

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

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SEPTEMBER 16th 2012 : 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6.0pm Int. Joseph and Brenda
Winandy (50th)
Sunday 9.0am Int. For the People
11.0am Int. + Kevin Pita

Weekday Masses

Monday FERIA
10.0am Int. Calv & Becky Cummings
Tuesday FERIA
10.0am Int.
Wednesday FERIA
2.30pm Int. For the Sick
Thursday THE KOREAN MARTYRS
No services today
Friday FEAST OF ST.MATTHEW
10.0am Int.
Saturday FERIA
10.30am Int.
6.0pm Int. +Mary Hetherington

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 4

The Mass today The readings can be found on p.132 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.917 of The Sunday Missal.

At the 6.0pm Mass	Eucharistic Prayer 2
<i>Sanctus & Benedictus</i>	Schubert
Hymns	(<i>Angelus</i>) 820, 924
At the 9.0am Mass	Eucharistic Prayer 3
<i>Sanctus & Benedictus</i>	Schubert
Hymns	933, 825, 861
At the 11.0am Mass	Eucharistic Prayer 1
<i>Gloria</i>	Lourdes
<i>Sanctus & Benedictus</i>	Schubert
Hymns	322, 788, 607, (<i>Angelus</i>) 772

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.
Tuesday 7.30pm Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council, at the Presbytery. Will members please collect their Agenda & Minutes from the letterack.
Wednesday 2.30pm Quarterly Mass for the Sick. This is the one at which the Benediction of the Sick takes place. No morning Mass today.
Thursday 3.30pm-5.30pm The diocesan Safeguarding Commission uses the Narthex.
Saturday 10.30am-11.30am Saturday Club, for young people aged between five and twelve, including First Holy Communion preparation.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries Paul Hodak (2002), Peter Bussey (2000), Gerald Reeder (2005), and Helen Braine (1994). May they Rest in Peace.

Money Matters Last Sunday £471.45 was given at the Offertory, and a further £123.07 in the retiring collection, which was for Catholic work in promoting Racial Justice.

130 Club – August Draw

1st Prize	£20	Ron Thurstance
2nd Prize	£15	Myrna Kemp
3rd Prize	£10	Simon Salter
4th Prize	£10	Peggy Mealy
5th Prize	£10	Margaret Kirk

The Sponsored Cycle Ride duly took place last Saturday, with excellent weather to encourage the cyclists on their way. It is too early to say how much money was raised, as sponsorship money is still coming in, but those of us who rode are extremely grateful for the generous sponsorship which we received. Thank you too to those good people who ‘manned’ the church during the hours of the cycle ride : I know by experience how heartening it is when you struggle to reach a church, and then there is someone waiting not just to sign your sponsorship form, but also to greet you with a friendly word. I was very impressed that Mattishall Anglican church welcomed riders with not just squash and biscuits, but with delicious home-made cakes and biscuits – something which I’ve not met before.....

The Barbecue What a weekend it was – the Cycle Ride, and then the annual Parish Barbecue the next day! The BBQ was really one of the best we’ve had, with perfect weather, and an attendance of about seventy people. We were especially grateful to Jose Pereira and Richard May, who did the cooking, and to Richard and Anne, who had done most of the shopping. Also the Summerfords, who loaned the pavilion, and the Cox’s, who provided plates, cutlery, napkins, etc. And also of course to all the people who brought along such delicious salads and puddings. We took a collection for the Colombian childrens’ charity *LET THE CHILDREN LIVE*, and this raised well over two hundred pounds.

THE YEAR OF FAITH

A couple of weeks ago I wrote here about the Year of Faith which the Holy Father has decreed, and which begins on October 11th (when there will be a special Mass at Noon in the Cathedral). On Tuesday this week the Parish Pastoral Council will be meeting, and the main item on the Agenda will be to give further consideration to what we should undertake during the Year of Faith in the parish here.

As I wrote earlier, there will be the dual objectives of deepening our own faith, and our understanding of The Faith, and also our task of communicating the Faith to others. You already know about the CAFÉ course which we are planning for later in the Autumn on the Saints, those men and women of faith who have such ability to inspire and encourage us in the life of faith.

As regards the second objective, communicating the Faith to others, I continue to feel that we must bear in mind last Sunday’s Gospel reading as we experience the Year of Faith. In it, you remember, some people brought a deaf and dumb man to Jesus to be healed – to be liberated, indeed, from his inability to hear the Truth and to speak of it. This is just what we are called to do in terms of sharing the Faith with others. We are to ‘bring to Jesus’ those who don’t yet know the saving, healing, truth of the Gospel.

In one of my homilies last Sunday, I noted that these unnamed people who brought the deaf and dumb man to Jesus can teach us three things about our own mission. First, they had the conviction that Jesus could help the man, and it was this that motivated them to act. We won’t help others to find truth and meaning in Christ unless we too have the conviction that He can do something life-giving for them. Hence the need to deepen our own personal faith, which only prayer can bring about. Second, the unnamed people acted together. We too must act together in our mission of bringing people to the Lord, and hence our need for a plan, a strategy. And third, they didn’t send the man to Jesus, they took him. We are called likewise to accompany people to the Lord ; sending will not be sufficient or effective. This Year of Faith will be challenging, and a wonderful opportunity for us to serve the Lord