CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST JOSEPH

Sheringham & Cromer

7 Week of Easter

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

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Sunday 17 May			**7 Sunday of Easter**
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	Martin Harrington +	*at Sheringham*
	followed by ***Bring & Share Lunch*** *in St Joseph Hall*		
Monday	18 May		**Easter feria**
	No Mass today		
Tuesday	19 May		**S Dunstan**
	6pm Mass	Michael Otway (F)	*at Sheringham*
	followed by Adoration with Confessions & Benediction at 7.20pm		
Wednesday	20 May		**S Bernadine of Siena**
	2pm Funeral Mass of Lorraine Greer		*at* ***Cromer***
	followed by burial at Sheringham Cemetery		
Thursday	21 May		**Mexican Martyrs**
	9.30am Mass	Mervyn Player +	
	at St Andrew's Anglican Church, Church Street, Holt, NR25 6BB		
Friday	22 May		**S Rita**
	9.30am Mass	John & Leoyano Amirthanayagam +	*at Cromer*
Saturday	23 May		**Blessed Virgin Mary in Eastertide**
	9.30am Mass	Rosaleen & John O'Grady +	*at Sheringham*
	followed by Confessions & at the same time, the Rosary		*at Sheringham*
	5.30pm Confessions until 5.50pm		*at Cromer*

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

On **Tuesday 26 May** at **5pm** in **St Joseph Hall**, we will have our annual finance and maintenance public disclosure meeting

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

As the liturgy in these days awaits Pentecost, we might ask ourselves: do you remember the anniversary of your own Confirmation? Have you even been confirmed? **What is the Sacrament of Confirmation?**

Confirmation is, in a sense, the other side of the coin of Baptism. In Baptism we receive the Holy Spirit: we are conformed to Christ, made members of his Body, the Church, and adopted as children of the Father in the Holy Spirit. We belong to God. Confirmation is the "seal" given to strengthen us to live that life of discipleship fully. Immediately after Baptism - or, as is more often the case, many years later - we are sealed with the **fragrant oil of chrism**. I remember once celebrating these sacraments of initiation together for a young girl. Afterwards she said innocently: "***I smell beautiful***." Belonging to God is not slavery; it is to be clothed in God's beauty. **You are beautiful**. Over these weeks here, we will explore this sacrament.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pam Bullock & **Noemi Bullingham** are launching themselves into the heavens in a hot air balloon – *this week, weather permitting!* – and would like to seek sponsorship or donations for the parish. Please sign the list at the back of the church to sponsor.

Major essential maintenance work on the trees in our two gardens will be taking place over the next few weeks. Please note that **St Joseph Church (porch) will be closed on Wednesday 20 May** this week, and **Our Lady of Refuge car park will be closed on Thursday 28 May** next week.

We are still taking tombola donations **spring craft fair** on **Saturday 30 May** at St Joseph Hall. Please place any donations in the box at the back of church/hall. **Plants** are also needed for our plant sale…but bring them on the day! Please email Nicola at: nicago2004@yahoo.co.uk

North Norfolk SVP is arranging a **Healing Mass** with the **Sacrament of the Sick** on **Thursday 4 June** at **Our Lady of Refuge** at **2pm** (**confessions from 1pm**), followed by an **afternoon tea party**. Please contact Lorraine Henriksen on **01263 712 288** to book a lift to the Church and home again. **All are welcome**. The winter celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick at Mass has become so popular, the SVP would like to host this event twice a year!

The **cemetery** at St Joseph Church has been undergoing renovation. We have been able to create about 30 new plots, elegantly arranged. Existing reservations (4) are not changed. A new process and fee schedule for reserving spaces will be published later. Work will also be carried out at Our Lady of Refuge cemetery when funds become available to improve the boundary and create new plots.

COLLECTION

Last weekend: **£1,299.81** *(£561.31 plate + £638.50 standing order average + £100 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

Claire Griffin 1986, Alice Stringer 2001, George Quercia 1980, Winefred Denty 1984, Daphne Ogalbe 2013, Victoria Skittrall 2013, Catherine Allen 2016, Mary Kemsley 1967, Martin Kavanagh 2012, Martin Harrington 2020, William Ford 1983, Terry Desborough 2006, Michael Otway 2017, Mary Ashley 2025, Ada Carroll 1986, Angela Welland 1992, Margaret Bonshor 2013, Edwin Jones 1975, Wilfred Ascanio 1975, Angele Quercia 1987, Edmund Finch 2006, Thomas Mancini 2012.

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