

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

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## APRIL 6<sup>th</sup> 2014 : FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### Sunday Masses

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

### Weekday Masses

Monday LENT FERIA  
10.0am Int. +Nellie St.George  
Tuesday LENT FERIA  
10.0am Int.  
Wednesday LENT FERIA  
10.0am Int.  
Thursday LENT FERIA  
No services today  
Friday LENT FERIA  
10.0am Int.  
Saturday LENT FERIA  
10.30am Int. +Mark Coningsby, Priest  
6.0pm Int. A Special Intention

### 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.171 of the Parish

Mass Book, and on p.176 of The Sunday Missal.

**At the 6.0pm Mass** **Eucharistic Prayer 3**  
*Sanctus & Benedictus* Parish Mass Book p.25  
Hymns (*Angelus*) 752, 753

**At the 9.0am Mass** **Eucharistic Prayer 1**  
*Sanctus & Benedictus* Parish Mass Book p.25  
Hymns 212, 752, 845

**At the 11.0am Mass** **Eucharistic Prayer 2**  
*Kyries* Hymn Book 498  
*Sanctus & Benedictus* Parish Mass Book p.25  
Hymns 648, 788, 938, (*Angelus*) 756  
The Psalm Response for all of the Masses is printed at the bottom of the page. Preface p.72

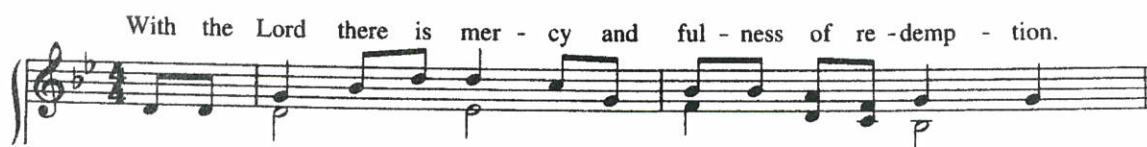
*This Sunday the quarter-hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before Mass will precede the 11.0am Mass. Next Sunday, Palm, there won't be Exposition because we will be preparing for the Palm Ceremonies & Procession*

### THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

TODAY, SUNDAY  
STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
at 5.0pm, followed by  
VESPERS AND BENEDICTION

TUESDAY  
LENT GROUP TO STUDY  
*EVANGELII GAUDIUM*  
7.30pm-8.30pm, in the Narthex

FRIDAY  
FINAL LENT LUNCH FOR CAFOD  
12.30pm-2.0pm, at the Presbytery



## ALSO THIS WEEK

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

**Tuesday** 12.30pm Funeral Service for Timothy Stimson RIP, followed by cremation at the Mintlyn Crematorium.

7.30pm Final session of the Group studying *Evangelii Gaudium*.

**Saturday** 10.30am Saturday club, for young people aged five to twelve. Our second rehearsal for the Passion Play on Good Friday ; we end at Noon instead of the usual 11.30am.

### PALM CROSS MAKING

from 2.0pm in the Narthex

Volunteers needed,

no previous experience required.

The more the merrier – and the quicker!

## PARISH NOTICEBOARD

**Anniversaries** Consuelo Murphy (2011), Ted Clark (2007), and Tom Brady (2004). R.I.P.

**Money Matters** Last Sunday £514.59 was given at the Offertory. On Friday, a further £25.0 was raised for CAFOD at the Lent Lunch, when Jan Tinney kindly provided the delicious soups – Vegetable and Leek & Potato.

**Time to sign-up!** The list of people who would like to go to the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral a week on Wednesday, April 16th, is now up on the noticeboard. The motor coach leaves here at 6.30pm, and we are back by 10.15pm. It is really the great diocesan occasion of the year, when the clergy and people from across the diocese meet around the bishop, as he blesses the Holy Oils ready for Easter and the coming year. Do come along – it's an occasion which all of us ought to experience...

**Need any domestic help?** Then 'phone Eva, one of our parishioners, who is available for cooking, cleaning, shopping. 'Phone her on 07731869307.

**Diocesan Summer Camp** at Eccles Hall, for children aged 8 to 14. This year's dates – August 29th to September 1st. Details from Fr. John.

**Next week** is Holy Week. It begins with Palm Sunday, and each of the Masses next Sunday will be preceded by the Palm Ceremonies & Procession. In the course of the next day or two, the usual Holy Week leaflet will be available at the back of church.

## IS IT WORTH IT?

One or two people have remarked recently 'Oh, you're coming up to your busiest time.' Well yes, I suppose it is, although I don't at any other time seem short of things which need to be done. It is certainly the most stressful time, when a priest seems to have a great deal to think, and indeed to worry, about. 'Will the children turn up for the Passion play on Good Friday?' 'Will the Altar Servers come to serve at the great Liturgies of Holy Week?' 'Will people turn up to make the palm crosses?' 'Will I get the special service sheets produced in time?' 'Have I remembered to stock up on wine and altar breads?' 'Have I arranged for the Readers we'll need?' 'Will twelve men volunteer for the foot-washing ceremony?' and so on. And on. And on. Endless things to worry and fret about. And in the end I wonder 'Is it worth it? How nice it would be to be a free-church Minister, and not have to think about Holy Week ceremonies and liturgies!'

But of course it is worth it. It is worth doing everything one can to make this week special for the people of the parish. I know that most of them won't respond very fully. Last year the attendance at the Easter Vigil, arguably the most important service of the Church's Year, was abysmal, and that at the Mass of the Lord's Supper not much better. I know that many parishioners couldn't care less whether the Holy Week liturgies take place or not. Many are not prepared to put themselves out at all, and will say they can't come to this or that because they're doing something else. But a Parish Priest is used to being disappointed and let down – I suppose it is all part of his vocation.

But there are parishioners who do care about Holy Week, and the opportunity it presents, year by year, for experiencing the love of God, and the wonder of Our Lord's saving work. People who want to put themselves out for the love of God. And these people's faith and commitment make it all worthwhile for the priest.