she would like to continue to help out in other ways. **I would like to thank Nicola for her work and dedication over these years**. Next weekend, we will hear about who will be taking on the responsibility for the parish's facilities and operations.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pilgrimage to Rome: 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**. Full payment required by 6 July. Please see the full itinerary in the porch or on the website, where you can also **book**!

Thank you to all those who made our Christmas & New Year celebrations so beautiful: musically, liturgically, socially, and aesthetically! Breeda's Christmas Cakes made £140 as well! This **Tuesday** is the **Epiphany**, *the end of the 12 days of Christmas*. Christmas decorations come down after next weekend when Christmas finishes, but cribs traditionally stay up for 40 days, until 2 February.

COLLECTION

20/21 December: £1,023.60 (£392.60 plate + £591 standing order average + £40 DONA) • 27/28 December: £1,167.53 (£496.53 plate + £591 standing order average + £80 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

Joseph Zumeris 2007, Alice Cunningham 2002, May Arnott 2014, John Kelly 2020, Anne Gentle 2007, Katarzyna Skowronek 2013, Christina McGrath 2012, Sheila Borland 2005, Dennis Wise 2019, Michael Emery 2003, Patrick O'Connor 1993, Celia Raby 2003, Penny Whittaker-Wright 2021, May Daniels 1984, Margaret Jackson 1993, Patricia Overall 2011, Joseph McHugh 1986, Eileen Spencelby 2008, Mary Fitton 1993, Hazel Clark 2025, James Macfie 1998, Martha Seaward 2014.

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