

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

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**MARCH 31st 2013 : EASTER DAY**

**Sunday Masses**

Saturday 8.0pm Int. For the People  
Sunday 9.0am Int. +Fr.Tony  
11.0am Int. +Roger Borthwick

p.258 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.363 of  
The Sunday Missal.

**At the 8.0pm Vigil Mass** See special leaflet

**Weekday Masses**

Monday EASTER OCATAVE  
10.0am Int. Becky Cummings  
Tuesday EASTER OCTAVE  
10.0am Int.  
Wednesday EASTER OCTAVE  
**9.0am** Int. +Lilian Carter  
Thursday EASTER OCTAVE  
No Mass today  
Friday EASTER OCTAVE  
10.0am Int.  
Saturday EASTER OCTAVE  
10.30am Int.  
6.0pm Int. For the People

**At the 9.0am Mass** **Eucharistic Prayer 1**  
*Sanctus & Benedictus* Schubert  
Hymns 267, 279, 283

**At the 11.0am Mass** **Eucharistic Prayer 2**  
*Gloria* Lourdes  
*Sanctus & Benedictus* Schubert  
Hymns 267, 269, 278 (*Regina Coeli*) 271  
The Psalm Response for all of the Masses is  
printed at the bottom of the page.

**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 the Psalms are  
proper to the Easter Octave.

**The Mass today**

The readings for Easter morning can be found on

TODAY at 5.0pm  
**VESPERS**  
(which brings to a conclusion the Pascal Triduum)  
followed by ten minutes of silent adoration  
of the Risen Christ, and ending with  
**BENEDICTION**

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!  
Let us pray.  
O God, who by the Resurrection of thy Son, Our  
Lord Jesus Christ, hast vouchsafed to bring joy to  
the whole world, grant, we beseech thee, that  
aided by the prayers of his Mother, the Virgin  
Mary, we too may come to the joys of everlasting  
life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## ALSO THIS WEEK

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

**Wednesday** 11.0am Funeral Service for Margaret Cliffe, conducted by Deacon Martin.

11.0am The monthly Service at Oak Manor.

7.30pm SVP meets at the Presbytery.

**Friday** 10.45am The SVP First Friday Coffee Morning in the Narthex. All welcome.

7.0pm The Confirmation Group meets at the Presbytery

7.0pm Members The Young Servers Club assemble at the Presbytery to visit the production of *Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat* at the Memorial Hall.

**Saturday** Saturday Club is on holiday.

## PARISH NOTICEBOARD

**Anniversaries** Vera Conway (2007), Ricci White (1995), Maria Santana (2011), and Harold Chapman (1995). May they Rest in Peace.

**Money Matters** Last Sunday, £466.92 was given at the Offertory. Today the collection goes to the Parish Priest, as a basic constituent of his annual income.

**Thank-you** ‘George and Peggy Mealy would like to thank everyone for their cards, flowers, and good wishes on the occasion of their Gold Wedding anniversary.’

### **Post at the Swaffham Convent School**

Sr.Francis has informed me that a Catholic is being sought as Head of Religious Education at the school. It is not a full time position, unless it is united with the Mathematics post which will be available from September. Full details are on the notice board.

**Justice & Peace Group** ‘As part of the visit of the Missionary Society of St.Columban to our parish on April 27th/28th ( to make the statutory annual Missionary Appeal), the group are supporting the event by holding a social evening on April 27th in the Narthex, after the 6.0pm Mass. Please put this date in your diaries.’

## A TIME TO LOOK AHEAD

For many of us – and maybe especially for those of us who were brought up as Anglicans – the Easter hymns hold a very special place in our

memories of Easters past. One Easter hymn which still often comes into my mind, although one never hears it sung these days, begins

*On the Resurrection morning,  
Soul and body meet again ;  
No more sorrow, no more parting,  
No more pain.*

These words are not, of course, about the Resurrection of Our Lord on the first Easter morning. They are about its consequence, OUR resurrection, which will take place on the last day. The day when our soul, which has been safe in God’s keeping, and has undergone purification in Purgatory, will be rejoined to our new resurrection body – our body raised from the remains of our earthly body , the dust and ashes to which that body has been reduced.

I suspect that many people these days have only a hazy belief not only in the Christian doctrine of the Resurrection on the Last Day, but in any form of joyous and glorious afterlife. For many, this present life, with its materialism and disappointment, is all that there is. But as we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord today, it is good for us to recapture our hope and longing for the life to come. ‘Christ is Risen’, we sing, and, says another Easter hymn, ‘we are risen’. Part of our joy in the resurrection of Jesus is that it not only validates all that he said about himself, but also that it brings onto the scene this wonderful fact and being of resurrection life; the life which he chooses to share with us in the two Easter Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion.

Today as we begin to keep Eastertide, the ‘Queen of Seasons bright’ (another Easter hymn), we are of course looking back to the historic fact of the Resurrection of the Lord. We are sharing in the experiences of those first disciples who saw and touched the risen body of the Jesus, who encountered him in the garden, on the road, and in the upper room. But also we are looking forward as we keep this Easter festival – looking forward to the day of our own resurrection from the dead, when we will see the glorious body of our Saviour, and rejoice with him at the banquet in the kingdom of heaven. In a very particular way we are both looking backwards and looking forwards, - and maybe remembering the words of the song, ‘The best is yet to come’.