

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

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DECEMBER 9th 2012 : SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday Masses

Saturday	6.0pm Int. +Phyllis Thurstance
Sunday	9.0am Int. For the People
	11.0am Int.+Adrian Ring-Davies

Weekday Masses

Monday	MARTYRS OF EAST ANGLIA
10.0am Int.	+Nan McIlwane
Tuesday	ADVENT FERIA
10.0am Int.	+Judith Snelling
Wednesday	ADVENT FERIA
	No services today
Thursday	ST.LUCY
	No services today
Friday	ST.JOHN OF THE CROSS
10.0am Int.	
Saturday	ADVENT FERIA
10.30am Int.	
	6.0pm Int. +Tony, George, and Agnes Harmer

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.85 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.65 of The Sunday Missal.

At the 6.0pm Mass	Eucharistic Prayer 2
<i>Sanctus & Benedictus</i>	Parish Mass Book p.32
Hymns	(Angelus) 94, 874
At the 9.0am Mass	Eucharistic Prayer 3
<i>Sanctus & Benedictus</i>	Parish Mass Book p.32
Hymns	110, 102, 887
At the 11.0am Mass	Eucharistic Prayer 1
<i>Kyries</i>	497
<i>Sanctus & Benedictus</i>	Parish Mass Book p.32
Hymns	704, 116, 607 (Angelus) 720
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 9.0am Mass. Next Sunday, it will take place before the 11.0am Mass.

THIS WEEK

Monday	7.30pm Queen of Peace Prayer Group, at the Presbytery. All welcome.
Wednesday	No Mass today or tomorrow ; Fr.John hopes to make his annual visit to his family graves in Chester.
7.30pm	SVP meets at the Presbytery.
Saturday	10.30am-11.30am Saturday Club, for young people aged five to twelve.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries Olive Thompson (1991), John Hauzoter (2008), and Bridget Barthy (1993). RIP

Money Matters Last Sunday £520.83 was given at the Offertory. Next Sunday there will be a retiring collection for the Dependant Priests Fund.

130 Club - November Draw

1st Prize	£20	Joan Faulkner
2nd Prize	£15	Lynda Hogan
3rd Prize	£10	Helen Wood
4th Prize	£10	Derrick Harris
5th prize	£10	Kitty Coughlin

The Repository Diana Cater writes

'Just to remind you that Christmas Cards, Diaries, etc. will only be available this week and next from the Repository. Get yours now whilst stocks last!'

UCM Cake Stall Update Mary Shutt writes
'The Cake Stall last weekend raised £104. This will go towards UCM charities. We think that this was a great effort by all concerned, and many thanks to all for your kind generosity.'

The Parish Christmas Card Once again you have an alternative to sending out Christmas Cards to your friends within the Parish : there is a 'card' on the Notice board at the back of Church which you can sign, conveying your good wishes to one and all – and then place the money you save in the plastic canister nearby, which will go to the childrens' charity which the Parish supports, *LET THE CHILDREN LIVE!* As ever, it seems ton be a very good idea.....

Christmas Mass Times One or two people have already asked about these. Last year, we tried using the Sunday morning Mass times on Christmas morning – 9.0am and 11.0am. But this year I'm inclined to go back to just having one Mass on Christmas morning, at 10.0am. Not least because it probably won't be possible to have music at 11.0am, whereas William has kindly said that he will be available to play at 10.0am. So Christmas Mass times will be 6.0pm on Christmas Eve, Midnight, and then 10.0am on Christmas morning. I hope that this suits everyone.

ADVENT PURPLE

When I put out the purple hangings for the beginning of Advent last Sunday, I thought how nice the church looked. Purple is a dignified colour, 'serious', as I say to the children, and yet one that is rich rather than sad or sombre. As such, it is ideally suited for this holy season of

Advent. The theme of Advent is a serious one – the Coming of Christ, a coming for which we must be ready. Already we have thought about the Coming in Glory at the end of time, when the Christ will conduct the last judgement. And now this Sunday we hear St.John the Baptist urge us to be prepared to meet the Lord – prepared through repentance and amendment. This is a serious call, which all of us must be ready to answer.

But also that hope for the future which we contemplate during Advent is a rich one. The Christ will come in mercy, as well as in judgement, he will come – as we thought last week – as our Liberator. The General Resurrection will take place, and the Kingdom will be inaugurated in its fullness. We await the Coming of the King.

Of course Purple is used not just during Advent (and Lent) ; it is the normal colour for funerals. And again, it is most apt, for there again there is both a seriousness and a richness. Death, and the time of Preparation which follows it (Purgatory) is a serious matter ; but also our future hope, with the promise of the resurrection to eternal life, is a wonderfully rich one. The colour Purple speaks of both these things.

THE PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23rd, 12.30pm
at the Yaxham Village Hall**

Tickets go on sale today : as last year, Adults £6,
Children £3 (including present)

Those bringing dishes to share get one
complimentary tick per dish.

(If you are bringing a dish, please put it down on
the list on the noticeboard ; if you are buying a
childrens' ticket, please put down the child's name
and age on the other list to be found there)

The lunch will be followed by the traditional
BETHLEHEM TABLEAUX, and a
visit from santa claus

Found I found the strangest thing on the carpet in the Presbytery dining room yesterday – a hairgrip. I don't think it can be mine.....