CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST JOSEPH

Sheringham & Cromer

1 Week of Ordinary Time

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

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Sunday 11 January			**Baptism of the Lord**
Saturday	5.30pm Confessions until 5.50pm		*at Cromer*
	6pm Anticipatory Mass	For the people	*at Cromer*
Sunday	9am Sung Mass	Angela Philips	*at Cromer*
	11am Sung Mass	Patricia Smith +	*at Sheringham*
	5pm Evensong at St Andew's Anglican Church, Church Street, Holt, NR25 6BB		
Monday	12 January		**S Aelred**
	No Mass today		
Tuesday	13 January		**S Hilary**
	6pm Confessions & Adoration *until* Benediction *at 6.50pm*		*at Sheringham*
	7pm Mass	Holy Souls	*at Sheringham*
Wednesday	14 January		**Feria**
	9.30am Mass	Chris Sibellas +	*at Cromer*
	followed by Adoration *until* Benediction *at 10.30am*		
	then followed by tea, coffee & cakes in the Hall		
Thursday	15 January	**Feria** *(Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit)*	
	9.30am Mass	Private intention (†)	
	at St Andew's Anglican Church, Church Street, Holt, NR25 6BB		
Friday	16 January		**S Fursey**
	9.30am Mass	Rinu Matthew	*at Cromer*
Saturday	17 January		**S Anthony**
	9.30am Mass	Kevin Hand +	*at Sheringham*
	10am Confessions		*at Sheringham*
	10am Rosary		*at Sheringham*
	5.30pm Confessions until 5.50pm		*at Cromer*

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

Fr Simon will be preaching at Evensong in St Andrew's, Holt, this Sunday evening at 5pm

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

Epiphany chalk is available at the back of the church for you to take away to bless your house. Take also the little sheet to show you how to do this, which also explains what it means. With the chalk, we write the year and the letters **C M B** – **C**hristus **M**ansionem **B**enedicat (*Christ bless this house*) – to ask for God's grace and healing for our homes and families throughout this year. C M B are also, by tradition, the initials of the three wise men: **C**aspar, **M**elchoir and **B**althasar. They are buried in Cologne Cathedral.

We move this week into "**ordinary time**". It's called "ordinary", not because it lacks flavour, but like the word "ordinal", it means *one after another*. Lots of things just seem to keep coming one after another, but we remember that the Lord God holds all things in his hands. He has a long-term perspective on all people and things. We ask for fresh hope for all who are worn down: spiritually, bodily, & psychologically.

This week, the parish's facilities and operations will be managed by **Richard McNulty**. I thank Richard for taking on this portfolio after Nicola's retirement. As **Operations Manager**, Richard will be responsible for Hall bookings, the parish's contracts and regular maintenance needs, online development, and similar things. Richard is not my secretary (there is no parish secretary), and the role of Operations Manager does not involve anything "pastoral" directly. The role is not location-based – it does not need to be – and there is no physical "parish office". Richard can be contacted by email, or – soon – via a new phone number.

Richard will also try to be present on Wednesday mornings after Mass and Benediction (*there is tea and coffee after Wednesday morning Mass, you know*!), and occasionally at tea and coffee after the 11am Mass, in addition to the 9am Mass which he normally attends. Many parishioners already know Richard, but many do not, so next weekend, Richard will introduce himself, so we can all see who he is!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pilgrimage to Rome: BOOK NOW! Monday 5 October – Friday 9 October 2026 (flying from Stansted). **Cost**: **£1,350** each based on 2 sharing, or **£1,450** for a single. **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**!

Please pray for **Christopher Sibellas**, who has died this week, and for **Patricia**, and all who mourn him. Details about his funeral will be forthcoming once arrangements have been made.

Please also pray for **Jim Driver**, who had died, and for **Maria**, and all who mourn him. His funeral will take place on Wednesday this week.

COLLECTION

Last weekend: £910.90 (£272.90 plate + £603 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

Jane Birago 1993, Mary Matthews 1941, Elsie Duffil 2008, Dorothy Smith 2011, Dorothy Greenwood 1987, Ruby Lostitch 1962, Patricia Fraser 1962, Edward Tunnicliffe 2020, Louise Rodwell 1987, Ethel Wood 2008, Mary Gamble 1991, Michael Emery 2003, Christina Duff 1984, Marie Yates 2011.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD