CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST JOSEPH

Sheringham & Cromer

EASTER OCTAVE — Psalter Week I *& proper* · **Readings**: Sundays: A · Weekdays: *proper*

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Sunday 5 April			**Easter Sunday**
	9am Sung Mass	For our loved ones	*at Cromer*
	11am Sung Mass	For our loved ones	*at Sheringham*
Monday	6 April		**Easter Monday**
	No Mass today		
Tuesday	7 April		**Easter Tuesday**
	6pm Mass	John Paul Power +	*at Sheringham*
	followed by Adoration with Confessions & Benediction at 7.20pm		
Wednesday	8 April		**Easter Wednesday**
	9.30am Mass	Martha McGahern (F)	*at Cromer*
	followed by Adoration & Benediction *and* tea & coffee in the Hall afterwards		
Thursday	9 April		**Easter Thursday**
	9.30am Mass	Marie-Lise Steel +	
	at St Andew's Anglican Church, Church Street, Holt, NR25 6BB		
Friday	10 April		**Easter Friday**
	9.30am Mass	Holy Souls	*at Cromer*
Saturday	11 April		**Easter Saturday**
	9.30am Mass	Aron Padda	*at Sheringham*
	followed by Confessions for 30 mins & at the same time, the Rosary		*at Sheringham*
	5.30pm Confessions until 5.50pm		*at Cromer*

May God bless everyone this Easter with his peace and joy

Fr Simon will be away after Easter Sunday Masses until Thursday 16 April

This week during the Octave, Masses will be celebrated by Fr Antony Homer from London. Next weekend's Masses will be shared by Fr Andrew (6), Fr Jonathan (9), and Canon John Barnes (11)

The parish phone will be monitored. If a priest is needed, one will be found if you call

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

Thank you to everybody who has prepared our Easter celebrations this week: in the liturgy, in hospitality, in assisting the infirm, in administration, in decoration and flowers. These things don't just happen on their own. The **Easter Triduum** is ***more important than any other liturgy*** in the Church's treasury: so thank you to those who participate in these mysteries over Thursday, Friday and Saturday each Easter.

In the Easter Octave, the Church prays a special sequence before the Gospel: ***Victimae paschali laudes***. This poem is a thousand years old. It sings of Christ who is our Champion, who fights our cause, who is always on our side. In him is our "combat strangely ended" in victory. The Resurrection of Jesus is the source of hope and faith. Easter is longer than Lent: love is stronger than death. Choose joy, therefore.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

This year we will have **two** parish **craft fairs**: as normal before Christmas, but also this year, a **Spring Craft Fair.** This will be on **30 May 2026**. We will be asking for your generous support with **tombola prizes**, **homemade cakes**, and also **your help on the day**. As always, we'll need helpers to run the **cafe**, our **plant stall**, **managing parking** and **clearing up**. Please get in touch with **Nicola Gilbert** if you are interested in helping with the fair. Email Nicola at: nicago2004@yahoo.co.uk

Green-fingered parishioners: your specific help is needed for the plant stall as part of our **Spring Craft Fair**. We will need pot plants to sell on the day, 30 May, and so you may wish to get started splitting and potting, and planting! All contributions welcome. More details will come about how and where to drop off donated plants, and also tombola items. We will not be collecting bric-a-brac items for sale this time. Proceeds will be for the parish.

St Joseph Hall suffered a serious misfortune in the high winds a few weeks before Easter. Historic water-ingress had made the ceiling plaster very brittle, and much of it was blown out in the storm. As a result of this, major repairs need to be made to the flat roof lead above the windows.

Revenue from regular Hall rentals is one of our parish's major sources of income. The necessary repair work will cost about **£10,500**. It is vital that this is undertaken quickly, to ensure that we can keep our regular bookings, which raise about £1,000 per month for the parish. The parish would be seriously affected by an income loss of this scale. This work will be started – and hopefully completed – this month.

As you know, the parish is one corporation which owns two properties. Any injury (or benefit) to one property of the parish community affects the whole (e.g. St Joseph Hall revenue helps pay Our Lady's bills, etc). We are all *one*, so these things affect *all*.

COLLECTION

Last week: **£1,143.12** (£460.37 plate + £627.75 standing order average + £55 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

Grace Silburn 1998, Betty McNamara 2005, Adelina Murray 2005, Pamela Hicks 2014, Christina Bradley 2012, Joseph Quercia 1941, George Jervis 1964, Carol Irving 2000, James Edwin Cox 2009, Michael Oliver 2004.

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