CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST JOSEPH

Sheringham & Cromer

5 Week of Lent

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

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Sunday 22 March			**Passion Sunday • 5 Sunday of Lent**
Saturday	5.30pm Confessions until 5.50pm		*at Cromer*
	6pm Anticipatory Mass	Holy Souls	*at Cromer*
Sunday	9am Sung Mass	For the people	*at Cromer*
	11am Sung Mass	Sophia Padda	*at Sheringham*
	followed by Lent Soup Lunch in the Hall		
Monday	23 March		**Lent feria** *(S Turibius)*
	No Mass today		
Tuesday	24 March		**Lent feria**
	6pm Mass	Rosaleen & John O'Grady +	*at Sheringham*
	followed by Adoration with Confessions & Benediction at 7.20pm		
Wednesday	25 March		**Annunciation of the Lord**
	9.30am Mass	Private intention (†)	*at Cromer*
	followed by Adoration with Meditations on the Lord's Passion & Benediction		
	and tea & coffee in the Hall afterwards		
Thursday	26 March		**Lent feria**
	9.30am Mass	Tony Greenwood +	
	at St Andew's Anglican Church, Church Street, Holt, NR25 6BB		
Friday	27 March		**Lent feria** *(Sorrowful Blessed Virgin Mary)*
	9.30am Mass	Holy Souls	*at Cromer*
	6pm Stations of the Cross		*at Sheringham*
Saturday	28 March		**Lent feria**
	9.30am Mass	Charlie West +	*at Sheringham*
	followed by Confessions for 30 mins & at the same time, the Rosary		*at Sheringham*
	5.30pm Confessions until 5.50pm		*at Cromer*

Next weekend, **Palm Sunday**, is the last Sunday of the month • Old rite Mass at 3pm at St Joseph
Please pray for *P*, who will be baptised before that Mass • Tea & coffee after Mass

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

Father **Ragheed Ganni** was a Chaldean Catholic parish priest in Mosul. He was threatened by ISIS to close his parish church and leave the area, and his parishioners told to leave or convert. In 2007, after a Sunday Mass, Father Ragheed (then aged 35) and his three parish subdeacons, **Basman**, **Wahid**, and **Gassan**, were stopped by a mob, and at gunpoint told to renounce Christ. They refused. Father Ragheed shouted "*How can I close the House of God*?" They were martyred immediately.

Today, Jesus declares "I am the resurrection and the life". This is not a promise for the future, but a truth that demands our daily response, in every moment: to choose Christ. Father Ragheed, along with Basman, Wahid, Hanna, and others, lived that response to the end. Faced with death, they remained faithful to Christ and their parishioners. Faith is not something that we think, it is something that we choose and live.

Our five companions have led us here as we come to the end of Lent. Being a Christian is not about having nice thoughts or good intentions: it is about deciding to trust Christ and remain with him always. Our new friends, Jacques, Chiara, Tianxiang, Sandra, and Ragheed all lived very different lives. They were all ordinary. Our names can be among them if we daily choose faith in Christ, and persevere to the end.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday is **Palm Sunday**. We are encouraged to **bring our own branches** (big or small, and of any plant variety!) to the Sunday morning Masses to make the **processions** (at the **9am** and **11am**). This will make it look more like a procession of living branches, which is what the liturgy calls for. Small palm leaves will still be provided as is customary. If you would like to leave you branch at the church after Mass, they can be used as part of the Easter floral decorations too!

This **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.

In **St Joseph Church**, Pam, Deborah and Wendy are going to take a lead with flower decorations both for Easter and going forward. If you are interested in helping with decorations, **even without any expertise**, please do put yourself forward. On Holy Saturday (4 April), the decorations will be prepared from 10am, so **come along** if you'd like to join in!

Donations in memory of loved ones are still being received this week and next for **Easter flowers** for both churches. Please write any names on the envelope and put your offering in the collection basket (or you can also donate using DONA).

COLLECTION

Last week: **£1,152.25** (£513.50 plate + £627.75 standing order average + £110 DONA) • ***Thanks!***

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

Millie Hudson 1984, Mary Fitzmaurice 1998, Rose Amo 2001, Hugh Cummings 2004, Patricia Boulton 2010, Thelma Maguire 1944, Maisie Tozer 1984, Bridget Lomasney 2011, Andrew Grimley 1962, Victor Maguire 2002, Agnes Wells 2010, Tony Greenwood 2025, Clemence Tomlinson 2013, Ellen Porritt 1976, Winifred Cooper 1989, Elizabeth Chambers 2002.

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UNTO THEM O LORD