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

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MAY 5th 2013: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6.0pm Int. For the People

Sunday 9.0am Int.

11.0am Int.

Weekday Masses

Monday EASTER FERIA

10.0am Int. +Charles Coyne

Tuesday EASTER FERIA

10.0am Int.

Wednesday EASTER FERIA

10.0am Int.

Thursday EASTER FERIA

No services today

Friday EASTER FERIA

10.0am FUNERAL MASS FOR TONY

LANNON, R.I.P.

Saturday EASTER FERIA

10.30am Int.

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 2

The Mass today The readings can be found on p.274 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.484 of The Sunday Missal.

At the 6.0pm Mass Eucharistic Prayer 1

Sanctus & Benedictus Schubert

Hymns (Regina Coeli) 644, 268

At the 9.0am Mass Eucharistic Prayer 2

Sanctus & Benedictus Schubert

Hymns 278, 287, 846

At the 11.0am Mass Eucharistic Prayer 3

Gloria Sacred Heart

Sanctus & Benedictus Schubert

Hymns 801, 279, 651 (Regina Coeli) 910

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 9.0am Mass. Next Sunday, it will take place before the 11.0am Mass.

THIS WEEK

Monday Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham. The Procession leaves the village at Noon and the Mass is at 3.0pm.

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

Friday 10.0am Funeral Mass for Tony Lannon,

RIP, followed by Cremation at Earlham.

Saturday 10.30am-11.30am Saturday Club, for young people aged five to twelve.

NEXT SUNDAY
THE MAY DEVOTION
at the end of the 11.0am Mass
Crowning of the Statue & Procession

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries Hubert Barker (2001), Winifred Gaylard (2003), Tim Lynch (2002), Trixie Gibbons (1997), & Frederick Dance (2008) RIP Money Matters Last Sunday £423.25 was given at the Offertory, and £852.50 in the retiring collection, which was for the Columban Missions (Annual Missionary Appeal). Next Sunday is World Communications Day, and there will be a retiring collection for the Catholic Communications Network.

The New Parish Pastoral Council Will members please note that the first meeting of the new Council will be on Tuuesday May 21st. The Agenda will be there in your pigeon-hole in the Porch on the Sunday beforehand. Many thanks. Bernadette Buxton writes 'Dear Parishioners, a big 'thank you' for the prayers & Masses offered for me. I broke my hip bone and femur before Christmas. Than I had a heart attack, a stroke, and finally a really bad kidney infection. I had just undergone an operation at Papworth Hospital, and it was during this operation that the stroke occurred and I was paralysed down my left side. My daughter was with me and noticed my left foot starting to move. The doctor and nurse said it was a miracle. This had been given me by your prayers.

See what prayers can do!! Please always pray for the Sick. I thank you all, and Fr.John, for your care and deep faith. Love to you all.'

'No! No! No!'

At the time of the recent death of Baroness Thatcher, we heard played numerous times on the radio the recording of her famous reaction in Parliament to a particular scheme for European integration: 'No!, No!, No!'. Whatever we may feel about her political views and actions, I think that many of us will admire her decisiveness. And decisiveness is certainly a characteristic which the Christian must seek to foster in his or her self. St.Paul says that we must not be 'Yes' and 'No' people, and the book of the Apocalypse says that we must not be 'neither hot nor cold' Christians. We can't afford to bargain with the devil, and God will not be satisfied with half (or less) of our allegiance and obedience. When we made, and when we renew, our Baptismal promises, we very firmly and decisively reject the devil and all his works, and then turn to God in a similarly decisive way.

Of course all of us find ourselves frequently under attack from the enemy. It is part of living a committed Christian life. All kinds of bad thoughts, desires, and intentions are inserted into our minds. And in the face of these attacks, we must be decisive. Sometimes, when bad thoughts come into my own mind, I find it helpful to say – sometimes out loud, if I'm on my own, - 'No!, No!'. Actually giving voice to our opposition to temptation in this decisive way seems to be effective in seeing the devil off – at least until next time!

'Yes! Yes! Yes!'

We're now in Our Lady's month of May – the month of the year in which we seek to show her special honour and affection. And one of the principal lessons that Mary teaches us is about saying 'Yes!' to God in a wholehearted and decisive fashion. At the Annunciation, Mary said 'Yes' to God's invitation to be the Mother of the incarnate Christ. Maybe she had little idea of what this would involve. But with complete confidence and trust in the wisdom and goodness of God she agreed wholeheartedly to play her part in his plan. We are not always quite so ready to say 'Yes' to what God proposes for us. We hesitate and dissemble. We need to have the example of Mary before us. But then isn't it an essential part of the loving ministry of a Mother to give her children a lead and an example?