CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST JOSEPH

Sheringham & Cromer

Week 28 of Ordinary Time

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

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Sunday 11 October			**28 SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**
Saturday	5.30pm Confessions until 5.50pm		*at Cromer*
	6pm Anticipatory Mass	Rossi, Campbell & Docherty families	*at Cromer*
Sunday	9am Sung Mass	For the people	*at Cromer*
	11am Sung Mass	Michael Smith +	*at Sheringham*
Monday	12 October		**S Wilfrid**
	No Mass today		
Tuesday	13 October		**S Edward**
	6pm Mass	Margaret Lambert +	*at Sheringham*
	followed by Adoration with Confessions & then Benediction at 7.20pm		
Wednesday	14 October		**S Callistus**
	9.30am Mass	Holy Souls	*at Cromer*
	followed by Adoration & Benediction by 10.30am		
Thursday	15 October		**S Teresa of Avila**
	9.30am Mass	Private intention	
	at St Andrew's Anglican Church, Holt, NR25 6BB		
Friday	16 October		**S Margaret Mary Alacoque**
	9.30am Mass	Holy Souls	*at Cromer*
Saturday	17 October		**S Ignatius of Antioch**
	9.30am Mass	Leo W. F. Currie (F)	*at Sheringham*
	followed by Confessions until 10.30am & at the same time, the Rosary		
	5.30pm Confessions until 5.50pm		*at Cromer*

Next Sunday, there will be a **second collection** for ***Missio*** • *It's time also to get your* Missio *red boxes emptied*! • If you would like a red box to collect for the missions, speak to Linda or Fr Simon.

In **September**, our total Sunday Mass average was **213**. The most-attended Mass on average was the 11am, followed by the 3pm, 6pm and 9am.

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

St Teresa teaches that when we face **dryness in prayer** (*a lack of desire to converse with Christ, or a weariness or boredom towards him*), we should approach it with **acceptance** and **perseverance**. **To serve even when there is no delight in serving is itself an act of love.** God can use these times of dryness to draw out a more mature love in us: a love that does not depend on what we get in return. In our earthly relationships, for example, when caring for a sick relative, we may find ourselves giving without receiving much back. We continue because we love them: love is a choice. Likewise, in our time with God, even when we are not "feeling it", we can choose to remain in his presence. In her own simple way, she said "it's only a headache; you can still decide to be with him". Dryness is real, and it is difficult. But it can also be an opportunity to grow in love. We keep the time we have committed to him, not because we expect to feel something, but because **he is worth our time even when prayer brings us no consolation**.

Thursday this week is the feast day of St Teresa. We have been exploring with her the importance of mental prayer – our *conversation with Christ*. If we can, perhaps we might come to Mass on Thursday to ask for her help in our prayer life, but otherwise on that day keep a spirit of thanksgiving for her in our prayers.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next 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 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.

If you would like to donate any spring flowering bulbs, please place them in the basket at the back.

COLLECTION

Last week's collection figures will be available next week • **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

Dorothy Pegrum 2007, Julie Kavenagh 1995, William Ratcliffe 2009, George Ferguson 1998, William Silburn 1992, Cecil Hemus 1977, Kathleen Lavender 1987, Michael Barnard 2022.

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