CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST JOSEPH

Sheringham & Cromer

Week 27 of Ordinary Time

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

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Sunday 4 October			**27 SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**
Saturday	5.30pm Confessions until 5.50pm		*at Cromer*
	6pm Anticipatory Mass	Esther Hegarty +	*at Cromer*
Sunday	9am Sung Mass	For the people	*at Cromer*
	11am Sung Mass	Phyllis Cleall (F)	*at Sheringham*
Monday	5 October		**S Faustina Kowalska**
	No Mass today		
Tuesday	6 October		**S Bruno**
	No Mass today		
Wednesday	7 October		**Blessed Virgin Mary of the Rosary**
	9.30am Mass	Kathleen McIlraith (F)	*at Cromer*
	followed by Adoration & Benediction by 10.30am		
Thursday	8 October		**Feria**
	No Mass today		
Friday	9 October		**S JOHN HENRY NEWMAN**
	12noon Mass *according to the Ordinariate Use*		*at Sheringham*
Saturday	10 October		**S Paulinus**
	9.30am Mass	Fr Francis Armstrong +	*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 **CAFOD** • *Gift-aid envelopes available*

Because of the parish pilgrimage this week, there are only weekday Masses on Wednesday, Friday & Saturday. Please carefully check the newsletter Mass time schedule!

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

Dryness in prayer is different from everyday distractions. It means a lack of enthusiasm for conversation with Christ. St Teresa identified three sources of this dryness. First, that our **spiritual life needs developing**: a lack of preparation for prayer by filling the mind with thoughts of God from reading or devotional activity, an attachment to sin, not making use of confession may contribute towards this. Second, **involuntary circumstances**, such as anxiety, tiredness, or sickness. In these cases, we do what we can – if anything – to alleviate those circumstances, and otherwise we must endure the dry time in prayer without any sense of consolation. Perseverance is radically underrated in our society, and is a witness in itself. Third, **dryness experienced by those well-schooled in meditative prayer may be God purifying the heart** as he gets us to focus on the God of Consolation, not the consolations of God.

We will look at St Teresa's suggestions about all this next week!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

On **Sunday 18 October**, at **5pm** at St Joseph, we will be having our **Musical Oratory:** ***a celebration of John Henry Newman in music, poetry and prose***. For our celebration of Newman in the Hall afterwards, you are needed and warmly invited to **bring some bring and share food and drink for the common table**.

Volunteers are needed willing to be called upon to help with **practical needs** at parish events (e.g. tables, chairs, marshalling). If you can help, even occasionally, to be called upon, please make yourself known after Mass. The more the volunteers, the less the burden! So the more the merrier!

Looking ahead to the spring, **we would like to receive donations of spring flowering bulbs** (e.g. daffodils, hyacinths, muscari, tulips, etc.). These can then be planted in our gardens this autumn.

We are happy to be able to welcome the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham to **St Joseph** on **Friday**, who will be celebrating **Mass at 12noon** according to the Ordinariate liturgical use to celebrate St John Henry Newman. **Parishioners are warmly encouraged to attend**.

The pre-Christmas **Autumn Craft Fair** will take place in **St Joseph Hall** on **Saturday 31 October**, **10am-2pm**, including our **café** and **tombola** and chatterbox stall, as well as professional crafters. This year, **we need cakes and biscuits** for the café and for sale, tombola prizes, and **we need good quality puzzles and books** to sell. Please contact Nicola Gilbert (nicago2004@yahoo.co.uk) for more info or to volunteer to help. **We also need some robust volunteers** to assist with some physical tasks including tables and car park management.

COLLECTION

Last week: **£1,459.25** *(plate: £680.05+ £619.20 standing order average + £160 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

Fr Francis Armstrong 1967, Kathleen McIlraith 2016, George Leggett 1985, Andrew Manes 1998, Gwendolin Faupel 1998, Dolores Maddison 2001, Norman Brown 2011, Phyllis Cleal 1996, Gino Tadeschi 2014, Robert Lilley 1984, Annie Jalings 1990, Patrick Casey 2011, Bridie Uprichard 1984, Joan Silburn 2016, Cyril Millett 1992, Ethel Frost 1971, Maria Peers 1999, Joseph Volp 2007, John Plowright 1982, Ester Fox 2006, Thomas Byrne 1971, Molly Cullen 2014.

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