CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST JOSEPH

Sheringham & Cromer

6 Week of Easter

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

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Sunday 10 May			**6 Sunday of Easter**
Saturday	5.30pm Confessions until 5.50pm		*at Cromer*
	6pm Anticipatory Mass	Catherine Merriman +	*at Cromer*
Sunday	9am Sung Mass	Leoyano Amirthanayagam +	*at Cromer*
	11am Sung Mass	Philip Butt +	*at Sheringham*
Monday	11 May		**Easter feria**
	No Mass today		
Tuesday	12 May		**S Pancras**
	6pm Mass	Moira Otway +	*at Sheringham*
	followed by Adoration with Confessions & Benediction at 7.20pm		
Wednesday	13 May		**Apparition of the Blessed Virgin at Fatima**
	9.30am Mass	Kevin Hand +	*at Cromer*
	followed by Adoration & Benediction *and* Tea & Coffee in the Hall afterwards		
Thursday	14 May		**ASCENSION OF THE LORD**
	10am Mass	For the people	*at Cromer*
	6pm Sung Mass	Catherine Deterding +	*at Sheringham*
Friday	15 May		**Easter feria**
	9.30am Mass	Private intention (CD)	*at Cromer*
Saturday	16 May		**The Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Apostles**
	9.30am Mass	Renée Goreham	*at Sheringham*
	followed by Confessions & at the same time, the Rosary		*at Sheringham*
	12.30pm Funeral liturgy of Peter Arnold at Cromer Crematorium		
	5.30pm Confessions until 5.50pm		*at Cromer*

THURSDAY THIS WEEK IS A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

Next Sunday, there is a **second collection** for the media & communication department of the Catholic Bishop's Conference of England & Wales

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

In the **Apostles' Creed**, we say that Jesus "*descended into hell*". We probably mumble that word a little uncomfortably. But this week's feast of the **Ascension** helps us understand what the Church means by it, and why we should say it confidently. In one of the prefaces for Easter, the priest sings: "*Through [Christ] the children of light rise to eternal life, and* ***the halls of the heavenly Kingdom are thrown open*** *to the faithful; for his Death is our ransom from death, and in his rising the life of all has risen*".

Before Christ, there was no "entrance" to heaven. He is the door: the bridge spanning the gap between us that we cannot reach on our own. And so, before Christ lived and died and rose again, the righteous saints had to wait. From Adam to Joseph, they waited. When he "*descended into hell*", Christ went to gather them. There are no hidden depths, no unreachable places, no dark pasts or secrets into which Christ does not descend in order to raise us up. And because we share his flesh, he draws us with him into heaven.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Thursday, 14 May, is the Ascension of the Lord, a holyday of obligation. At the 6pm Mass, the visiting choir ***Trinity Singers*** will be singing at Mass, which is a wonderful blessing for our parish.

Next Sunday, 17 May is our **Parish Bring-and-Share Lunch** after the 11am Mass, at St Joseph Hall. Please join in, and bring something to share! Money raised will be for ***Aid to the Church in Need*: the Christian education of children in Lebanon**.

We need tombola donations for our **spring craft fair** on **Saturday 30 May** at St Joseph Hall. Please place any donations in the box at the back of church over these weeks. Help is also needed for the café. **Plants** are also needed for our plant sale…but bring them on the day (or at least close to it)! Please email Nicola at: nicago2004@yahoo.co.uk

Please pray for **Leoyano Amirthanayagam**, who has died, and all those who mourn her. A number of you will know her family who run the post office in Mundesley. Her funeral will take place in London.

Please also pray for **Philip Butt**, who has died very suddenly this week, and for our sisters Valerie and Nikki, and all his family who mourn him.

Peter Godfrey thanks everyone who has prayerfully supported him in recent months, and to inform us that a scan has shown no trace of a tumor. We give thanks to God for his healing graces.

On **Tuesday 26 May** in **St Joseph Hall** at **5pm** – before 6pm Mass – we will have our annual finance public disclosure meeting: an opportunity for us to hear about parish income and expenditure in detail.

COLLECTION

Last weekend: **£1,503.22** *(£745.72 plate + £638.50 standing order average + £119 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

Kevin Hand 1999, Catherine Deterding 1916, John Walsh 1958, Charles Cooper 1979, Irene Lang 2023, Cecilia Holt 1966, Catherine Merriman 2025, Michael Wedlake 1986, Patricia Pike 2016, John Scobie 1990, Harry Barber 1986, Gwen Scudamore 1996.

ETERNAL REST
GRANT UNTO THEM
O LORD