CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST JOSEPH

Sheringham & Cromer

Week 15 of Ordinary Time — Psalter Week III · **Readings**: Sundays: A · Weekdays: II

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Sunday 12 July			**15 Sunday of Ordinary Time • Sea Sunday**
Saturday	5.30pm Confessions until 5.50pm		*at Cromer*
	6pm Anticipatory Mass	For the people	*at Cromer*
Sunday	9am Sung Mass	Christopher Sibellas +	*at Cromer*
	11am Sung Mass	Kathy Rudman & Family	*at Sheringham*
Monday	13 July		**S Henry**
	No Mass today		
Tuesday	14 July		**S Camillus de Lellis**
	6pm Mass	Kevin Hand +	*at Sheringham*
	followed by Adoration with Confessions & then Benediction at 7.20pm		
Wednesday	15 July		**S Bonaventure**
	9.30am Mass	Private intention (JM)	*at Cromer*
	followed by Adoration & Benediction by 10.30am, and tea & coffee in the Hall after		
Thursday	16 July		**Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel**
	9.30am Mass	Howard Slade	
	at St Andrew's Anglican Church, Holt, NR25 6BB		
Friday	17 July		**Feria** *(Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit)*
	9.30am Mass	Justin Wiseman	*at Cromer*
Saturday	18 July		**Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday**
	9.30am Mass	Benet Bono +	*at Sheringham*
	followed by Confessions until 10.30am & at the same time, the Rosary		
	5.30pm Confessions until 5.50pm		*at Cromer*

This weekend, there is a **second collection** for ***Stella Maris***, the chaplaincy to seafarers

Stella Maris is active in our maritime diocese. Many seafarers today are from Catholic countries, struggle to keep in touch with families, and rarely get to go home or get to Mass. *Stella Maris* pro-actively helps seafarers – *about 100,000 helped in the UK in 2025* – in our diocese's many ports. Although we don't have a port in our parish, many seafarers pass by our beaches every day. Gift-aid envelopes are available in the benches.

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

The next "**quiet prayer**" of the priest at Mass comes at the Offertory, when the chalice is being prepared. As he pours water into the wine, he prays: *By the mystery of this water and wine, may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.*

This echoes a theme found throughout the Church's worship, especially at Christmas: the wonder that God became truly human so that we might share in his divine life. The Church Fathers called this the "**marvellous exchange**". Christ takes what is ours so that he may give us what is his.

The wine signifies Christ and the water signifies the faithful. Married together in the chalice, it represents the mystical union of Christ with his people, the Church, begun on the Cross when Christ pours out blood and water. Christianity is not *merely* about being good people. Notice what the prayer is actually asking for. It is asking for something much greater than self-improvement. Our life is about freely receiving, and not resisting, Christ. He will pour himself into us, reaching like liquid into every nook to transform us.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adrian Rudman's Funeral Mass will be on Monday **3 August** at **2.30pm** at the **Sacred Heart**, North Walsham, followed by a reception at the **Scarborough Hill Country Inn**. All are welcome.

Next weekend, the **Diocese of Leeds Young Persons' Choir** will sing at the **11am Mass** for their traditional annual visit.

Parishioner **Julinhio Amic** will be showing his artwork for his **first major exhibition** before he goes to art college in the autumn. The exhibition will be at **St Peter & St Paul, Oulton**, Church Lane, NR11 6NU – *between Corpusty and Aylsham* – from **21-23 August**, **10am-4pm**. There will be a private viewing at **4pm** on **21 August**.

Our summer **retreat half-days** will be at St Joseph Hall on **Saturday 1 August** and **Saturday 29 August**. Tea/coffee after Mass, begin at 10.30am, and finish at 1.30pm. Bring a packed lunch.

Parish men's group will meet on **Friday 7 August** at **6.30pm**, starting in **St Joseph Chapel**, for prayer, followed by discussion & fellowship.

Keep **Sunday 16 August** in your diary for our annual **parish barbeque**, from **12 noon** at St Joseph Garden. No tickets; donations taken on the day.

Sheringham Beach Life – ***"Life to the Full in Jesus"*** - will take place **24–27 August**: **activities for families and young people**. Fliers in the porch, and more information closer to the time about how we will prayerfully participate as a parish, too.

COLLECTION

Last week: **£1,363.70** *(plate: £473.20 + £785.50 standing order average + £105 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

Stanley Cuthbert 1956, Winifred Meek 1967, Alfonse Kut 1967, Eileen Howard 1996, Colin Gallagher 2012, Christine Bailey 1991, Marianne Jones 2025, Luisa Peyton 2016, Stephen McGuire 1983, Emily Furlong 1988, Florence Bennett 2000, Frederick Wilcock 1979, John Miller 1993, Bob Kavenagh 2000, Maureen Kavenagh 2000, Geoffrey McKenna 2005.

ETERNAL REST
GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD