

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

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AUGUST 19th 2012 : TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6.0pm Int. For the People
Sunday 9.0am Int.
11.0am Int.+Roger Borthwick

Weekday Masses

Monday ST.BERNARD
10.0am Int. +Muriel Drury
Tuesday ST.PIUS X
10.0am Int. +Alec Macdonald
Wednesday THE QUEENSHIP OF MARY
10.0am Int. Una O'Dwyer
Thursday ST.ROSE OF LIMA
No services today
Friday FEAST OF ST.BARTHOLOMEW
10.0am Int.
Saturday ST.LOUIS
10.30am Int.
6.0pm Int. +Kathleen & Michael Carroll

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 4

The Mass today

The readings can be found on p.121 of the Parish Mass Book, and on p.901 of The Sunday Missal.

At the 6.0pm Mass **Eucharistic Prayer 3**
Sanctus & Benedictus Schubert
Hymns (*Angelus*) 721, 350

At the 9.0am Mass **Eucharistic Prayer 1**
Sanctus & Benedictus Schubert
Hymns 649, 663, 366

At the 11.0am Mass **Eucharistic Prayer 2**
Gloria Lourdes
Sanctus & Benedictus Schubert
Hymns 406, 468, (*Angelus*) 360
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 6.0pm Mass. Next Sunday, it will take place before the 9.0am Mass.

THIS WEEK

Today 3.0pm Red Mount Chapel Pilgrimage, King's Lynn, starting from the Church of the Annunciation, London Road.

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

Wednesday 2.30pm Fr.John conducts a Funeral Service for Mr.George Decilis, at Watton.
7.30pm SVP meets at the Presbytery

Saturday Saturday Club is on holiday.

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries Richard Burrows (2001),
Adrian Sheath (2006), and John McGowan (1991).
May they Rest in Peace

Money Matters Last Sunday £430.88 was given at the Offertory, and a further £109.56 in the retiring collection for Peter's Pence. The table-top sale for SVP brought in a total of £55.32.

‘REVERENDLY, DISCREETLY, AND
SOBERLY’

When a young couple come to see me about getting married (and sadly, this is a fairly rare occurrence these days), I usually begin by being slightly discouraging: “Why do you want to get married in church?” “Are you sure that Christian Marriage is the commodity you want?”, “Do you really want to make this life-long and demanding commitment?”. I think it's right to do this, because entering into Christian Marriage, receiving the Sacrament of Marriage, is a very big step. In the Gospel, Our Lord says that through marriage, the two people become one. The effect of this Sacrament – what God DOES, for in all of the Sacraments he DOES something momentous – is to join two people together. And in the words of the Rite of Marriage, ‘what God has joined together, cannot be put assunder’. The marriage, the being joined together, continues until ‘death do us part’ (whatever a secular court may say). And so in the sixteenth-century language of the Anglican Book of Common Prayer, Marriage is not to be embarked upon ‘Unadvisedly, lightly, or wantonly’, but ‘reverently, discreetly, and soberly’. It is a serious matter. Serious and wonderful.

But yes, in all of the Sacraments God DOES something – he acts. Sacraments are not just about words and ideas and sentiments and whatever. They are about divine action. It is why we count them so highly in Catholic thinking. It is the case with Baptism, Confession, and all of the Sacraments – they are the means through which God acts for our salvation and sanctification. And not least, of course, through the Sacrament of Holy Communion, where, as we heard in last Sunday's Gospel, the Lord feeds us with his Body and Blood.

Now if it is the case that in Holy Communion we receive the Bread of life and the Chalice of Salvation, surely it means that this Sacrament, like

the Sacrament of Marriage, must be approached ‘reverently, discreetly, and soberly’. You the laity must never bring the gifts to the Altar in any casual or mechanical way. And I the priest must

never take them, and say the Lord's consecrating and transforming words over them, in any causal or mechanical way. We, the priest and the laity, must never act ‘unadvisedly, lightly, or wantonly’ when we ‘do’ the Mass and receive the Most holy Sacrament. For in this, as in all of the Sacraments, God is showing his profound love for us in terms of his action, gracious and divine.