

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

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DECEMBER 23rd 2012 : FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6.0pm Int. For the People
Sunday 9.0am Int. +Vera Roberts
11.0am Int.+Roger Borthwick

Weekday Masses

Monday ADVENT FERIA
10.0am Int.

CHRISTMAS EVE

6.0pm THE FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS
Int. +Alice & Ben Wyand
11.30pm THE CHRISTMAS VIGIL – Half-an-
hour of readings and carols.
Midnight THE MASS OF MIDNIGHT
Int. For the People

CHRISTMAS DAY

10.0am THE MASS OF THE DAY
Int. +Frederick Sayer

Wednesday FEAST OF ST.STEPHEN
10.0am Int. + Mary Reeder

Thursday FEAST OF ST.JOHN
10.0am Int. Calvin & Becky

Friday FEAST OF THE HOLY
INNOCENTS
10.0am Int. +Valentin Okaro

Saturday FEAST OF ST.THOMAS
BECKET
10.30am Int. +Patrick McGrath, Priest
6.0pm Int. +John & Ivy Jones

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Christmas Eve 10.30am, Noon, 2.30pm,
4.30pm

Saturday Noon and 5.30pm, or by appointment.

The Rosary Friday 10.30am

The Divine Office

The Office is said a quarter of an hour before the
Mass on Weekdays. On Monday we use Psalter
Week 4, thereafter, Week 1

The Mass today

The readings can be found on p.90 of the Parish
Mass Book, and on p.73 of The Sunday Missal.

At the 6.0pm Mass

Sanctus & Benedictus
Hymns

At the 9.0am Mass

Sanctus & Benedictus
Hymns

At the 11.0am Mass

Kyries
Sanctus & Benedictus
Hymns 105, 112, 113 (*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
6.0pm Mass. Next Sunday, it will take place before
the 9.0am Mass.*

THIS WEEK

Today 12.30pm The Parish Christmas
Lunch at the Yaxham Village Hall, with the
Bethlehem Tableaux & Visit By Father Christmas.

Eucharistic Prayer 3

Parish Mass Book p.25
(*Angelus*) 112, 100

Eucharistic Prayer 1

Parish Mass Book p.25
851, 328, 113

Eucharistic Prayer 2

497
Parish Mass Book p.25

Monday Christmas Eve. If you haven't yet made your Christmas confession, today is the day! The Queen of Peace Prayer Group won't be meeting today, in view of it being Christmas Eve, or next Monday, which is New Year's Eve.

Wednesday 10.0am The Mass of St.Stephen. This is the day in the year when Altar Servers (members of the Confraternity of St.Stephen) re-commit themselves to their ministry at the Altar. Please will ALL Altar Servers be at the 10.0am Mass, and be robed and 'on the Altar' as we rather curiously say.

Saturday Saturday Club is on holiday.

Next Sunday Feast of the Holy Family

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries Geneieve Smith (2000), Joseph Murphy (1999), Ivy O'Shea (1994), Charlie Secker (2006), Mary Reeder (2010), and Dorothy Pinner (2001). May they Rest in Peace.

Money Matters Last Sunday, £783.97 was given at the Offertory, and a further £153.77 in the retiring collection, which was for the Sick & Retired Clergy Fund. The collection on Christmas Day goes to the Parish Priest, as a basic constituent of his annual income.

Blessing of *Bambini* Why not bring along the *bambino* from your Christmas Crib to be blessed at the First Mass of Christmas on Christmas Eve: the *bambini* are blessed immediately after the Blessing of the Crib.

The Foodbank

I v'e received the following letter from the Administrator of the Food Bank, which many of you have been supporting.

Dear Father John,

Please would you thank the congregation for their wonderful support of the Food Bank. Your donations weighed a magnificent 98.9kg. That is enough to feed up to 19 people in crisis for three days.

You may be interested to know that we have now fed 285 adults and 115 children since we started in March 2012, and the demand increases every

month. That means contributions like yours are a tremendous help.

Thank you once again.

Yours sincerely, Andrew Frere-Smith

A TIME TO REMEMBER

Christmas is a time when we find ourselves looking back over the years ; it may be the writing of our Christmas cards, or other seasonal activities which cause us – perhaps unexpectedly - to remember people and events from long ago. There may well be a certain sadness in this, certainly a nostalgia, and I suppose this is particularly experienced by those who are now on their own.

Of course it is all too easy for us to descend from nostalgia into self-pity, but we must be determined that this doesn't happen. Self-pity is a very miserable and unproductive thing. Maybe the answer is for us to go rather further back into the past, to the events of the first Christmas. How good it is to re-read the events recounted for us by St.Matthew and St.Luke , seeking to picture those events, and, in our imagination, to place ourselves in the situations which the evangelists recount. In this way we can have Our Lady, St.Joseph, and the Shepherds for our companions at Christmas-tide, and be far from feeling alone.

But still those times and those people who are now long gone will come into our thoughts. And probably the right thing to do is to thank God for our happy times in the past, and to pray for those who are no longer with us. By doing this, we bring God – the source of all comfort and strength – into the picture, and we experience, hopefully, the love of the Holy Child who has come amongst us to bring life and light to the places and hearts where there is darkness.