

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

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APRIL 27th 2014 : THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6.0pm Int. +Tim Salter
Sunday 9.0am Int. Deacon Martin and Terri
(Ruby Wedding Anniversary)
11.0am Int. Elizabeth O'Neill

Weekday Masses

Monday SOLEMNITY OF ST.GEORGE
No services today
Tuesday FEAST OF ST.CATHERINE OF
SIENA
10.0am Service of the Word and Holy
Communion
Wednesday EASTER FERIA
No services today
Thursday EASTER FERIA
No services today
Friday ST.ATHANASIUS
No services today
Saturday FEAST OF ST.PHILIP AND ST.
JAMES
10.30am Int.
6.0pm Int. +John Barnham

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 Divine Office

The Office will be said a quarter of an hour before
the Mass on Saturday, and at 10.0am on Tuesday.
This week we use Psalter Week 2

The Mass today

The readings can be found on p.258 of the Parish
Mass Book, and on p.368 of The Sunday Missal.

At the 6.0pm Mass	Eucharistic Prayer 3
<i>Sanctus & Benedictus</i>	Parish Mass Book p.25
Hymns	(<i>Regina Coeli</i>) 268, 846
At the 9.0am Mass	Eucharistic Prayer 2
<i>Sanctus & Benedictus</i>	Parish Mass Book p.25
Hymns	272, 269, 278
At the 11.0am Mass	Eucharistic Prayer 2
<i>Gloria</i>	Lourdes
<i>Sanctus & Benedictus</i>	Parish Mass Book p.25
Hymns	279, 271, 651, (<i>Regina Coeli</i>) 820

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.*

In Eastertide, we sing *REGINA COELI* in place of
ANGELUS :

*Joy to thee O Queen of Heaven, Alleluia!
He whom thou wast meet to bear, Alleluia!
As he promised hath arisen, Alleluia!
Pour for us to Him thy prayer, Alleluia!
V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia!
R. For the Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!*

THIS WEEK

**Fr.John is hoping to take his post-Easter break
this week. He plans to visit Devon, and will be
away until Friday evening. The telephone at the
Presbytery will be manned by our Parish
Secretary, Teresa, and Deacon Martin will also
be around – he has agreed to conduct a Service
of the Word and Holy Communion on Tuesday.**

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

Friday 10.30am-Noon SVP First Friday Coffee morning, in the Narthex. All welcome.

Saturday 10.30am – 11.30am Saturday Club, for young people aged five to twelve, with the First Holy Communion Parents meeting at the Presbytery after Mass.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries Timothy Salter (1993), Eddie Wilde (2004), Mary Gatt (1997), Sarah Courtney (2003), Irene Barnes (2001), and Thomas Delahunt (2009). May they Rest in Peace.

Money Matters Last Sunday £1,481.81 was given at the Offertory . £116.04 was given in the Maundy Thursday collection, which goes to SVP, and £131.44 in the Good Friday collection, which goes towards the upkeep of the Holy Land Shrines.

Congratulations to Deacon Martin and Terri, who are celebrating their Ruby Wedding today. They will receive a special blessing at the end of the 9.0am Mass. We wish them many more happy years together.

Diocesan Year Book Copies are still on sale in the Repository at the reduced price of one pound.

Easter 2014 I don't know about you, but I thought that we had a very good Holy Week and Easter here. The attendance at the Last Supper Mass was much better than last year, although that at the Vigil remained poor. But on Easter morning, the 11.0am Mass was once again packed, with many people standing at the back of church.

We are most grateful to the people who made a special contribution to our keeping of this special time. To our Readers, and to our servers – we've never in my time had such a good number of servers at the liturgies - to William our Organist, to Jan our Sacristan, and to our flower arrangers.

As ever, it was very much a team effort.

'by his holy and glorious wounds'

Those are words which are used when the priest prepares and blesses the Paschal Candle at the Liturgy on Easter Night, before lighting the Candle from the New Fire. More precisely, they are words used as he inserts the five grains of incense (enclosed in small brass 'boxes') into the wax. The Candle represents the body of the risen Christ, and the incense grains represent the five wounds in that body – the marks of the nails in the Lord's hands and feet, and the mark of the spear in his side.

The sacred Wounds feature in today's Gospel reading. They are shown by the Lord to the apostles as a way of authenticating that it is indeed the Jesus who died on the Cross who has now appeared to them, risen from the dead. The one whom they see before them is no imposter. It is the Lord who was crucified, and whose resurrection body still bears the marks of his ordeal. They represent the suffering which he has endured for sinful, disobedient humanity, and the love which has moved him to do this. Marks of authenticity, and marks of love.

In mediaeval England there was a particular devotion to the Sacred Wounds. In some mediaeval churches we still find carvings, sometimes on the side of a font, of a shield on which the five wounds are represented. In some churches – in Wymondham Abbey, for example – there was a side-altar dedicated to the Sacred Wounds. The devotion would be seen by some these days as somewhat macabre. But in so far as it focused upon the love of the suffering Christ, it can hardly be called unhealthy.

These days we hear little of the Sacred Wounds, other than in the blessing of the Paschal Candle each year, and in that eighteenth-century hymn by Charles Wesley which we sing in Advent

*'Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers :
with what rapture
gaze we on those glorious scars.'*