

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

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AUGUST 5th 2012 : EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6.0pm Int. For the People
Sunday 9.0am Int.
11.0am Int.+Owen Kelly

Weekday Masses

Monday **FEAST OF THE
TRANSFIGURATION**
10.0am Int. Doreen Foster
Tuesday **FERIA**
10.0am Int. Bryan Miller
Wednesday **ST.DOMINIC**
10.0am Int. +Peggy Malone
Thursday **FEAST OF ST.TERESA
BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS**
No services today
Friday **FEAST OF ST.LAWRENCE**
10.0am Int. +Betty Evans
Saturday **ST.CLARE**
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.115 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.893 of The Sunday Missal.

At the 6.0pm Mass

Sanctus & Benedictus
Hymns

At the 9.0am Mass

Sanctus & Benedictus
Hymns

At the 11.0am Mass

Gloria
Sanctus & Benedictus
Hymns

The Psalm Response for all of the Masses is printed at the bottom of the page.

Eucharistic Prayer 2

Schubert
(*Angelus*) 708, 627

Eucharistic Prayer 3

Schubert
704, 303, 406

Eucharistic Prayer 1

Sacred Heart (sheet)

Schubert
467, 694, (*Angelus*) 968

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

Wednesday 7.30pm SVP, Presbytery

Friday 4.30pm Interment of the cremated remains of Barry McGrath, Shipdham Cemetery.

Saturday Saturday Club is on holiday.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries Jack Filby (1997), Iris Reavey (2009), Peggy Pratt (2002), Sybilla Hopkins (1995), Peggy Malone (2011), Andrew Browne (2011), Frederick Faulkner (1991), Betty Evans (2011), and Mark Blows (1999). R.I.P.

Money Matters Last Sunday £426.84 was given at the offertory, and a further £129.81 in the retiring collection, which was for Catholic life charities. The diocesan finance office has informed us that the Peter's Pence Collection, which goes towards the central administration of the Church, was inadvertently left out of the diocesan year book, and must be taken at some point. Maybe next Sunday would be as good as any, and so please expect this.

Disruption On the next two Sundays there are going to be some roadworks taking place in the London Road/Commercial Road area. I've been in touch with the Transport department of the Norfolk County Council, who assure me that access to the car park will be maintained at all times. But there will be certain diversions, so please leave yourself time to find your way here by maybe a slightly different route on these next two Sundays. Roadworks do not, of course, release us from our Sunday Mass obligation!

Sale I've been doing a little clearing out at my cottage at Wells-next-the-Sea, and next Sunday I plan to have a table in the Porch with various household items and a few books. Please take what you like, and put some money in the jar for the work of SVP.

Blessed Peace We – or at least a handful of people – are getting a little noisy before Mass, both on weekdays and on Sundays. People have a right to quietness before Mass, so that they can prepare themselves for the liturgy. It is most inconsiderate to make this difficult for them through talking. Do please be understanding. And maybe pray yourself, rather than chat..... Also – it's grumble time – it is inconsiderate to drive away from church before the Mass is ended. We can all hear the crunching of the tyres on the gravel, and the noise is louder than you perhaps realize. Please be thoughtful, and courteous.

VERY TOUCHING

A weeks ago, the Sunday Gospel related the incident when Jairus, a synagogue official, came to Jesus and asked him to come and heal his sick daughter, and in which Jesus, whilst on the way to Jairus' house, also healed a woman with a long-

term haemorrhage. At the time, we noticed the importance of touching : Jairus asked Jesus to come and 'lay his hands' on the sick child, and when eventually he reached the house, he 'took the child by the hand'. Meanwhile the woman with the haemorrhage 'touched Jesus' cloak', and was healed. The importance of touching.

Since then I've been on my annual Retreat to Downside Abbey, and whilst I was praying in the Abbey church one morning, a woman came to the nearby statue of the Sacred Heart, and not noticing me, went up to it and with reverence and devotion touched the wounds of Our Lord. She, like Jairus and the woman in the Gospel, clearly felt that it was important to touch.....

Why? Well I suppose that touching someone or something establishes some kind of link, or contact, between the toucher and the touched ; it puts us in some kind of way 'in touch' with them. Jairus, the women in the gospel, and the woman in the abbey were all seeking something from the Lord, and instinctively felt that by establishing contact through touching, grace could flow out from him and into them. Rather like – but this may be a crude analogy - putting a plug into a socket so that the electric current can flow through and empower.

What can be touched, what is physical, is very real to us. We, or at least our bodies, are material, physical. And the divine Word has been made flesh, and dwelt amongst us. So that our God can be touched. Not now in the way in which the woman with a haemorrhage could touch him, but yet in a more profound way than that in which the woman with the statue used her sense of touch. For the Word continues to manifest himself under the outward forms of Bread and Wine, and in this way He touches us and we touch Him. And in this encounter of touching, we believe that grace does indeed flow out from the Lord into the communicant. At the Altar, we establish physical contact with the Lord. It is something very mysterious and very wonderful. And also very real. On Monday – tomorrow – we celebrate the Transfiguration of the Lord. We will hear of light flowing from Jesus on the holy mountain. And we will recall that as light flowed from him then, just so grace flows from him now.