

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

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JANUARY 20th 2013 : SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6.0pm Int. For the People
Sunday 9.0am Int. Fr.Silvio de la Fuente
11.0am Int.

Weekday Masses

Monday ST.AGNES
10.0am Int. +Maria Funes
Tuesday ST.VINCENT
10.0am Int. +Betty McGee
Wednesday FERIA
9.0am Int. +Maisie Aylin
Thursday ST.FRANCIS DE SALES
No services today
Friday FEAST OF THE CONVERSION
OF ST.PAUL
10.0am Int. +Bill Sibley
Saturday ST.TIMOTHY & ST.TITUS
10.30am Int.
6.0pm Int. For the People

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.127 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.971 of The Sunday Missal.

At the 6.0pm Mass	Eucharistic Prayer 1
<i>Sanctus & Benedictus</i>	Parish Mass Book p.25
Hymns	(<i>Angelus</i>) 970, 798
At the 9.0am Mass	Eucharistic Prayer 2
<i>Sanctus & Benedictus</i>	Parish Mass Book p.25
Hymns	967, 708, 627
At the 11.0am Mass	Eucharistic Prayer 3
<i>Gloria</i>	Sacred Heart
<i>Sanctus & Benedictus</i>	Parish Mass Book p.25
Hymns	807, 644, 662, (<i>Angelus</i>) 910

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 11.0am Mass. Next Sunday, it will take place before the 6.0pm Mass.

THIS WEEK

Today is the Sunday in the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This year we welcome the Revd.Adrian Aubrey-Jones, a member of the Anglican clergy team based in Swanton Morley, who will give the homily at the 9.0am Mass. The usual United Sunday Evening Service has been cancelled this year due to the current inclement weather.

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

Wednesday The SVP Meeting has been cancelled, due to the uncertainties of the weather.

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

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries Gwen Dawes (2011), Betty McGee (2012), and Maisie Aylin (2003). RIP

Money Matters Last Sunday £461.31 was given at the Offertory, and a further £156.42 in the special collection for the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child (SPUC). This Sunday is observed as Peace Sunday, and there is a retiring collection for *PAX CHRISTI*, the Catholic Peace Organization.

Red Missionary Boxes Donal Hannon writes ‘When the red boxes were emptied recently, they were found to contain the sum of £729.0, which has now been banked. The emptying of the boxes earlier last year produced £616.0, and so the total giving within the past year amounts to £1345.0, which is an impressive amount.’

Snow damage I think we probably associate snow with inconvenience rather than with damage. But last Friday morning considerable damage was done to the church when snow edging slowly down from the main roof dragged down most of the guttering, on both sides. The builder we use has already viewed the damage, and will carry out repairs once the snow has gone.

READ ANY GOOD BOOKS RECENTLY?

I’ve just finished reading two of the books which I was given for Christmas ; both very different, but both enjoyable, and to be recommended.

The first is outstanding : *ENCOUNTERS WITH GOD : IN QUEST OF THE ANCIENT ICONS OF MARY* , by Sister Wendy Beckett. I was delighted to have been given this, having been so impressed by the television programme about Sr.Wendy on Christmas Day. I do hope that you were able to see it. She is inspirational. This book is about her pilgrimage to view the eight ancient icons of Mary which survive from before the eighth-century, when the great destruction of icons took place in the Eastern Church. She writes with infectious enthusiasm, and great insight. She is one of those writers who have the extraordinary gift of writing just as they speak, so that you feel that they are addressing you face to face from the

page. It is a book which one can’t put down, and I’m longing to re-read it.

The second book is lighter in weight, but also enjoyable *FAVOURITE CHRISTMAS CAROLS* , by Aled Jones. Aled too – a favourite himself with so many of us – has just that same ability to write as he speaks, and like Sister Wendy is entirely himself on the written page. And as with Sr. Wendy, his very pleasant, open, and generous personality comes across vividly. One feels better for having been in the company of both of these Christian writers. They, and what they write, are edifying.

Aled in his book takes thirty-two well-known carols, and writes about their origin and his own experience in performing them. It doesn’t pretend to be a scholarly book, and one or two things don’t quite add up. As, for example, when he tells us that the ‘carol’ (?) *The twelve days of Christmas* comes, perhaps, from the time when Catholics were under persecution, and were able to communicate their Faith secretly through this carol: but then he goes on to give a ‘translation’ in which the five gold rings, for example, represent the first five books of the Old Testament, the two turtle doves the Old and New Testaments, the seven swans a swimming the Seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, etc. Nothing very much in need of concealing from the Protestant establishment here, I would have thought I’ve always heard that the five gold rings were the five wounds of Christ, the two turtle doves the Two Natures of Christ (divine and human), and the seven swans, the seven Sacraments of the Church.) But this is a minor criticism of a book which is very good for light reading.

THE YEAR OF FAITH

Now that Christmas is well and truly over, a reminder that we are in the Year of Faith. One of the things that parishes are urged to do to mark it, is to study one of the documents of the Second Vatican Council, since in part this special Year is being held to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Council. Our Parish Pastoral Council resolved that we should study the Constitution on the Church, *LUMEN GENTIUM*, during Lent. Copies are on order, and probably we will meet on Tuesday evenings. More of this in due course.....