

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

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JULY 22nd 2012 : SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6.0pm Int. +Mary Reeder
Sunday 9.0am Int. Becky Cummings
11.0am Int. For the People

Weekday Masses

Monday FEAST OF ST.BRIDGET
10.0am Int. The new Confirmation Group
Tuesday FERIA
10.0am Int. Vocations to Priesthood
Wednesday FEAST OF ST.JAMES
10.0am Int.
Thursday ST.JOACHIM & ST.ANNE
No services today
Friday FERIA
10.0am Int. The Revd. Anthony Watkins
Saturday OF OUR LADY
10.30am Int.
6.0pm Int. Of thanksgiving

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.109 of the Parish

Mass Book, and on p.885 of The Sunday Missal.

At the 6.0pm Mass Eucharistic Prayer 1

Sanctus & Benedictus Schubert

Hymns (*Angelus*) 873, 761

At the 9.0am Mass Eucharistic Prayer 2

Sanctus & Benedictus Schubert

Hymns 908, 833, 874

At the 11.0am Mass Eucharistic Prayer 3

Gloria Sacred Heart (sheet)

Sanctus & Benedictus Schubert

Hymns 940, 807, (*Angelus*) 643

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.

NEXT SUNDAY

2012 INTERNATIONAL LUNCH
Yaxham Village Hall, from 12.30pm

**Tickets are on sale after all Masses today
Adults £5, children £2**

For each dish you bring to share, you get a complimentary ticket : please give details of the dish(es) you are bringing on the notice at the back of church.

Bring your own alcoholic drinks ; soft drinks and coffee will be provided.

There will be organized games and sports for the children on the playing field adjoining the village Hall.

*Note that tickets cannot be bought on the day**

(* Last year, some people who had not bought

tickets or promised food turned up at the Hall : they were ready to pay for tickets, but the point was that no food had been provided for them...So please buy your tickets this Sunday! Of course you can just turn up at the Hall if you have sufficient food with you.)

THIS WEEK

Today We welcome Deacon Chris Brighten, who is the APF-Mill Hill Diocesan Director for the diocese of East Anglia. He will speak at each of the Masses, telling us about the work of APF, and encouraging us to become 'red box' holder if we aren't already.

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

Tuesday 8.0pm Meeting of the Social Committee, at the Presbytery.

Wednesday 7.30pm SVP, at the Presbytery.

Saturday Saturday Club is on holiday.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries Peter Lindsay (2001), Errol Cowell (1997), Doris Webster (1998), Naomi Dance (2003), and Margaret Leonard (2001). May they Rest in Peace.

Money Matters Last Sunday £602.41 was given at the Offertory. Next Sunday there will be a retiring collection for Life Charities.

Preparation for the Sacraments

Six teenagers have now formed a group to think about Confirmation : they intend meeting once a month, on first Fridays, with a view to a Confirmation taking place here hopefully in early Summer next year. The next meeting will be on the first Friday of September. If there are any more teenagers interested (they must be fifteen or over next year) please will they tell Fr.John. Meanwhile, our First Holy Communion Catechists will be forming a new group in September to begin preparation for First Holy Communion next Summer. If you would like your child to be prepared (he or she must be eight by the time the First Holy Communions take place) then please ask Fr.John for a registration form. This form must be completed before a child begins the course.

Red Missionary boxes Donal Hannon writes 'Now that the red boxes have been emptied, and their contents counted and banked, I'm very pleased to report that a total of £616.00 has been given. One or two new people have taken boxes, and I hope that maybe there will be more following Deacon Chris's talks this weekend.'

I BELIEVE.....

It is significant that in the Creed, that summary of the principal doctrines of the Catholic Faith which we recite at Mass on Sundays, and on the greater holy days, we say 'I believe'. 'I believe in one God', 'I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ', 'I believe in the Holy Spirit' and 'I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church'. We don't say 'I know', because we can't 'know' these great truths of the Faith in the way that we 'know' – without a possibility of doubt – those things which we know by our senses. We can't say 'I know' that there is a God in the same way that we say 'I know' that I am seeing and touching the tree on my front lawn. As regards the great truths of our religion, there is always the element of faith, of trusting, of affirming that which cannot be known through the senses.

But note that whilst we don't - can't – say 'I know', neither do we say 'I think'. 'I believe' is something much more definite and more substantial than 'I think'. When we say 'I believe' we are saying that we hold something to be true for very good reasons. We are saying that we have solid grounds for making our assertion. And yes, we Christians hold that the doctrines of the Faith which we profess are much much more than mere speculations. We might speak about the reliability of the Apostolic witness to the resurrection of the Lord, and about the more-than human powers and wisdom which he displayed. We might speak about the witness of the Church down the ages, and the ability of these truths to transform people's lives. We might speak about our own spiritual experience – and that of so many others – of a Christ who we feel to be present with us, and a Holy Spirit who is empowering us and directing us.

'I believe'. A weighty, significant statement. The assertion of a faith that so much more than mere fancy or speculation. 'I believe' for very good and solid reasons.....