

Sacred Heart & St Margaret Mary



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12th February 2023 – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A
[6th Week of the Year, Weekdays Year I, Psalter Week 2]

MASSES in the PARISH		
Saturday 11th February		
18.00	<i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	Joan & Barry Evans + (PM)
Sunday 12th February		6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Racial Justice Day)
09.00	MASS	Elizabeth Geoghan (PM)
11.00	<i>MASS Live streamed</i>	For the People of the Parish
Monday 13th February		Feria
10.00	<i>Morning Prayer & Rosary</i>	
Tuesday 14th February		SS Cyril & Methodius, Patrons of Europe
10.00	<i>Morning Prayer & Rosary</i>	
Wednesday 15th February		Feria
10.00	<i>Morning Prayer & Rosary</i>	
Thursday 16th February		Feria.
10.00	Service of the Word & Exposition	
Friday 17th February		Feria
-	No Mass today	
Saturday 18th February		Feria.
18.00	<i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	For the People of the Parish
Sunday 19th February		7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
09.00	MASS	Nell Bradley + (<i>Foundation Mass</i>)
11.00	<i>MASS Live streamed</i>	Robert McCarthy +

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday at 17.30

EXPOSITION: Thursday after Service of the Word

Anniversaries this week: Stella Daisy Hercock, Millie Boyer, Antero Ribeiro, Mary Frances Martin, Alice Wyand, Michael Triggs, Joan Bedwell, Robert McCarthy. *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 £255.73 and the collection for Racial Justice: £119.22. Monthly offerings by Standing Order for January 2023 totalled £1,651.00. 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.

130 Club Renewals - Renewal envelopes are available for members to collect from the letter rack. Members are kindly asked to ensure that their renewals are returned as quickly as possible and before the end of March at the latest. Thank you.

130 Club Draw Results for February 2023 - 1st Prize £20 – Ticket No. 70, Anne Sibley; 2nd Prize £15 – Ticket No. 47,

Stephen Smith; 3rd Prize £10 – Ticket No. 13, Judy Reid; 4th Prize £10 – Ticket No. 141, Roland Terry; 5th Prize £10 – Ticket No. 132, Bruce Wheeler.

Parish Events this week		
Mon 13 Feb.	14.00-16.00	Afternoon Tea – Emmaus Room. All welcome for a friendly cuppa and chat.
Weds. 15 Feb.	19.30	Fabric Committee meeting – Emmaus Room
<i>Please note that the Wednesday Communion Class and Friday Confirmation Group/Altar Servers Group are on Half-term holidays this week.</i>		
Sundays	After 11.00 Mass	Youth 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>		

Weekend Masses – This weekend and next we warmly welcome Fr. John Ablewhite, who will be kindly standing in for Fr. Jay.

Ash Wednesday: 22nd February – There will be two Masses on Ash Wednesday – at **10.00am**: Celebrant Fr. John Ablewhite; and at **6.00pm**: Celebrant Fr. Michael Stack.

Thursday, 23rd February – Please note that there will be no Service of the Word and Exposition on Thursday, 23rd February.

Columban Annual Mission Appeal 2023 – The Columban Missionaries will be making their Annual Mission Appeal in the Parish on the weekend of **25th and 26th February 2023**, to share with us their cross-cultural mission work in Asia, the Pacific and Latin America and to seek our prayers and support for the spread of the Gospel overseas. More information on their work can be found on their website at www.columbans.co.uk.

Norfolk Churches Trust Sponsored Bike Ride and Walk 2022 – The Norfolk Churches Trust reports that the grand sum of £133,285 was raised from its 2022 Sponsored Bike Ride and Walk. Those who supported our participants from Sacred Heart are warmly thanked and the parish has received the sum of £118.75 as its share of the sponsorship monies raised. A copy of the Trust's letter can be found on the notice board at the back of church. This year, the **40th Anniversary Bike Ride** will take place on **Saturday, 9th September 2023**.

Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal - Two earthquakes struck south-eastern Turkey early on Monday, devastating wide areas in the country and in neighbouring Syria. The quake toppled hundreds of buildings and killed thousands of people. The death toll has already exceeded 11,000, and the figure is expected to grow significantly. Pope Francis has appealed for help for quake victims of Turkey and Syria during his General Audience in the Vatican on Wednesday morning. Consider donating online. Every donation however small will count. You

Permanent Deacon: Rev. Martin Sanderson
Parish Music team: Judy Reid, Kathleen Edmunds & William Preddy.
Parish Safeguarding Representative: Kathleen Edmunds

can donate at CAFOD, Trocaire, Sciaf, and Christian Aid. Don't forget to add a gift aid declaration if you are a UK taxpayer.

World Marriage Day, 12th February 2023 - World Marriage Day is celebrated on the second Sunday of February. Set the day aside to re-affirm the qualities we first saw in each other and to recognise the qualities we've developed since.



GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Heart of the Matter



How often do we hear solicitors wrangling over the law, looking for a loophole to suit their own agenda? Those seeking loopholes seem perfectly happy to ignore the spirit of the law in their quest to win.

In today's gospel reading Jesus invites us to consider that it is not just laws in themselves that are important but our attitude towards those laws. Perhaps we haven't committed murder, but have we harboured hatred? We might not have committed adultery, but have we failed to live up to the love we once promised our spouse? We might not have committed theft, but are our hearts set on the wealth our neighbours have earned? Laws might seem to fence our lives with rods of uncompromising iron, but most laws are simply expressions of how we should behave towards each other. The unwritten laws of love bind us in promises that we wouldn't dream of compromising let alone riddling with loopholes. When it comes to those we love, we don't need a statute book, our hearts tell us what to do. The written law should be no different. Laws are written down in books of statute and commandments are written in the Bible, but the spirit of the law must exist in our hearts.

What exists in our hearts is as important if not more important than our actions because it's what written in our hearts that defines us.

Bitesize - The heart never becomes wrinkled.
 ~Marie de Rabutin-Chantal



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.

For Live Streamed Masses Search for Dereham Catholic Church on YouTube, or use the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCR-qWs-B40VTvbzezZ83MxQ/videos?view=2&flow=grid>

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