

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

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DECEMBER 15th 2013 : THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6.0pm Int. +Fred Evans
Sunday 9.0am Int. +Francis Lynch
11.0am Int. Frank & Katherine
Vella (Golden Wedding)

Weekday Masses

Monday ADVENT FERIA
10.0am Int. +James Hughes
Tuesday ADVENT FERIA
10.0am Int. +Edgar Barnes
Wednesday ADVENT FERIA
10.0am Int. Edward Cushen
Thursday ADVENT FERIA
No services today
Friday ADVENT FERIA
10.0am Int. +Alec & Jim Macdonald
Saturday ADVENT FERIA
10.30am Int. Calv. & Becky
6.0pm Int. +Tony Harmer, and George &
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 3

The Mass today The readings can be found on
p.88 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.36 of The
Sunday Missal.

At the 6.0pm Mass **Eucharistic Prayer 3**
Sanctus & Benedictus Parish Mass Book p.25
Hymns (*Angelus*) 983, 94

At the 9.0am Mass **Eucharistic Prayer 1**
Sanctus & Benedictus Parish Mass Book p.25
Hymns 92, 102, 100

At the 11.0am Mass **Eucharistic Prayer 2**
Kyries Hymn Book p.497
Sanctus & Benedictus Parish Mass Book p.25
Hymns 105, 983, 627, (*Angelus*) 100
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, held this week at Dumpling Green. Details
from Fr.John. All welcome.

Saturday 10.30am until Noon Saturday Club,
for young people aged five to twelve. Please note
the longer time this week, necessary for the final
rehearsal of the Bethlehem Tableaux tomorrow.
5.30pm Fr.Peter Rollings, Parish Priest of
King's Lynn, will be available to hear Confessions
before Christmas (Fr.John will be at King's Lynn,
for the same purpose.)

Times for Confessions on Monday 23rd and
Tuesday 24th will be printed in next week's
Newsheet

NEXT SUNDAY
THE PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH
at the Yaxham Village Hall
from 12.30pm

PLEASE BUY YOUR TICKETS TODAY
Adults £6, Children £3 (inc. a present)
A complimentary ticket for each dish you bring
to share (please put down what you are
bringing on the noticeboard ; hot dishes should
arrive hot, and only need warming.)
If you are purchasing a children's ticket,
please put the child's name and age on the
other notice, so that Santa can bring an
appropriate gift.)
Hot and cold drinks provided,
but please bring your own alcoholic drinks.

The Lunch will be followed by the
BETHLEHEM TABLEAUX
AND CAROLS
and by a
VISIT FROM FATHER CHRISTMAS

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries Evelyn Flanagan (2000), Pat Chapman (2005), Gabriel Shelley (2011), Margaret Doherty (2002), and Patricia Huizar (2005). May they Rest in Peace.

Money Matters Last Sunday £4462.21 was given at the Offertory. Today there is a retiring collection for the Dependent Priests Fund. If you would like to use Gift Aid, you will find a special envelope on the table at the back of church.

The 'Parish Christmas Card' Once again you are invited to sign the 'card' at the back of church, and put a contribution into the nearby box, rather than send individual cards to members of the congregation. This year we will again be supporting the childrens' charity *LET THE CHILDREN LIVE!*

UCM Cake/Gift Stall update Mary Shutt writes 'The money raised over the last two

weekends came to £369.40. This will go to UCM charities. Many thanks to all who gave, bought, and donated.'

Confirmation I hadn't really intended having another Confirmation in the Parish until 2015, but as one or two people have asked about this Sacrament, I'm wondering whether we should maybe think about a Confirmation next year? Our new Bishop has made two changes to the diocesan rules concerning Confirmation. First, he has reduced the age slightly : people can now begin preparation when they reach the age of thirteen. This change has been made so that Confirmation occurs before a person becomes involved with preparation for GCSE. The second change is that he intends to conduct Confirmations between Easter and July each year. So if we were to go ahead, I think we would be thinking of beginning preparation in mid-January, with fortnightly sessions leading towards a Confirmation in late June/early July. If we are to go ahead, we would need to have at least half a dozen serious candidates, and I would need to book a date with Bishop's House very early in the New Year. So if anyone is interested, please tell me as soon as possible.

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

We are reminded in the second reading at Mass today that a problem had arisen in the early Church – the problem as to why the risen Christ had not yet returned in glory. The earliest disciples had believed that the Second coming would be within in their own lifetime. But by the time that St.James wrote his Letter, nearly thirty years after the death and resurrection of the Lord, this had still not happened. What had gone wrong? St.James urges his readers to be patient – the Judge, he says 'is already waiting at the gates'.

I think we still read this passage at Mass nearly two thousand years later because its message remains relevant. Be patient. No, the Lord has not yet come. But two thousand years in God's sight – and even in the sight of well-informed twenty-first century man – is a very short time indeed. As we await the Coming in Glory we too must be patient. And we must be aware, too, that the Lord is not absent. He certainly will come again in the future. But he also comes now, in the present, in Word and in Sacrament.