CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST JOSEPH

Sheringham & Cromer

Week 34 of Ordinary Time

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

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Sunday 22 November			**CHRIST THE KING**
Saturday	5.30pm Confessions until 5.50pm		*at Cromer*
	6pm Anticipatory Mass	For the people	*at Cromer*
Sunday	9am Sung Mass	Vidal da Costa +	*at Cromer*
	11am Sung Mass	Rebecca Carpenter	*at Sheringham*
Monday	23 November		**S Clement**
	No Mass today		
Tuesday	24 November		**Vietnamese Martyrs**
PARISH TIDY UP	6pm Mass	Holy Souls	*at Sheringham*
	followed by Adoration with Confessions & then Benediction at 7.20pm		
Wednesday	25 November		**S Catherine of Alexandria**
	9.30am Mass	Rinu Matthew *(thanksgiving)*	*at Cromer*
	followed by Adoration & Benediction by 10.30am, and tea & coffee in the Hall after		
Thursday	26 November		**Feria**
	9.30am Mass	Mary Jensen +	
	at St Andrew's Anglican Church, Holt, NR25 6BB		
Friday	27 November		**Feria** *(Mass of the Dead)*
	9.30am Mass	Holy Souls	*at Cromer*
Saturday	28 November		**Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday**
	9.30am Mass	Colin & Cathy Fisher	*at Sheringham*
	followed by Confessions *until* 10.30am *and, at the same time, the* Rosary		
	5.30pm Confessions until 5.50pm		*at Cromer*

Our **October Mass attendance average** was **196**. The most attended Mass on average was the 3pm, followed by 11am, 6pm, and 9am • Next weekend is the **last Sunday of the month**: Mass in the Old Rite at St Joseph at 3pm, followed by tea and coffee • Next Sunday is the **First Sunday of Advent**: Masses will use Penitential Act 2 (Have mercy on us, O Lord); Eucharistic Prayer II for Reconciliation will be regularly used; the *Alma Redemptoris Mater* is sung from next weekend until Candlemas.

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

St Petroc was the son of a king who renounced his royal claims and chose instead the monastic life. He went to Cornwall in the sixth century, establishing communities around Padstow and Bodmin. He became known for his life of contemplative prayer and the missionary work that flowed from it. He was also associated with the taming of wild animals and having a particular care for creation. Once, he sheltered a stag being hunted by a nobleman. Remarkably, the nobleman respected St Petroc's authority and abandoned his sport. St Petroc commanded a respect that came not from a worldly crown, but from the authenticity of his life.

Earthly authority is necessary for the common good. It roots us in reality and in the inheritance of our ancestors, through which wisdom is passed on. But no earthly authority is an end in itself. We seem to be in **another era of big-ego politics and party wisdom**, in which the possession and exercise of power is an end in itself. St Petroc reminds us that we must never grasp at power for our own glory. Whatever type of authority we have, we hold in trust. We are all servants of the Lord Jesus: Christ our Universal King shows us that true authority is not about getting others to stroke our egos, but about giving ourselves in his image.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cantamus Choir will be singing a concert of joyful Christmas music of all types at **Our Lady of Refuge** on **Sunday 6 December** at **3pm**, with refreshments. Free admission; retiring collection.

On **Thursday 10 December,** there will be our Advent **Mass for the Sick** followed by the Christmas Tea Party with sing-along carols at **Our Lady of Refuge**, kindly organised and hosted by the **SVP**. Confessions from 1pm, **Mass at 2pm**. If you need transport to and from home, please contact Lorraine on 01263 712 288.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the **Christmas shoebox appeal**: our parish donated 48 boxes. Added to those from other Christian communities in our parish, **157 boxes**!

Advent retreat half-day/talk *(2 different topics, to help us find a quiet moment before the storm!)*:

Saturday 12 December at St Joseph: 10.30am start (after Mass & Confessions), finish by 1pm. Bring a packed lunch. *Theme*: **St John the Baptist**

Wednesday 23 December at Our Lady of Refuge: 10.30am start (after benediction), finish by 12.30pm, with tea and coffee. *Theme*: **O Antiphons**

We need a **volunteer** to succeed Peter Godfrey in **running** the parish **100 Club**, an administrative work which involves renewal of subscriptions each new year, and checking to make sure the payments to winners are made each month. Peter and Breeda have set up a smooth system, so you just have to slot into it, but some digital awareness is required.

COLLECTION

7/8 November: **£1,509.10** • *14/15 November:* **£1,394.65** • **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

Anne Freestone 2014, Thomas Upcher 1985, Mary Facon 1963, John Macovich 2020, Kathleen Kleban 2005, Brenda Eckersley 2000, Lawrence Gardiner 2009 John Wall 2023, Louise Williamson 2011, Theo Nunn 2001, John Whelan 1966, Arthur Cook 1981 Brigid Francis 2023.

ETERNAL REST
GRANT UNTO THEM
O LORD