



Sacred Heart & St Margaret Mary

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Sunday 1st January 2023 – SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD — Year A

[2nd Week of Christmas, Weekdays Year I, Psalter Week 2]

MASSES in the PARISH	
Saturday 31st December 2022	
18.00	<i>First MASS of Sunday</i>
Sunday 1st January 2023	
09.00	MASS
11.00	MASS <i>Live streamed</i>
Monday 2nd January	
-	<i>No Mass Today</i>
Tuesday 3rd January	
10.00	MASS
Wednesday 4th January	
10.00	MASS
Thursday 5th January	
10.00	MASS & ADORATION <i>Live streamed</i>
Friday 6th January	
1600-1700	HOLY HOUR & EXPOSITION
1730	MASS
Saturday 7th January	
18.00	<i>First MASS of Sunday</i>
Sunday 8th January	
09.00	MASS
11.00	MASS <i>Live streamed</i>

Anisha Cyriac+ (CC)

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD.

For the People of the Parish

Ann & Peter Kelly+ (KB)

Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

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Christmas Feria

In Thanksgiving (UCM)

Christmas Feria

Drury (Foundation Mass)

Christmas Feria

Seabrooke (Foundation Mass)

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD. Holy Day of Obligation.

For the People of the Parish

Christmas Feria

Marium Cyriac+ (CC)

BAPTISM OF THE LORD. Feast.

Diana Cater+ (CP)

For the Macdonald Family (KB)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Thursday after 10.00 Mass and Saturday at 17.30

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION: Thursday after Mass

Anniversaries this week – Caroline Rolfe, Ellen (Nell) Raiteri, Robert Clark, Eira Whitehouse, Patricia Gravestock, John Doherty, Rev. Bernard Warwick (Deacon at Sacred Heart), Joseph Sadowsky, Matthew Murphy, Frank Pike, Philip Ward, Lilian Carter, Len Smith. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

Hospital Visits: If you or any member of your family is admitted to the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital and would like to have a visit from a Catholic Priest, please inform a nurse on the ward and contact will be made through the Chaplaincy. If you are admitted to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in King's Lynn, please contact Fr. Peter Rollings at the Presbytery on 01553 772220. If you would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick before going into hospital, please contact Fr. Jay either by phone or by email.

Sick & Housebound [with GDPR Permissions] – Please pray for: Shirley Liebenhals, Frances Saville King, Derek Williams, Patsy Gray, Collette Barro-Nessian, Betty Reavey, Marion Ring-

Davies, Fr. Brendan, William Dunn, Pauline Buckland, Gretta Cummings, Marco Johnson.

Money Matters: The Collection during Christmas Masses is the traditional offering to the parish priest. Thank you very much.

For those who would like to make their regular offerings by Standing Order, the information you need is: Account name: **Catholic Church of Dereham.** The Sort Code is: **40-20-08** and the Account number is: **11311115.** If you are a tax payer, please also consider **Gift Aid.** **Gift Aid forms** are available at the back of church. This will help to maximize our donations in the Parish.

Word of Thanks – Fr. Jay is very grateful for your Christmas cards, bottles of wine, boxes of chocolates and for your very generous Christmas offering. *Salut* to the New Year.



Epiphany: Friday 6th January 2023 - On Friday, we celebrate the solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. It is a Holy Day of Obligation and Mass will be at 1730, preceded with a Holy Hour & Exposition at 1600-1700.

Monday, 2nd January - Please also note that there is no Mass on Monday, 2nd January, as Fr. Jay will be taking his day-off in lieu of Friday.

Christmas Decorations Restoration – Now comes the harder bit. This takes place right after the Epiphany, on **Saturday, 7th January** at 1000 onwards. If you could lend a hand to help us out that would be much appreciated.

Parish Events this week		
Weds. 4 Jan.	After 1000 Mass	SVP Coffee Morning. All Welcome. Emmaus Room.
Weds. 4 Jan.	1700-1800	First Communion Class – Emmaus Room
Fri. 6 Jan.	1915-2045	Confirmation Group – Emmaus Room
Altar Servers' Group - Meetings resume on 13 th January 2023.		
<i>Please note that the Saturday Youth Tennis and Tuesday Chess sessions are taking a winter break and will resume again in March 2023.</i>		

Parish Pastoral Council – The Parish will discuss organising the Parish Pastoral Council in March 2023. Though consultative in nature, this will help to facilitate decisions regarding the day-to-day operation of the Parish.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAMME 2023 – Watch this space...

Parish Garden Club – The Garden Club will meet every Thursday at 1145 starting in Spring 2023. Looking forward for willing hands to take up your gardening gloves and help to keep our Parish grounds and garden looking even more wonderful.

Forthcoming Appeals –

- **SPUC White Flower Appeal:** 14-15 January 2023
- **Columba Mission Appeal:** 25-26 February 2023

More details will be given nearer the time.

Rooms/House to Rent – Needed for four newly-arrived Filipino parishioners working in Dereham. Please contact Fr. Jay for details.

Bitesize – ‘We spend January 1 walking through our lives, room by room, drawing up a list of work to be done, cracks to be patched. Maybe this year, to balance the list, we ought to walk through the rooms of our lives... not looking for flaws, but for potential.’ ~Ellen Goodman

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GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

A Fresh Start


Mary's destiny had been revealed to her by the Angel Gabriel. Joseph too had been foretold in a dream of the virgin birth. But just in case there were any malingering doubts, to have a gang of excited shepherds gate-crash the stable re-telling the news that the angels had brought to them out on the hills must have been wonderfully reassuring for the new parents. Mary certainly had plenty to ponder. For Mary there was a fast-unravelling realisation that she was part of God's plan. The birth of the new baby represented a new and exciting beginning, not only for Mary, but for us all.



The first day of the year is the day the Church sets aside for honouring Mary. Mary represents true discipleship. Mary exhibits a life of hearing, seeing, and telling of God's marvellous deeds. Mary inspires us to consider deeply the significance of events in our own lives. How much in our lives is valuable and how much is not? Do we journey through life oblivious to the world around us, or do we resolve to make some kind of impact? If to date we have moved blinkered through life, wasting the opportunities that God has scattered in our path, now is the time to make a fresh start. Now is the time to make a fresh start based not on the values of our celebrity driven society, but on the model of Mary's selfless love.

If Mary had made a new year's resolution in that stable all those years ago, it probably would have been to make herself an instrument for God's will. As for our own resolutions, we could live another year of frustration and disappointment, or we could resolve to make Mary our model, and look harder for God's direction in our lives.

New Year's Resolution - Saint Paul in his letter to the Philippians writes, "Forgetting what lies behind, and straining forward to what lies ahead.... I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."



PARISH PRAYER – Father, pour out your Spirit upon our parish. Grant us a new vision of your glory, a new faithfulness to your Word and a new consecration to your service, that your love might grow among us and your kingdom come, through Christ our Lord, Amen.



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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCR-qWs-B40VTvbezZ83MxQ/videos?view=2&flow=grid>
 The parish newsletter is available on the parish website from Friday each week.