



Sacred Heart & St Margaret Mary

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Sunday 8th January 2023 – The Baptism of the Lord – Year A

[1st Week of the Year, Weekdays Year I, Psalter Week 1]

MASSES in the PARISH

Saturday 7th January		
18.00	<i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	Marium Cyriac+ (CC)
Sunday 8th January		
09.00	MASS	The Baptism of the Lord Diana Cater+ (CP)
11.00	<i>MASS Live streamed</i>	The Macdonald Family (KB)
Monday 9th January		
10.00	MASS	Feria
Tuesday 10th January		
10.00	MASS	Feria
Wednesday 11th January		
10.00	MASS	Feria
Thursday 12th January		
10.00	MASS & ADORATION <i>Live streamed</i>	Feria
Friday 13th January		
-	No Mass today	Feria
Saturday 14th January		
18.00	<i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	Feria Jim Fahy+ (NF)
Sunday 15th January		
09.00	MASS	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Peace Day) Annie & James Whittingham+ (SG)
11.00	<i>MASS Live streamed</i>	For the People of the Parish

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

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION: Thursday after Mass

Anniversaries this week: Kathleen Strayton, Jane Elizabeth Winifred Oaksford, James Tinney, Margaret Jones, Pamela Whigham, Elizabeth Brocklehurst, Nell Hunt, V. Rev. Canon Herbert Gray (1st Priest at Dereham), Harry Monk, Rachael McErleane, Cicely Harvey. *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: Offering for last Sunday: Plate £243.07. Thank you.

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.

Bishop Alan's Farewell Mass: We are invited to the thanksgiving and farewell Mass for Bishop Alan Hopes on **Tuesday 24 January 2023 at 11:30 am at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist, Norwich**. If you are coming, please inform the Parish by Monday. Light buffet lunch will be served after the Mass.

Parish Events this week		
Mon. 9 Jan.	1400 – 1600	Monthly Social Club – Emmaus Room. All welcome for a cuppa & a chat. (We meet every 2 nd Monday of the month.)
Weds. 11 Jan.	17.00-18.00	First Communion Class – Emmaus Room
Fri. 13 Jan.	1915 -2030	Altar Servers Meet – Emmaus Room.
Sundays	After 1100 Mass	Youth Club Table Tennis – Emmaus Room.
<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>		

White Flower Appeal 2023 – The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal **next weekend**. SPUC wants a world where abortion is unthinkable, and is raising awareness of the widespread problem of abortion coercion. According to an independent poll, 87% of GPs are concerned that the Government’s “pills by post” scheme leaves women vulnerable to coerced abortion. SPUC is calling on the Prime Minister to condemn this abhorrent tragedy. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers by highlighting this urgent crisis.

FLAME 2023 - This bi-annual national Youth gathering at Wembley Arena will take place on **Saturday March 4th 2023**. More information will be available in the new year. Meanwhile Hamish and the Ignite Team are making arrangements to take the young people of our Diocese to this event.

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 – Watch this space...

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

Forthcoming Appeals –

- **SPUC White Flower Appeal:** 14-15 January 2023
- **Columba Mission Appeal:** 25-26 February 2023 (A collection box will be available during the preceding week for donations). www.columbans.co.uk

More details will be given nearer the time.

Pope Francis’s Prayer Intention for January 2023:

For Educators - The best schools are not necessarily those that come out at the top of the league tables. The best students are not necessarily those who come out with the best grades and go on to the best universities. The best schools are schools that develop the ‘whole child’. The best students are those who go out into the world caring not just about their own success but the



world around them. This month Pope Francis asks us to join in his prayer that “... educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.”

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



All God's Children - Has anyone ever told you that they're proud of you? It's a good feeling it's a feeling that empowers a feeling that makes you believe you can do anything. Imagine for a moment that day on the River Jordan at Jesus' baptism. Consider how Jesus must have felt when the heavens opened and the Spirit of God spoke the words "This is my


beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Remember that this significant event took place at the beginning of Jesus' ministry before he had gone out into the world to teach or to heal. Before Jesus had done anything at all, God was already well pleased with him. With this kind of support and this kind of love, Jesus was empowered to do anything.

As baptism identified Jesus, so too are we identified in our baptism as children of God. So what significance does baptism have in our lives? Do we feel proud at God's affirmation? Do we feel empowered to carry out God's plan? In truth most of us would be confounded if we had to provide an answer to these questions. To most of us, our baptism is an old photo in a forgotten album of childhood memories, or a neglected christening mug collecting dust on a high up shelf. In our own baptism we do not have the obvious benefit of God speaking directly to us from the heavens. Nevertheless, we have made promises in baptism and confirmation, and like any other promise we have to work at keeping them. Baptism isn't a one-off event. Baptism is a sacrament that we have to work at daily setting aside time to think about what we are meant to be doing and having the faith that God is supporting us in our efforts.

Jesus said of his baptism. "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness." Jesus didn't explain what he meant by this, but in biblical context, the word 'righteousness' is often used to express a good relationship with God. By this, we understand that our own baptism sends us off on the road to building a good relationship with God and with others, and by believing in God's backing, we are empowered to do more than we can imagine.

Bitesize – “There is no need to reach high for the stars. They are already within you — just reach deep into yourself!”

~Terri Guillemets



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.