

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

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SEPTEMBER 29th 2013 : 26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6.0pm Int. +Joan Faulkner (CC)
Sunday 9.0am Int. For the People
11.0am Int. +Vincent McRoy, Priest

Weekday Masses

Monday ST.JEROME
No services today
Tuesday ST.THERESE OF LISIUEX
10.0am Service of the Word and Holy
Communion
Wednesday HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS
No services today
Thursday FERIA
No services today
Friday ST.FRANCIS OF ASSISI
2.0pm *FUNERAL MASS FOR STUART
AYLIN, RIP*
Saturday FERIA
10.30am Int. + Evelyn McGuire
6.0pm Int. +Joan Faulkner (A&JMcW)

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 is said a quarter of an hour before the Service of the Word or Mass on Weekdays. This week we use Psalter Week 2

The Mass today

The readings can be found on p.143 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.1065 of The Sunday Missal.

At the 6.0pm Mass **Eucharistic Prayer**
Sanctus & Benedictus Parish Mass Book p.24
Hymns (*Angelus*) 807, 898
At the 9.0am Mass **Eucharistic Prayer**
Sanctus & Benedictus Parish Mass Book p.24
Hymns 887, 825, 910
At the 11.0am Mass **Eucharistic Prayer**
Gloria Said
Sanctus & Benedictus Parish Mass Book p.24
Hymns 852, 873, 627, (*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

Fr.John remains on holiday until Friday, when he returns in time for Stuart Aylin's Funeral Mass at 2.0pm. Meanwhile, Deacon Martin is around, and our Parish Secretary, Teresa, is looking after the answer-phone at the Presbytery.

Today we have the pleasure of welcoming Fr.Peter Brown, who has most kindly agreed to say the Masses. I know that you will make him welcome.

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

Friday 10.45am The SVP First Friday Coffee Morning, in the Narthex.

Saturday 10.30am-11.30am Saturday Club, for young people aged five to twelve. The weekly Childrens' Mass resumes today.

Next Sunday The First Holy Communion Candidates and their Parents will make their Act of Commitment at the 11.0am Mass.

COMING SHORTLY

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries Joseph Monks (1996), Grace Brown (2006), and Vi Secker (1993). R.I.P.

The Sponsored Cycle Ride I'm still not able to tell you the exact amount which came in by way of sponsorship, but it is going to be a very good total. I'm most grateful to the many people who offered such generous sponsorship, and were generally encouraging! Also to those kind people (and one dog) who 'manned' the church in the course of the day. It is all such a good thing, and it is both surprising and disappointing that participation seems to be waning.....

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Next Sunday, the First Holy Communion programme gets underway in a formal kind of way, when the children and their parents take part in the Mass of Enrolement and Commitment. It seems that this year about a dozen children will be taking part in the preparation, slightly more than last year. The First Holy Communions take place next July.

This year we are inviting the parents to take a more active part in the programme. We are asking them to commit one hour on a Saturday morning to coming along to church with the children : to be with them at the Childrens' Mass, supporting them by their presence, and then when the children go off with their Catechists for the second half-hour, to come over to the Presbytery for coffee and for their own time thinking about the Faith. Some weeks, I hope, we will discuss – in a very relaxed way – what the children are thinking about that particular week in their group, and some weeks we will think in more general term about what it means to be a Catholic Christian. All this begins this coming Saturday, the day before the Mass of Enrolement and Commitment. It is something to which I personally am looking forward to very much. Preparation for First Holy Communion should always involve Children, Priest, and Parents, and this seems to be a good way of doing that.

I've already alerted you to the Bishop's visit here on Friday , October 11th, for the **CONFIRMATION** - a very special event in our Calender, and one which I'm hoping everyone will make a special effort to take part in. And also the **AUCTION OF ITEMS AND PROMISES** on Friday, October 18th, marking the conclusion of the Year of Faith with a major attempt to raise money for good causes.

And now there is another item in our Autumn programme which I'd like to tell you about. This is three evenings for the Parents of young children, to take place on Tuesdays October 15th, October 29th, and November 12th. These fortnightly evenings will give the parents of young children an opportunity to think about and discuss three very important topics. The first is how one can best introduce ones young child to the idea of God, a God who has made us, and who loves and cares for us. Where does one begin? And what resources are available to help the parents? The second evening will be devoted to how to effectively introduce ones child to prayer, which is so vital in the individuals relationship with God. And the third will be devoted to the difficult and controversial subject of children at Mass. How does one best combine the interests of the child with those of other worshippers? How firm or how free should the parent be? How can the time at Mass be both enjoyable and instructive for the child? It will be good to share and discuss peoples own experiences.

For each of the evenings, I've invited an experienced and sympathetic leader to come from outside ; they will share ideas with us, and initiate discussion. We've not done anything like this before, so we will just have to see whether it meets a need. I've invited the other priests in the Deanery to make these evenings known in their parishes, in case any of their parishioners would like to join us. They would be most welcome.

Next Friday is the CAFOD Family Fast day in Harvest time. Please take an envelope from the back of church this Sunday, and bring it back for the CAFOD collection next Sunday