CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST JOSEPH

Sheringham & Cromer

Pentecost • *Week 8 of Ordinary Time* Psalter Week IV · **Readings**: Sundays: A · Weekdays: II

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Sunday 24 May			**Pentecost • Whitsun**
Saturday	5.30pm Confessions until 5.50pm		*at Cromer*
	6pm Vigil Mass *(simple form)*	Christopher Godfrey +	*at Cromer*
Sunday	9am Sung Mass	For the people	*at Cromer*
	11am Sung Mass & confirmation	Mary Ashley +	*at Sheringham*
Monday	25 May		**Mary, Mother of the Church**
	No Mass today		
Tuesday	26 May		**S Philip Neri**
	5pm Annual financial and maintenance disclosure meeting in St Joseph Hall		
	6pm Mass	Father Tony Webb (F)	*at Sheringham*
	followed by Adoration with Confessions & Benediction at 7.20pm		
Wednesday	27 May		**S Augustine of Canterbury**
	9.30am Mass	Mavis Sturgess +	*at Cromer*
	followed by Adoration & Benediction by 10.30am, and tea & coffee in the Hall after		
Thursday	28 May		**Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest**
	9.30am Mass	Eileen & Francis Bullock (F)	
	at St Andrew's Anglican Church, Church Street, Holt, NR25 6BB		
	12.30pm Funeral vigil for Mavis Sinclair at Cromer Crematorium (Funeral on 9 June)		
Friday	29 May		**Feria** *(Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit)*
	9.30am Mass	Alice Kuriakose +	*at Cromer*
Saturday	30 May		**S Walstan**
	9.30am Mass	Mr & Mrs G.E.C. Jarvis	*at Sheringham*
	followed by Confessions & at the same time, the Rosary		*at Sheringham*
	& **Spring Craft Fair** *in St Joseph Hall*		
	5.30pm Confessions until 5.50pm		*at Cromer*

Next Sunday is the last Sunday of the month • **Old Rite Mass** at **3pm** in **St Joseph** followed by tea

Next Sunday is Trinity Sunday, which is the last opportunity to satisfy the annual Easter precept

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

Last week, we heard the words of the little girl who was confirmed with the **sacred chrism**, who said "***I smell beautiful***". St Cyril of Jerusalem made the same point: "***we are the sweet perfume of Christ***". The perfumed oil in **Confirmation** goes right back to the early church. It speaks of the joy and beauty that belong to life in Christ. **Sacraments** make use of material things and human gestures to communicate grace. Confirmation uses **sacred chrism**: a pervasive perfume signifying the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Through the sacrament, the baptised child of the Father is strengthened for a life of **obedience**, **holiness**, and **witness**. *In the past*, the perfume for our own sacred chrism was made in our cathedral. Balancing the fragrances of flowers, woods, and minerals took time to get right. Sometimes even a small drop would change the whole scent. While working on it, I often thought about the blend of our human reality. Every layer finds a place in the Lord's oil; even the smallest drop among us is essential to the whole Christ.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our **Spring Craft Fair** is this week, on **Saturday 30 May** from 10.30am. Call by for tea and cake, too. On Friday, the Hall will be set up between 12.45 and 3.30pm, and from 8am on Saturday, if you have last minute cake or plant donations.

Pam Bullock & **Noemi Bullingham** were delayed by weather in their balloon ride. A sponsorship sign up form is still available at the back for parish funds.

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.

If you have filled in new **Gift Aid declaration form** recently, **you can put it in the offertory basket**.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

In our parish, we need to adapt when and how we run pre-sacramental catechesis according to need. This year, **preparation for First Holy Communion** for children who will be **7 next year and older** will take place at **Our Lady of Refuge Hall** from **5pm** (i.e. before 6pm Mass) on **first Saturdays of the month**. The first and following meetings will be: **Saturday 4 July** at 5pm, **Saturday 1 August** at 5pm and **Saturday 5 September** at 5pm.

On **second Sundays of the month**, the **11am Mass** will continue to have a homily tailored for children.

Major essential maintenance continues on our trees in our two gardens. **Our Lady of Refuge car park will be closed on Thursday 28 May.**

COLLECTION

Last weekend: **£1,043.30** *(£285.30 plate + £638.50 standing order average + £119.50 DONA) • Bishops' Conference Media: £83.45 •* ***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

Stephen Coe 2011, Michael Sampson 2000, Tommy McKay 2005, Margaret Saunders 1967, Agnes Polydorou 1981, Fr Tony Webb 2016, Paula Ratcliffe 2001, Gerald Reid 1992 Darcy Ward 2023, Ann Henderson 2008, Eileen Bullock 2015, Anne French 1988, Lorna Dowaghe 1999, Elizabeth Brown 2009, Leslie Harrison 1978, Gerald Kaldenhoven 1986, Avis Wedlake 1992.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD