

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

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MARCH 11th 2012 : THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6.0pm Int. +Bill Sibley (VB)
Sunday 9.0am Int. For the People
11.0am Int. +Norbert Coughton

Weekday Masses

Monday LENT FERIA
9.0am Int. A Special Intention
Tuesday LENT FERIA
9.0am Int. +Fintam, Margaret, and Thomas
Wednesday LENT FERIA Dunne
10.0am Int. +Lilian Carter
Thursday LENT FERIA
No services today
Friday LENT FERIA
10.0am Int. +Nell Bradley
Saturday FEAST OF ST.PATRICK
10.30am Int. +Mona Murphy
6.0pm Int. +Jeremiah Ryan

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday Noon and 5.30pm, or by appointment.

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday 9.30am; Benediction at 10.0am.

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 3

The Mass today

The readings can be found on p.154 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.192 of The New Sunday Missal.

At the 6.0pm Mass Eucharistic Prayer 2

Sanctus & Benedictus Mass Book p.25

Hymns (Angelus) 811, 874
At the 9.0am Mass Eucharistic Prayer 3
Sanctus & Benedictus Mass Book p.25
Hymns 753, 797, 938
At the 11.0am Mass Eucharistic Prayer 1
Kyries 497
Sanctus & Benedictus Mass Book p.25
Hymns 962, 955, (Angelus) 205

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.

THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT

Monday, 7.30pm-8.30pm, Presbytery
QUEEN OF PEACE PRAYER GROUP

Tuesday, 7.30pm-8.30pm, Narthex
**'RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL SON'
DISCUSSION GROUP**

Wednesday, at 2.0pm
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Led by members of UCM

Friday, 12.30pm-2.0pm, Presbytery
LENT LUNCH FOR CAFOD

ALSO THIS WEEK

Monday Please note that Mass today and tomorrow is at 9.0am, because of Fr. John's duties as Chaplain at the St. Thomas More School.

Wednesday 6.30pm-8.0pm Young Teenage Group, postponed from last week.

Friday 11.0am The ABC group meets at the Presbytery.

Saturday 10.30am-11.30am Saturday Club, for young people aged five to twelve.

Next Sunday Mothering Sunday. Posies will be blessed at both the 9.0am and 11.0am Masses.

FEAST OF ST. PATRICK

Next Saturday

10.30am Mass of the Feast
(Childrens' Mass – all welcome)

7.30pm ST. PATRICK'S DAY SUPPER
in the Narthex. 3 course, £10
bring your own alcoholic drinks ;
please buy your tickets after Mass today.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries Catherin Hare (1995), Charles Christie (1995), Pauline Fenton (2005), Winifred Wake (1997), Betty Lynch (2002), Deane Andrews (2007), Maurice de Chenu (1999), and Charles Hixson. May they Rest in Peace.

Money Matters Last Sunday £478.78 was given at the Offertory, and £622.01 in the retiring collection, which was for CAFOD. On Friday, £67.00 was raised by the CAFOD Lent Lunch, for which Mad Knight kindly made the soup.

Gift Aid Scheme Brian Moran writes 'Gift Aid envelopes for the financial year 2012-2013 are available for collection at the back of church. The boxes of envelopes are in alphabetical order and parishioners are requested to collect them as soon as possible. Please note that due to people leaving the parish, I have rationalized the numbering system. You may find that your number is different to the one you had last year. Thank you for your support of the Gift Aid Scheme, which is vital to our parish finances.'

Justice and Peace Brian Moran writes 'the group would like to thank parishioners for their support of our Lenten cheese & wine quiz evening last Saturday. It was very enjoyable, and we raised the sum of £200. We will divide this between our two nominated charities – Aid to the Church in Need and the Sisters of Notre Dame School in Kulende, Nigeria.'

THIRD AND FINAL

Last Thursday, BBC 4 showed the last of the series *CATHOLICS*, which I know that some of you have been watching. It was all filmed in and around Westminster Cathedral, and the subject was Catholic Women, of whom a good cross section were interviewed. Personally, I thought that the programme presented a fair and on the whole an attractive picture – after, that is, the initial pronouncement of the old misconception that 'most of the people who attend church are female'!

Something from the programme which struck me is the fact that Catholic women (like, I suppose, Catholic men) fall into two categories: namely those who accept, and seek to live by, the whole teaching and discipline of the Church, and those who see themselves as the final arbitrators of what is true and right, and who consequently decide for themselves what they will accept and what they won't. Cardinal Hume used to call the second group *a la carte* Catholics.

Two questions. First, which of the two groups do you fall in to? And Second, which attitude towards the teaching and the discipline of the Church best exhibits that humility which Our Lord urged upon his disciples? And which best accords with His words 'unless you become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven'?

BETTER TOGETHER

I'm sad that many (most?) parishioners have not yet joined in any of our parish Lent Activities – the Monday night Prayer Group, the Tuesday evening Discussion Group, the Lent Lunches, the Stations of the Cross.... I'm sure that you are praying, fasting, and giving alms on your own, but it is also good to do things together, not least in order to encourage one another. Maybe you don't like being with your fellow Catholics? Splendid – here then is the perfect Lenten penance for you!