

# Sacred Heart & St Margaret Mary



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**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Peace Day) – Year B**  
 [2<sup>nd</sup> Week of the Year, Weekdays Year II, Psalter Week 2]

MASSES in the PARISH		
<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Feria</b>	
18.00	<i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	Stearman Family Foundation Mass
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
09.00	MASS	English Family Foundation Mass
11.00	MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	For the People of the Parish
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Feria</b>	
10.00	Service of the Word & Holy Communion	
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Feria – No Mass today</b>	
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Feria – No Mass today</b>	
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Feria – No Mass today</b>	
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Feria – No Mass today</b>	
<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Feria – No Mass today</b>	
18.00	<i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	T & M O'Donoghue Foundation Mass
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
09.00	MASS	+Annie & James Whittingham (SG)
11.00	MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	For the People of the Parish

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday at 17.30**

**Anniversaries this week:** Cicely Harvey, Louise Bennett, Ellen Carey, Lily Rawding, Nell Jones, Stanley Meadows, Amy Garvey, Arthur Longhurst, Frances Kelly, Joan Blakiston, Robert Anderson. *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, Derek Williams, Patsy Gray, Colette Barrow-Nessian, Betty Reavey, William Dunne, Pauline Buckland, Gretta Cummings, Katherine Vella, Pauline Organ, Kevin Pugh, Joy Bussey.

**Money Matters:** 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.

**Please note:** There are no weekdays Masses while Fr. Jay is away between 10<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> January. However, there is a Service of the Word and Holy Communion each Monday at 10:00 a.m. commencing on 15<sup>th</sup> January.



**Peace Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024** - For his theme for the World Day of Peace in 2024, Pope Francis has chosen 'Artificial Intelligence and Peace'. Whilst this might seem a strangely technical theme, we know that we do need to think about the consequences of the advances in AI for peace and justice. Pope Francis is raising a highly contemporary theme and one he has spoken on before when he has addressed the risks in the development of technology, not least in *Laudato Si'* and *Laudato Deum*. He has already said it is a theme he will return to on World Communications Day 2024, when he will consider 'Artificial Intelligence and wisdom of the heart for a fully human communication'. Then there are the fundamental concerns that Pope Francis raised when he announced his theme for the World Day of Peace: the need to be vigilant that a 'logic of violence and discrimination' doesn't take root in the development of AI at the expense of the most fragile and excluded; that the advancement of AI does not fuel injustice and inequality and therefore conflict, and, of course, that AI is developed so that it serves humanity and the protection of our common home. It is a theme we will need to keep returning to. **Prayer:** "God our creator and sustainer, We thank you for the gifts of creativity you have given us, for the ability to explore science and understand your creation. We ask your forgiveness for the times we have used science for evil and not for good, for war and not for peace. Make us vigilant as we develop

technology, that violence and discrimination may not take root, that injustice and inequality will not be fuelled, that the poor and vulnerable will not pay the cost. May all that we create contribute to peace and justice. Amen.”  
 (Extract from Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England & Wales, [www.cbcew.org.uk](http://www.cbcew.org.uk))

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, 18-25<sup>th</sup> January 2024: You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself’ (Lk 10:27)** - The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed from the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup> January – the octave of St. Peter and St. Paul. However, some areas observe it at Pentecost or some other time. Materials for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024 have been prepared by an ecumenical team from Burkina Faso facilitated by the local Chemin Neuf Community (CCN). The chosen theme is ‘You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself’ (Lk 10:27). Brothers and sisters from the Catholic Archdiocese of Ouagadougou, Protestant Churches, ecumenical bodies and the CCN in Burkina Faso collaborated generously in drafting the prayers and reflections. They experienced their work together as a real path of ecumenical conversion. The parable of the Good Samaritan is one of the best-known passages of Scripture, yet one that never seems to lose its power to challenge indifference to suffering and to inspire solidarity. It is a story about crossing boundaries that calls our attention to the bonds that unite the whole human family. In choosing this passage of Scripture for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, the churches of Burkina Faso have invited us to join with them in a process of self-reflection as they consider what it means to love our neighbour in the midst of a security crisis. Communities in the British-Irish context may be less vulnerable to acts of mass violence than in Burkina Faso, but there are still many living with the memory and/or the threat of serious violence, centred on issues of identity and belonging. There are also groups within communities, including people from ethnic minority backgrounds and people seeking asylum, who feel particularly vulnerable to violence or being displaced by the threat of violence. (Extract from Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England & Wales, [www.cbcew.org.uk](http://www.cbcew.org.uk))

<b>Parish Events for the week 14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>	
Sunday: 1100	<b>Children’s Liturgy</b> (for children in Y1 to 1st Holy Communion age)
Tuesday: 1900	<b>Youth Club Chess &amp; Table Tennis</b> – Emmaus Room.
Thursday: 1730-1830	<b>First Communion Class</b> – Emmaus Room
<b>Friday Garden Club</b> – Volunteers are asked to please contact Sonia on 07985 521578 for next meeting date.	

**GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Something To Live Up To**



Have you ever had to live up to someone else’s expectations? At first it can feel daunting, but the strange thing about great expectations, is that very often they have the power to transform us. Living up to raised expectations can make us into better people.

In today’s gospel, Jesus meets Andrew’s brother Simon. He looks at him and says, “You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas, meaning Rock.” The new name must have filled Peter’s friends with astonishment. “A rock” Peter certainly wasn’t. Peter, we know, was a bit of a hot head. He was impulsive, rash, sometimes misguided and often passionate. To describe him as a ‘rock’ was surely inappropriate. Yet slowly and surely, Peter starts to live up to Jesus’ expectations, and slowly but surely, Peter changes from a hot-headed fisherman, into a steadfast leader of the Church. As we see so often in the Bible, Jesus’ expectations have the power to transform.

By comparison, we seem to live our lives with fairly banal expectations. Our greatest ambition, as we wake each morning might be to pay off a mortgage or gain a promotion. Are we missing something? Is God calling us to greater things and we simply aren’t listening?

For each of us God has a job to do. Of each of us God has great expectations. How do we hear God’s calling? Do we listen to the world and the people around us? How do we respond to our calling? What are God’s expectations of us? How must we change?

**Bite-Size** - “You can’t go back and make a new start, but you can start right now and make a brand-new ending.” ~ James R. Sherman



**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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 The parish newsletter is available on the parish website from Friday each week.