

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

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JUNE 29th 2014 : SOLEMNITY OF ST.PETER AND ST.PAUL

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6.0pm Int. For the People
Sunday 9.0am Int. +Mary Horsburgh
11.0am Int.+Margaret Sayer

Weekday Masses

Monday FIRST MARTYRS OF ROME
10.0am Int.
Tuesday ST.OLIVER PLUNKET
10.0am Int. +Josie Goodwin
Wednesday FERIA
10.0am Int.
Thursday FEAST OF ST.THOMAS
No services today
Friday FERIA
10.0am Int.
Saturday FERIA
10.30am Int. The First Holy Communion Group
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 1

The Mass today

The readings can be found on p.168 (6.0pm) and

p.171 (9.0am & 11.0am) of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.1156 (6.0pm) and p.1159 (9.0am & 11.0am) of The Sunday Missal.

At the 6.0pm Mass Eucharistic Prayer 3

Sanctus & Benedictus Schubert
Hymns (*Angelus*) 379, 374

At the 9.0am Mass Eucharistic Prayer 2

Sanctus & Benedictus Schubert
Hymns 374, 375, 874

At the 11.0am Mass Eucharistic Prayer 3

Gloria Lourdes
Sanctus & Benedictus Schubert
Hymns 379, 371, 607, (*Angelus*) 862

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

Tuesday 1.30pm Fr.John says a Form Mass at St.Francis' School, Norwich.

Wednesday 11.0am Service at Oak Manor.
12.15pm Funeral of Josephine Goodwin, at the Mintlyn Crematorium.

Friday 7.15pm-8.15pm Young Servers Club, in the Narthex .

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

12.30pm Baptism of Arya Balakrishnan.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

HAVE YOU GOT YOUR ANSWER READY?

Anniversaries Richard Downing (2007), Fred Hawkins (2013), and Mary Costen (1999). R.I.P.

Money Matters Last Sunday £438.004 was given at the Offertory. Today there is a retiring collection for Peters Pence – our annual opportunity to help with the expenses of Head Office.

Parish Walking Group Brian Moran writes ‘The Group is holding a walk next Saturday, July 5th, from Gressenhall. Departing at 1.15pm from the church or 1.30pm from the Gressenhall Museum car park. About 4 miles -50% on tracks. Lifts available. Contact number 01362 652738.’

‘An Invitation to all young people of secondary school age and above.

Come to our main diocesan youth event of the year – the *IGNITE FESTIVAL* 12th/13th July. Held in Swaffham. With Christian Hip-hop MC and DJ Mpfree, Rise Theatre, talks by Fiona Mansford (Youth 2000), and Bishop Alan, Taize prayer, and plenty of time for relaxing and playing football! Full details including assistance with transport www.ignitefestival.co.uk

The Gardening Evening There was so much about Corpus Christi in last week’s Newsheet that there wasn’t room to thank those who took part in the annual gardening evening a week last Tuesday. Although only a dozen or so people turned up (there was obviously rather a lot of the ‘let someone else do it’ attitude which I’d warned against), much was accomplished, and we all enjoyed a happy evening working together. As ever, the star was Bill Wiseman, who besides spraying, also took away two large truckloads of garden waste. Many thanks to all.’

Can anyone help? The First Holy Communion take place a fortnight today, and I’m very keen to have a large iced sponge cake which could be cut after the Mass, enabling everyone present to have a piece. It would need to be at least sixteen by fourteen inches, but only an inch or so deep, and be iced with the words **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**, and the Christian names of the dozen children. Can anyone help, I wonder?

3 : *‘I DON’T KNOW WHY YOU CATHOLICS MAKE SO MUCH OF THE SAINTS ; WHY CAN’T YOU DEAL WITH GOD DIRECT?’*

If someone gave you a gift which was both very beautiful and very useful, surely you wouldn’t ignore or reject it? Wouldn’t you be more likely to value it and use it? We Catholics believe that the Saints, Our Lady, St.Peter and St.Paul, and all the other saints of every century and place, are a precious and indispensable gift, given by God to his Church. A gift that we wouldn’t dream of ignoring or rejecting.

In the Saints, we see the likeness of Our Lord Jesus Christ reflected. We see his goodness and love, his understanding and courage, his generosity and his mercy. The Saints are living pictures of Christ in every imaginable situation and circumstance. They are ‘something beautiful for God’, and something beautiful for us, too. Their example inspires us, showing us what we weak and faltering beings are capable of through God’s grace. We are proud of them, for they are our elder brothers and sisters within the Christian family. They encourage us, they beckon us onwards when we are tempted to give up.

And we believe that they do more than just inspire us. We believe that they love us and care for us, as elder brothers and sisters should do. They do this, we believe, by their prayers, offered up for us in heaven. Why do we need this? Well have you never asked anyone to pray for you? It is entirely natural and good that we ask others to assist us by their prayers. And it simply makes sense to ask those who are in a privileged position to do this. How do they know our needs, how do they hear our requests? Well we believe that having passed from this life into the nearer presence of God, they are freed from the limitations which apply to us, and are able to hear the requests which we make for their prayers.

Jesus said ‘You did not chose me; I have chosen you’. In somewhat the same way, the Church has not chosen to have saints to inspire and to intercede – rather they are a gift from God. A precious gift, which we can’t possibly ignore.