

**PARISH OF THE SACRED HEART
AND ST.MARGARET MARY, EAST DEREHAM, NORFOLK**

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JULY 6th 2014 : FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6.0pm Int. For the People
Sunday 9.0am Int.
11.0am Int. Maxine Barnwell

Weekday Masses

Monday FERIA
8.0am Int. Pamela Barnwell
Tuesday FEAST OF ST.WITHBURGA
10.0am Int.
Wednesday FERIA
11.0am Int. *FUNERAL MASS FOR JOE
WINANDY RIP*
Thursday FERIA
No services today
Friday FEAST OF ST.BENEDICT
10.0am Int. Union of Catholic Mothers
Saturday FERIA
10.30am Int.
6.0pm Int. For the People

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday Noon and 5.30pm, or by appointment.

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday 10.30am; Benediction at 11.0am.

The Rosary Friday 10.30am

The Divine Office

The Office is said a quarter of an hour before the Mass on Weekdays. This week we use Psalter Week 2

The Mass today The readings can be found on p.99 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.737 of The Sunday Missal.

At the 6.0pm Mass **Eucharistic Prayer 1**
Sanctus & Benedictus Parish Mass Book p.24
Hymns (*Angelus*) 721, 753

At the 9.0am Mass **Eucharistic Prayer 3**
Sanctus & Benedictus Parish Mass Book p.24
Hymns 720, 600, 716

At the 11.0am Mass **Eucharistic Prayer 2**
Gloria Sacred Heart
Sanctus & Benedictus Parish Mass Book p.24
Hymns 788, 683, 643, (*Angelus*) 761

The Psalm Response for all of the Masses is printed at the bottom of the page.

This Sunday the quarter-hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before Mass will precede the 6.0pm Mass. Next Sunday, it will take place before the 9.0am Mass.

THIS WEEK

Monday Mass today is at 8.0am, as the Bishop is visiting the St.Francis' School in Norwich, and Fr.John, as School Chaplain, has to concelebrate the Mass with him at 9.45am.

7.30pm Queen of Peace Prayer Group, at the Presbytery. All welcome.

Tuesday FEAST OF ST.WITHBURGA, PATRON SAINT OF OUR TOWN. Mass at 10.0am.

Wednesday 11.0am Funeral Mass for Joe Winandy. No 10.0am Mass today.

Saturday 10.30am-11.30am Saturday Club, for young people aged five to twelve. The First Holy Communion children will have a short Penitential Service at 11.30pm, in preparation for their First Holy Communion tomorrow.

Next Sunday The First Holy Communion will take place at the 11.0am Mass. Everyone is welcome to attend of course, but please note that the main part of the church will be reserved for the children and their families

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries Kay Vincent (2011). May she Rest in Light and Peace.

Money Matters Last Sunday, £464.92 was given at the Offertory, and a further £128.43 in the retiring collection, which was for Peter's Pence. next Sunday there will be a retiring collection for The Apostleship of the Sea (Sea Sunday).

Fr. John's Holiday After the First Holy Communion Mass next Sunday, Fr. John leaves for a ten-day summer holiday. On the Sunday when he is away, Fr. Michael Johnstone, formerly our neighbour at Swaffham, will be covering the Masses, and will be staying overnight at the Presbytery. I wonder whether someone would like to give him an evening meal on the Saturday evening? Please tell me if you can help.

Union of Catholic Mothers Brenda May writes 'UCM meets this week on THURSDAY 10th at 1.15pm at the church for a short business meeting, before our visit to DALE FARM at 2.0pm. All members of the parish are welcome, please bring your friends and/or spouse to Dale Farm with us, to enjoy the splendid garden, with tea and homemade cakes. There is a £6.0 charge, which goes to cancer-related charities. Please meet at the car park at 1.50pm, so that we can share cars where possible. The driveway into Dale Farm is on the left, immediately turning into Sandy Lane. Alternatively, please use the car park in Swaffham Road, just after Becclesgate. (No meeting on Wednesday 9th).

HAVE YOU GOT YOUR ANSWER READY?

4: *'WHY SHOULDN'T A WOMAN HAVE AN ABORTION? IT'S HER BODY, AFTER ALL'*

It is quite true that a woman who finds herself with an unwanted pregnancy has rights, because yes, her body is deeply involved in the

situation. But she is not the only one who has rights, not the only one whose rights and well-being must be taken into consideration. There is also the unborn child, which also, like the mother, has rights. And central to his or her rights is the right to life.

We Catholics believe that once conception has taken place, a new person has come into being; that God has given that person a soul, and the potential to gradually develop into a fully-fashioned human being. In a surprisingly short time the embryo becomes recognizable as a person. What the mother is bearing in her womb doesn't suddenly become a human being at the moment of birth, or just a few weeks earlier. That is ridiculous. Of course those who find abortion convenient or profitable don't like to refer to what they kill in the womb as a 'baby'; but that's what it is. And the action, in breaking the commandment 'Thou shalt not kill' goes not just against human law, but against natural law – law which has been embedded by God in the very nature of things. Killing a fellow human being is always wrong, and it is especially horrible when a mother gives consent to the action. Because the love of a mother for its offspring is something else which is embedded in the natural order of things.

So we Catholics can't accept that the mother has a right to kill, or to consent in the killing, of her child. For killing is what abortion is. Its supporters prefer to call it 'termination', which sounds nicer. There is much double-thinking and hypocrisy in this matter.

We must, of course, always feel a real sympathy for women whose lives have got in a mess, and most especially for those women who have been raped. We must be compassionate always, whilst recognizing and naming what is wrong.

There are two things that the Church must do. First, to strongly oppose abortion, a wrong which is so widespread in our society. We must take every opportunity to talk about the value and sacredness of human life. But second, we must give every help to women who are tempted to use abortion as a last resort. They need support and practical help. And as for those women who have had abortions, they too will need our help, because often they are traumatized, and for long afterwards feel a burden of guilt. We need to show them the mercy and compassion of our loving God.