CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST JOSEPH

Sheringham & Cromer

Week 14 of Ordinary Time

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

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Sunday 5 July			**14 Sunday of Ordinary Time**
Saturday	5.30pm Confessions until 5.50pm		*at Cromer*
	6pm Anticipatory Mass	For the people	*at Cromer*
Sunday	9am Sung Mass	Fr Peter Cansdale (F)	*at Cromer*
	11am Sung Mass	Anne Brennan +	*at Sheringham*
Monday	6 July		**S Maria Goretti**
	No Mass today		
Tuesday	7 July		**Feria** *(Votive Mass of the Precious Blood)*
	6pm Mass	Fr John Cureton +	*at Sheringham*
	followed by Adoration with Confessions & then Benediction at 7.20pm		
Wednesday	8 July		**S Withburga**
	9.30am Mass	Clare Dennis	*at Cromer*
	followed by Adoration & Benediction by 10.30am, and tea & coffee in the Hall after		
Thursday	9 July		**Chinese Martyrs**
	9.30am Mass	Holy Souls	
	at St Andrew's Anglican Church, Holt, NR25 6BB		
Friday	10 July		**Feria** *(Votive Mass of the Precious Blood)*
	9.30am Mass	Mr & Mrs Manu *(thanksgiving)*	*at Cromer*
Saturday	11 July		**S BENEDICT**
	9.30am Mass	Paul Finn +	*at Sheringham*
	followed by Confessions until 10.30am & at the same time, the Rosary		
	5.30pm Confessions until 5.50pm		*at Cromer*

Next weekend, there will be 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 their families, rarely get to go home or get to Mass. *Stella Maris* pro-actively helps seafarers – about 100,000 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 from this week for next week.

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

Over the summer we will look here at some words that are prayed at every single Mass, but which we probably never hear. There are a small number of **prayers at Mass said by the priest in a quiet voice**. They are not secret words, but they are easily missed. Perhaps learning a little about them can help all of us enter some moments of the liturgy every more deeply, rather than the priest keeping these treasures to himself!

The first of these prayers, surprisingly, comes immediately before and after the **proclamation of the Gospel**. Before the Gospel, the priest bows deeply and prays: ***Cleanse my heart and my lips, almighty God, that I may worthily proclaim your holy Gospel.*** And when he has finished proclaiming it, he kisses the text itself, saying: ***Through the words of the Gospel may our sins be wiped away.***

The Gospel is not simply information, nor even simply a story *about* Christ. **It is itself the living Word of God made flesh by proclamation.** It is reverenced with incense and a kiss in a personal way. The Word, Christ himself, wipes away all sin. It – *he* – brings conversion and healing. When we stand to hear him, we can make this same prayer inwardly ourselves: **that he might make our hearts as clear as glass, and open our shuttered minds to receive him**. May we receive his kiss of peace, knowing that he comes not to condemn, but to love. And later, **we consume in our mouths the very same Word-made-flesh we have heard in our ears**.

I am conscious that your regular free will giving by standing order to your parish has increased recently, and we have some new standing order givers. Thank you for your continued generosity.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

In the summer, we'll have **2 retreat half-days** at St Joseph Hall on **Saturday 1 August** and **Saturday 29 August**, looking at some different aspects of the **scriptures**. Tea/coffee after Mass, begin at 10.30am, and finish at 1.30pm. Bring a packed lunch.

On **Sunday 19 July** (in 2 weeks), we will welcome the **Diocese of Leeds Young Persons' Choir** to sing at the **11am Mass** for their traditional annual visit.

New parish men's group: after a consultation, we're going to try a parish group for men (18+) meeting about once a month, a time for prayer, discussion, and friendship. We can try different locations and formats in time, but so we can get going, the first meeting will be on **Friday 7 August** at **6.30pm**, meeting in **St Joseph Chapel** for some prayer, then moving into the Hall for discussion & fellowship.

COLLECTION

Collection including plate, DONA, and standing order averages: 13/14 June: £1,425.13 • *20/21 June:* £1,385.85 • *27/28 June:* £1,507.53 • *Life charities:* £282.60 • *Peter's Pence:* £412.26 • **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

Lilian Gunton 1982, Fr John Cureton 2005, Edward Dadd 1972, William Dockeray 2010, Eileen Crossfield 2013, Joe Hickey 2000, Gracie Jelf 1987, Jack Ashby 2001, Agnes del Riego 1952, Francis Garrard 1970, Pauline Linford 2021, Robert Smith 1985, Bernard Wilson 1985.

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GRANT UNTO THEM
O LORD