

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

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FEBRUARY 23rd 2014 : SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6.0pm Int. For the People
Sunday 9.0am Int.
11.0am Int.

Weekday Masses

Monday FERIA
11.0am Int. +John Edwards
Tuesday FERIA
10.0am Int. A Special Intention
Wednesday FERIA
10.0am Int. +Jolyon Hooley
Thursday FERIA
No services today
Friday FERIA
10.0am Int.
Saturday FEAST OF ST.DAVID
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 3

The Mass today The readings can be found on p.139 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.712 of The Sunday Missal.

At the 6.0pm Mass	Eucharistic Prayer 1
<i>Sanctus & Benedictus</i>	Schubert
Hymns	(<i>Angelus</i>) 821, 874
At the 9.0am Mass	Eucharistic Prayer 2
<i>Sanctus & Benedictus</i>	Schubert
Hymns	924, 852, 887
At the 11.0am Mass	Eucharistic Prayer 3
<i>Gloria</i>	Hymn Book 498
<i>Sanctus & Benedictus</i>	Schubert
Hymns	851, 830, 648, (<i>Angelus</i>) 880

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

Monday 10.0am Fr.John speaks at Assembly at Toftwood First School. (Please note that Mass will therefore be at 11.0am today.)

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

Tuesday 8.50am Fr.John speaks at Assembly at Reepham High School.

1.30pm Class Mass at St.Francis' School, Norwich.

Wednesday 8.50am Reepham High School Assembly again.

3.15pm Funeral of Antero Ribeiro at the Mintlyn Crematorium.

Saturday 10.30am-11.30am Saturday Club, for young people aged five to twelve. The First Holy Communion parents meet at the Presbytery after the Mass.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries Bridget Dury (2004), Frances Watson (2007), Vera Farmer (2010), John Edwards (2013), Cecilia Stack (2007), Maria Amaral (2012), Ruth Fahey (2013), and Jolyon Hooley (2010). May they Rest in Peace.

Money Matters Last Sunday £409.41 was given at the Offertory, and a further £126.25 in the retiring collection, which was for Catholic Education Services.

UCM Cake Stall Update Mary Shutt writes ; 'The Cake Stall last weekend raised £112.08. This will go towards the UCM charities. We think this was a great effort by all concerned, and many thanks to all for your kind generosity.'

MASS INTENTIONS

You may have noticed what seems to be an increasing number of blank spaces on the other side of the Newsheet, in the place where the time of the Mass is given for each day, followed by the abbreviation 'Int.' which stands for 'Intention'. Which has made me wonder whether some people are a little hazy as regards the theory and practice of Mass Intentions ? Maybe it would be helpful if I wrote something about it.....

The theory is that the merit - or spiritual benefit -accruing from the offering of a Mass can be assigned by the Church to some particular cause or person. The priest is therefore asked to offer a Mass 'for' someone or some thing, and we believe that grace is thereby procured for that person or cause. In rather the same way, perhaps, in which we 'light a candle' for someone – believing that they will benefit from this action. Only I think we would say that 'having a Mass said' for someone is more powerful, more beneficial, than the lighting of a candle is, because prayer made in conjunction with the offering of the Holy Sacrifice is the most effective prayer of all. Often people 'have a Mass said' for someone who is sick or who has died. Or for help in some particular situation. How precisely the spiritual benefit comes about is a mystery, as I think all intercessory prayer is. But we do it, and we believe that it works, - that it has an effect.

What is the drill? Well here, as in many parishes, envelopes are available for the making of a Mass request. They are to be found in the tract case in the porch. You simply take an envelope, and write on it the name of the person or cause for which you want a Mass to be offered, and you say whether there is a particular day on which you would like it to be said. Then it is usual to put a Mass 'offering' or 'stipend' into the envelope, although the priest must still say a Mass that has been requested whether or not an offering is made. Offerings seem to vary from two to twenty pounds; the most usual amount is five pounds. In the past these 'stipends' used to go to the priest himself, as part of his livelihood, but now that priests receive a fixed amount each month from the parish as a 'salary' – three hundred and something pounds – the Mass stipends go straight into parish funds. If the priest cannot say the Mass on the day requested – maybe that day has already been 'booked' – he will tell you, and arrange some other day. And then the Intentions that have been requested duly appear in the parish newsheet, alongside the time for that day. You don't have to be present, although often people like to be. Usually the priest saying the Mass will say who the Mass is being offered for (although we don't do that here at weekends, because everyone seems to have a newsheet with them, where the intention of the Mass is given).

Then mention should also be made of Mass cards : people often like to buy a card from the Repository, where Peggy keeps a good selection for all kinds of occasions. You ask the priest to sign it, and then you send it off to the person for whom you have requested the Mass. This is often done when there has been a bereavement, and in some parishes the Mass cards are displayed on the coffin at the funeral Mass (although that doesn't seem to be the tradition here). But 'having a Mass said' is not just an adjunct of a sad occasion. Sometimes someone has a Mass said for a person's birthday, which makes a very acceptable present for them.

Have you ever had a Mass said for someone? It is a very nice thing to do, and is always, I think, greatly appreciated.