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

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FEBRUARY 10th 2013 : FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6.0pm Int. For the People Sunday 9.0am Int. 11.0am Int. +Harry Wilkes

Weekday Masses

Monday OUR LADY OF LOURDES 10.0am Int. +Kathleen Cardlan Tuesday FERIA 10.0am Int. Wednesday ASH WEDNESDAY 10.0am Int. Our keeping of Lent 3.0pm Int. For the Sick & Housebound 7.30pm Int. Thursday FEAST OF ST.CYRIL AND ST.METHODIUS No Mass today. Fridav LENT FERIA 10.0am Int. Saturday LENT 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 1 The Mass today The readings can be found on p.136 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.984 of The Sunday Missal.

At the 6.0pm Mass	Eucharistic Prayer 1	
Sanctus & Benedictus	Schubert	
Hymns	(Angelus) 762, 761	
At the 9.0am Mass	Eucharistic Prayer 2	
Sanctus & Benedictus	Schubert	
Hymns	801, 721, 772	
At the 11.0am Mass	Eucharistic Prayer 3	
Gloria	Sacred Heart	
Sanctus & Benedictus	Schubert	
Hymns	601, 708 (Angelus) 716	
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

11.0am A Meeting of the Parish Monday Finance Committee, at the Presbytery 7.0pm – 8.0pm Queen of Peace Prayer Group at the Presbytery, followed by a meal out, prior to Lent. All welcome. Tuesday 7.30pm Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council, at the Presbytery. Ash Wednesday 10.0am Mass, with the Imposition of Ashes. 11.45am Fr.John conducts an Ash Wednesday Service at the St.Thomas More School, Norwich. Quarterly Mass for the Sick, with the 3.0pm Imposition of Ashes. Mass, with the Imposition of Ashes. 7.30pm

Friday 12.30pm-2.0pm The First of the Lent Lunches, in aid of CAFOD, takes place at the Presbytery. All welcome. **Saturday** 10.30am-11.30am Saturday Club, for

young people aged five to twelve.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries William Green (2003), Patrick Flynn (2009), Mollie Boyer (2008), and Alice Wyand (2007). May they Rest in Peace.

Money Matters Last Sunday, £457.50 was given at the Offertory.

130 Club – January Draw

1st Prize	£20	Fr.John
2nd Prize	£15	Rebecca Baker
3rd Prize	£19	Pat Grout
4th Prize	£10	Rita Knocker
5th Prize	£10	Maureen Wilde

Mass for the Sick 'The quarterly Mass organised by SVP and UCM takes place on Wednesday this week. Anyone wishing to come but needing transport, please telephone 01362 851159'.

The Proposed Parish Retreat Two weeks ago in the Newsheet I asked anyone who was interested in a Parish Retreat of some kind to write their name down on a paper, and give it to me. I have so far received just one e.mail, and one verbal expression of interest......

GETTING READY FOR LENT

Yes, how quickly it has come upon us – but then it always does. Next Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, sees us setting out on this important time in the Church's Year, when we undertake disciplines that will prepare us for our great annual celebration of the dying and rising of the Lord.

We will, of course, need to give some thought as to what we are going to do personally in order to take full advantage of this season. We will need to make a simple Lent Rule. This should be based on the three ancient disciplines given us by the Lord himself : we will hear them in the Gospel on Ash Wednesday. Prayer, Fasting (self-denial), and Almsgiving. What are we going to do as regards each one of them? –We need to sort it out before Lent begins, so that we get off to a good start.

A couple of practical things by way of preparation. If you are able to make soup for one of the Lent Lunches, then please put your name down on the rota on the notice board. And if you plan to be part of the Group meeting on Tuesday evenings to look at the document from the Second Vatican Council which we have selected for study, *LUMEN GENTIUM*, the document on The Church, then please, if you wish, buy your copy ; they are in the Sacristy, priced at four pounds.

A LENT SUGGESTION

I don't know about you, but was very impressed last Sunday by the second reading at Mass – the passage from one of St.Paul's letters sometimes called his 'Hymn to Love'. It is a passage that we are all so familiar with, but which when we hear it read, is still able to make an impact on us.

'Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.' (I Corinthians 13:4-7)

I've sometimes heard it said that this passage makes a good basis for an examination of conscience before Confession, but I think it also makes an excellent theme or endeavour for our keeping of Lent. If we could avoid those sins which are contrary to love, and by God's grace, grow in love itself, then we would be more ready to contemplate the great love of Jesus which moved him to die for us on the Cross, and rise again with new life as his gift to us. The Passion and death of the Lord show us above all else the depths of his love for each one of us. The only way to respond to that love is with love. And St.Paul shows us in this passage what love is and what it is not. I'm hoping to keep this passage to hand, and try to be inspired by it each day of Lent. St.Paul is an excellent spiritual guide for us to have during Lent, and this passage is his gift to us.