CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST JOSEPH

Sheringham & Cromer

HOLY WEEK — Psalter Week II *& proper* · **Readings**: Sundays: A · Weekdays: *proper*

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Sunday 29 March			**Palm Sunday**
Saturday	5.30pm Confessions until 5.50pm		*at Cromer*
	6pm Anticipatory Mass	For the people	*at Cromer*
Sunday	9am Sung Mass *&* procession	Elizabeth Gillow +	*at Cromer*
	11am Sung Mass *&* procession	Gloria Serrano *&* Ernesto Peñaflor	*at Sheringham*
	3pm Old Rite Mass	Silvia McMahon +	*at Sheringham*
Monday	30 March		**Fig Monday**
	No Mass today		
Tuesday	31 March		**Holy Tuesday**
	11.30am Mass of Chrism at the Cathedral in Norwich		
	6pm Mass	Private intention (JJ)	*at Sheringham*
	followed by Adoration with Confessions *&* Benediction at 7.20pm		
Wednesday	1 April		**Spy Wednesday**
	9.30am Mass	Holy Souls	*at Cromer*
	followed by Adoration with Meditations on the Lord's Passion *&* Benediction		
	and tea *&* coffee in the Hall afterwards with repeat **talk on "Going to Confession"**		
Thursday	2 April		**Maundy Thursday**
	8pm SOLEMN MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER		*at Sheringham*
	followed by **Watching** until midnight (with **Compline at 11.45pm**)		
Friday	3 April		**Good Friday**
	11am Walk of Witness in Holt (starting at Holt Methodist Church)		
	11.15am Walk of Witness in Sheringham (starting at St Peter's Anglican Church)		
	3pm SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION		*at Sheringham*
	6pm Stations of the Cross *&* veneration of the True Cross		*at Cromer*
Saturday	4 April		**Holy Saturday**
	10am Confessions until midday		*at Sheringham*
	8pm SOLEMN MASS OF THE SACRED PASCHAL VIGIL		*at Sheringham*

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

Many parishioners put a great deal of effort into Holy Week and Easter: music, liturgy, visiting the sick, charitable works, cleaning, decorating, stewarding, hospitality, administration, maintenance, and more. No parish functions without this **shared commitment**. **Thank you** to everyone who has worked so hard.

This leads to an **important point**. In our parish, **many roles are carried by a very small number of people**, often over many years. We need ***new*** and ***different*** faces to take on **regular**, **committed** responsibilities. At Sunday Mass, for example, we are often on a knife-edge when it comes to serving the liturgy, music, and in the sacristy. **I am not speaking to those who are already doing a lot**, nor obviously to those who are increasingly **infirm or housebound**, but to ***different*** people among us. We all have the same value and potential to participate. None of these things are the territories of "other people".

It is a blessing that more people are increasingly returning to Mass, and that others are discovering the Catholic faith for the first time. We don't have any adult baptisms *this* year, but maybe over the *next few years* we will. Many new people come because they are nourished by the liturgy, the music, and the warm welcome of our community. These are strengths we must continue to build upon. ***We are doing a lot right***.

At the same time, we need ***new*** and ***different*** **altar servers**, **singers**, **sacristans**, **cleaners**, **welcomers**, and others. ***If each person did one small thing towards the liturgy***, those small contributions together help God build more: many small bricks make up a building! And **we need to be more aware** of the fact that, now, if any of those small bricks gets unwell, then the nourishing liturgy and warm parish welcome that we currently have will become more difficult and may change. ***We are doing a lot right, but we are fragile***.

I am saying this today, **because I'd like this to be our common family prayer this Easter**: "***That I and others will have the confidence and commitment to say* yes *to doing something new in our community***".

Finally, the **collection** on **Easter Sunday** is your gift to your parish priest. It is received with sincere thanks, as it provides a significant part of a priest's annual income in *this* diocese! Easter Offering envelopes are available this weekend and can be put in the basket any time, even this week, or after Easter if you are away.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

St Joseph's **flower arranging** network will be decorating St Joseph's from 10am on Holy Saturday. All are welcome to help. *Skills can be learned.*

If you've booked a place on the minibuses to the **Mass of Chrism** on Tuesday, we will leave **Sheringham at 9am** and **Cromer at 9.15am**.

COLLECTION

Last week: **£1,254.65** (£496.90 plate + £627.75 standing order average + £130 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

William Murray 1974, Christopher Polydorou 1983, Maureen McIntosh 1973, Sr Helen Butterworth 1999, Stanley Behan 1996, Yvonne Crawford 2016, Antony Dodd 2015, Doris Duxson 1986, Philip Bullock 1994, Kay Brown 1999, Martin Hart 1990, Nora James 2014, Ronald Murray 2004, Arthur Howard 1981, John Carter 2004, Jack Conan 1995.

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