

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

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JANUARY 27th 2013 : THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses

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

Weekday Masses

Monday ST.THOMAS AQUINAS
10.0am Int. +Jack & Ena Connolly
Tuesday FERIA
10.0am Int.
Wednesday FERIA
10.0am Int.
Thursday ST.JOHN BOSCO
No services today
Friday FERIA
10.0am Int. Union of Catholic Mothers
Saturday FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION
OF THE LORD (CANDLEMAS)
10.30am Int. +Pat Hannon
6.0pm Int. +The English Family

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.130 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.975 of The Sunday Missal.

At the 6.0pm Mass Eucharistic Prayer 3

Sanctus & Benedictus Schubert
Hymns (Angelus) 721, 802

At the 9.0am Mass Eucharistic Prayer 1

Sanctus & Benedictus Schubert
Hymns 601, 769, 715

At the 11.0am Mass Eucharistic Prayer 2

Gloria 498
Sanctus & Benedictus Schubert
Hymns 804, 683, 643 (Angelus) 761

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

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

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

7.30pm The Social Committee meets at the Presbytery

Wednesday 8.50am Fr.John at Reepham High School again.

Friday 10.40am SVP Coffee Morning in the Narthex after Mass. All welcome.

7.0pm-8.30pm Confirmation Group, Presbytery.

Saturday Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. The traditional Candlemas ceremonies will precede the 10.30am Childrens' Mass. Then Saturday Club, for young people aged five to

twelve, will take place as normal.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries Joe Kennedy (2007), Mary Hetherington (2011), Marguerite Eastwell (2004), Patricia Cox (2003), Patrick Carroll (2007), and Mary Hirsty (1998). May they Rest in Peace.

Money Matters Last Sunday £355.52 was given at the Offertory, and a further £73.80 in the retiring collection for the peace organization *PAX CHRISTI*. This Sunday there is a further retiring collection, for the Catholic Education Service.

Parish Pastoral Council Please will members note that the postponed meeting will hopefully take place on **Tuesday, February 12th**, at 7.30pm. I think that this will be the last meeting of the present Council, which has almost completed its two-year stint. After Easter, we will have the annual Parish Meeting, at which a new Council will be elected. But more of this in due course.

Say NO to same sex 'Marriage' The time is getting near when Parliament will be debating the Marriage (Same-Sex) Bill, and it is important that our MPs know the strength of feeling which exists against this wrong and foolish measure. All of us should do this, and to enable (or assist) us to do so, the Bishops Conference has produced some simple cards for us to sign and send off to our MP (whose name is **George Freeman**). This will only be effective if the MPs are snowed under with them ; we mustn't just leave it to someone else. I know that some of us sent off cards to SPUC in this same cause a few weeks ago, but now we must also send off these cards - to our MP. It's really terribly easy, and you will find a pile of cards on the table at the back of church. I suppose that the proponents of the Bill are wanting to re-define Marriage as something entirely to do with commitment. Well it is about that, but it is about much more than that. The complementarity of the male and female body and character are also involved, and as Catholics we believe that what God DOES in the Sacrament of Marriage – the mystical joining together of the two people – can only happen when a male and a female are partners to the union. We must act now.

A Parish Retreat or Quiet Day? Over the past few months. several people have mentioned that they would like a Retreat of Quiet Day, and if there really is a definite interest in this, then I must try to arrange something. I suppose that the options would be a 'Friday evening to Sunday afternoon' Retreat' somewhere (which would cost at least £130 pounds – or thereabouts – per person), or a Quiet Day, perhaps taking place more locally on a Saturday. So I'd like to know what you think, please. I don't want to know whether-you-think-it-would-be-a- nice-idea, but whether you would COME yourself! If you would, please could you write your name down on a piece of paper, together with what format you would prefer, and let me have it. Then I'll see what might be done.

CANDLEMAS

My first reaction to the fact that Candlemas falls on a Saturday this year, the day when we have our weekly Children's Mass, was one of regret. It would be good, I thought, to have a quieter and more recollected Mass for this lovely feast. But no, hopefully Saturday is a day when more people will be able to join in the celebration, and it will be wholly good to share it with our young people. So I do hope that everyone who can come, will come, at 10.30am next Saturday.

It is the day when we remember Our Lord being Presented to God the Father in the Temple, and when we hear the aged prophet Simeon declaring Jesus to be the 'Light that will give light to the whole World'. In honour of Christ our Light, candles are blessed at the beginning of Mass (in the Narthex), and we then process into church carrying them.

In our dark world, and in the darkness of the fears and anxieties which sometimes overshadow each one of us, we need to be reminded that Jesus is the Light who shines in our darkness – a Light that the darkness can never be overcome. We have only to turn to that Light, and allow ourselves to be encouraged and sustained by his shining. In olden times, Candlemas was seen as the last day of Christmas, falling as it does forty days after that great feast. A joyful day before we draw near to the solemn forty days of Lent!