

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

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APRIL 7th 2013 : SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6.0pm Int. For the People
Sunday 9.0am Int.
11.0am Int.+Arthur Boyce

Weekday Masses

Monday SOLEMNITY OF THE
ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
9.0am Int. Union of Catholic Mothers
Tuesday EASTER FERIA
No services today
Wednesday EASTER FERIA
No services today
Thursday EASTER FERIA
No services today
Friday EASTER FERIA
No services today
Saturday EASTER FERIA
10.30am Int. For those being married today
6.0pm Int. For the People

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday Noon and 5.30pm, or by appointment.

The Divine Office

The Office will be said a quarter of an hour before the Mass on Monday and Saturday. This week we use Psalter Week 2

The Mass today

The readings can be found on p.263 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.465 of The Sunday Missal.

At the 6.0pm Mass Eucharistic Prayer 1
Sanctus & Benedictus Schubert
Hymns (*Regina Coeli*) 270, 278
At the 9.0am Mass Eucharistic Prayer 1
Sanctus & Benedictus Schubert
Hymns 275, 269, 283
At the 11.0am Mass Eucharistic Prayer 3
Gloria Sacred Heart
Sanctus & Benedictus Schubert
Hymns 268, 644, (*Regina Coeli*) 853
The Psalm Response for all of the Masses is printed at the bottom of the page.

In Eastertide, we sing *REGINA COELI* in place of *ANGELUS* :

*Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, Alleluia!
He whom thou wast meet to bear, Alleluia!
As he promised, hath arisen, Alleluia!
Pour for us to Him thy prayer, Alleluia!
V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia!
R. For the Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!*
Let us pray.
O God, who by the Resurrection of thy Son., Our Lord Jesus Christ, hast vouchsafed to bring joy to the whole world, grant, we beseech thee, that aided by the prayers of his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we too may come to the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Fr.John is hoping to have a short Easter Break this week : he will be away from after the Mass on Monday until Friday evening.

Today 12.15pm Baptism of Austen Clarke.

Monday Please note that the Mass today, for the transferred Solemnity of the Annunciation, will be at 9.0am.

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

Saturday Saturday Club remains on holiday.

2.30pm Marriage of Christopher Bingham and Jessica Lowery, at Mattishall Burgh Church.

4.30pm Convalidation of the Marriage of Laura and Kastriot, here.

PARSIH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries Tim Lynch (2002), Trixie Gibbons (1997), Frederick Dance (2008), and Eric Brown (1992). May they Rest in Peace.

Money Matters Last Sunday, £1536.04 was given at the Offertory. The collection for SVP on Maundy Thursday raised £126.48, and that for the Holy Land Shrines on Good Friday, £216.02.

Thank you to all who contributed towards our keeping of Holy Week – our Sacristans, Readers, Lay-ministers, Servers, Organists, and Flower Arrangers. Your work and diligence was much appreciated.

I FEAR YOU'VE BEEN TAKEN-IN

There were some good things about Holy Week and Easter (apart from the poor attendances at the important Liturgies on Maundy Thursday and Holy Saturday) but one thing that causes me particular concern is the very small number of people who made their Confession before Easter this year. Far fewer than ever before. Someone suggested that my personal lack of competence in the Confessional has led people to go elsewhere. I can't help but agree with the first part of that suggestion, but I'm dubious about the truth of the second. I know that a few people do go elsewhere for Confession, which is fine, but I suspect that the number is very small. Most of you, I suspect just haven't bothered.

What has gone wrong? Clearly the Enemy has been getting at you. Of course I don't know what insidious suggestions he's made, what lies he's told you. But I can hazard some guesses.

Maybe he's told you that sin doesn't really matter. But of course it does. Our sin, our disobedience, creates a blockage between us and God, and more particularly a blockage in the channels of grace. Only God's forgiveness can remove that blockage, and so restore the clear passage of grace into our hearts.

Maybe he's told you that forgiveness is available – much more comfortably – without going to Confession. If that is the case, then why did Jesus institute this Sacrament, on the first Easter night, when he said to his Apostles – the fountainhead of the ordained ministry of the Church – 'whosoever sins you forgive will be forgiven'? Confession is Jesus' way of giving us forgiveness, so there cannot be a better way.

Maybe he's told you that you've not really done anything wrong, that only if you'd committed rape or murder or whatever would you need to go to Confession. Don't be taken in. All sin damages our relationship with God, and the Church urges us to confess venial as well as mortal sins. Do you really think that you are without sin? St. John says that the person who thinks that he is sinless simply deceives himself.

Maybe he's told you that you are too busy to go to Confession, that you've got better things to do. Then ask yourself what things are more important than the things of God, including your own sanctification and salvation. Too busy for God? Too busy to receive a precious gift that he wants to give to you? We need to apprehend what things really matter.

Maybe he's tried one of those old chestnuts such as 'the priest might tell someone', or 'the priest might think the worse of me', or 'the priest might be shocked at what I'm really like'. Rubbish. The priest is bound to complete secrecy, he never thinks the worse of a penitent – he's a penitent himself – and he's pretty unshockable. He's heard it all before, sadly, many many times.

Yes, I don't of course know what particular line the devil has taken with you. But he's clearly had a field day in the parish. If he's stopped you coming to Confession, his next move will be to tell you it's not worth coming to Mass. Once we stop going to Confession, we are on a slippery slope. Act now. Stop listening to him. Say with Our Lord 'begone, Satan'. And then know once more the joy of sin forgiven, in the particular way that God, in his infinite love, has given to us.