CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST JOSEPH

Sheringham & Cromer

4 Week of Lent

Psalter Week IV · **Readings**: Sundays: A · Weekdays: *proper*

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Sunday 15 March			***Laetare* Sunday • 4 Sunday of Lent**
Saturday	5.30pm Confessions until 5.50pm		*at Cromer*
	6pm Anticipatory Mass	For the people	*at Cromer*
Sunday	9am Sung Mass	For mothers	*at Cromer*
	11am Sung Mass	Martin Harrington +	*at Sheringham*
Monday	16 March		**Lent feria**
	No Mass today		
Tuesday	17 March		**S Patrick**
	7pm Station Mass at the Cathedral in Norwich		
	There will be **no Mass in the parish today**; the Station Mass ***is*** the parish's Mass		
Wednesday	18 March		**Lent feria**
	9.30am Mass	Irene Hynes +	*at Cromer*
	followed by Adoration with Meditations on the Lord's Passion & Benediction		
	and tea & coffee in the Hall afterwards		
Thursday	19 March		**S JOSEPH**
	9.30am Mass	Aaron Padda	*at Sheringham*
	followed by Bacon Brunch afterwards in the Hall		
Friday	20 March		**Lent feria**
	9.30am Mass	Holy Souls	*at Cromer*
	6pm Stations of the Cross		*at Sheringham*
Saturday	21 March		**Lent feria**
	9.30am Mass	Katie & Jeremiah Ryan +	*at Sheringham*
	followed by Confessions for 30 mins & at the same time, the Rosary		*at Sheringham*
	5.30pm Confessions until 5.50pm		*at Cromer*

Donations (*suggestion*: £10) can be made for Easter flowers in memory of loved ones • Write names on the envelope for display during the Easter season and put it in the collection basket today or over these weeks • You can also donate for flowers by card using DONA at the back

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

Blessed **Sandra Sabbatini** was from north-east Italy. As a teenager, she liked to help at summer camps for disabled children. As a young adult in the late 1970s, she started to volunteer at a drug rehab centre. She discerned that she had a vocation to care for the sick, and so began training to be a doctor. She was engaged to be married to a local young man, whom she'd met while praying for the dead at the cemetery. She was devout and vivacious; a joy to be around. In 1984, she died in a traffic accident, aged 22. She had, however, already planned her funeral: she had asked to be buried in a shroud in the bare earth.

Blessed **Sandra** lived her short life with a quiet clarity of vision. She saw Christ present in the poor, suffering and vulnerable, and she tried to love them in simple ways. She engaged in the life of her parish community, attended Mass, frequented the sacraments. She lived a joyful life; there was nothing particularly unusual about this young woman. Saints lived and live ordinary lives. Holiness is for all of us.

She was beatified in 2021, in order to give an example of a saint who is ordinary, yet clear-sighted in faith: she knew Christ, and knew her responsibility to engage with him in his Church and in the poor.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

This week, on **Thursday 19 March**, our parish feast day, there will be **Mass at 9.30am at St Joseph**, followed by a **bacon brunch** in the Hall afterwards.

Next week on **Sunday 22 March**, we will have a **Soup Lunch** after the 11am Mass in **St Joseph Hall** (i.e. **from about 12noon**).

Some of you would have known **Fr Peter Leeming**, a canon of this diocese. Fr Peter died on 16 February. He was my friend and mentor, and I have been very sad that he died. He had appointed me his executor, so I have over these weeks been juggling many things as you may have noticed! His funeral is on **Friday this week** at **10am** in the **Cathedral**. All are welcome. Please do pray for him. ~ *Fr Simon*

On **Saturday 28 March** at **3pm**, there will be a **Passion Play** at **St Andrew's Methodist Church** in Sheringham. It is free, and seating is first-come-first-served. All are welcome.

On **Palm Sunday**, we are encouraged this year to **bring fresh, living branches** to be blessed at Mass for our **processions at the Sunday morning Masses**. Dried palm leaves will also be provided as is customary, but the liturgy calls for **living branches** of **whatever variety** of plant. If you are able, please plan to bring some sort of branch of your own (big or small) to one of our processions: bringing our real lives and the outside world to be blessed. You can also leave your branch in the Church to be reused for Easter decorations!

COLLECTION

Last week: **£1,150.35** (£427.60 plate + £627.75 standing order average + £95 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

George Royston 1999, John McCarthy 2002, Alice Davey 2002, Molly Webster 1976, Doreen Vout 2004, Francis Jacques 1947, Harry Benwell 2012, Mary Smaldon 1983, Francis Winstanley, Cavan Wain 2001, Edward O'Malley 1976, Barbara Leake 2012, Anne Stasi 2017, Monica Barber 1983, John Smith 1999, James Slatter 1965.

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UNTO THEM
O LORD