



Sacred Heart & St Margaret Mary

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Sunday 25th December 2022 – CHRISTMAS DAY – Year A

[Christmas Octave, Weekdays Year I, Psalter Pr.]

MASSES in the PARISH	
Saturday 24th December	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD. Solemnity with Octave
18.30 <i>Christmas Carols</i>	
19.00 <i>First MASS of Christmas</i>	Brenda May+ (GC)
22.30 <i>Midnight MASS</i>	
Sunday 25th December	CHRISTMAS DAY
10.00 <i>MASS During the Day</i>	For the People of the Parish
Monday 26th December	St. Stephen, The first Martyr. Feast
10.00 MASS	Altar Servers' Mass
Tuesday 27th December	St. John, The Evangelist. Feast.
10.00 MASS	
Wednesday 28th December	Holy Innocents. Feast.
10.00 MASS	
Thursday 29th December	St. Thomas Becket. Patron of Pastoral Clergy. Feast.
10.00 MASS & ADORATION <i>Live streamed</i>	
Friday 30th December	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph. Feast.
- No Mass today	
Saturday 31st December	Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity.
18.00 <i>First MASS of Sunday</i>	Anisha Cyriac+ (CC)
Sunday 1st January 2023	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD.
09.00 MASS	For the People of the Parish
11.00 MASS <i>Live streamed</i>	Ann & Peter Kelly+ (KB)

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

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION: Thursday after Mass

Anniversaries this week: Joseph Murphy, Ivy O'Shea, Charlie Secker, Mary Reeder, Emeleene McClure, Charles Wilfred Hunt, Dorothy Pinner, Harry Dempsey, Helen Phyllis Coyne, Alda Dias. *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 £352.61. 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 Draw for December 2022 – Quarterly Prize £100 – Ticket No. 112, Elaine Wilkes; 1st Prize £20 – Ticket No. 176, Irene Battista; 2nd Prize £15 – Ticket No. 142, Jadwiga Bingham; 3rd Prize £10 – Ticket No. 68, Kathleen Crowley; 4th Prize £10 – Ticket No. 32, Ian Campbell; 5th Prize £10 – Ticket No. 23, Chris Sayer.

Monday, 26th December (Boxing Day) – Altar Servers' Mass at 10.00 a.m. - pizza afterwards.

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 Events this week	
Wednesday	First Communion Class is now on Christmas holidays. Classes resume on 4 th January 2023.
Friday	Confirmation Group is now on Christmas holidays. Meetings resume on 6 th January 2023.
Friday	Altar Servers' Group is now on Christmas holidays. 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 STEWARDSHIP PROGRAMME – Keep an eye on 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.

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Christmas Spirit



You've done it! The hysteria is over and you have arrived at Christmas Day without too much physical or psychological harm. It's all too easy at this point to collapse in a heap with the Radio Times and an overly large sherry feeling that Christmas is safely over for another year. But Christmas is more than just the culmination of Advent; it's the beginning of the Christmas Season, in which we are invited to contemplate on salvation "made flesh". As children we visited church on Christmas day to sing Christmas carols and peep in at the cosy crib scene. As adults we are invited to contemplate the deeper and long-lasting meaning of Christmas.

How many times have we been guilty of thinking of God as a distant figure? How often have we wandered how to develop a relationship with a God who is supposed to love us, yet remains stubbornly silent and invisible. But on this day over twenty centuries ago, there was something of a miracle. God was no longer somebody we couldn't see or hear, God became "flesh" in the form a small child in a stable. God came into the world that he had created to save us. Jesus is the face and voice of God. Jesus became the blueprint of how we should live our lives. His life and work is there for us all to read and remember. He has

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left the Holy Spirit as his legacy to help and guide us. Our acceptance of Jesus is key to our relationship with God.

For children, the excitement of Christmas comes once a year. As adults we learn to live the true meaning of Christmas not on this one day but every day. As Ebenezer Scrooge promises in the in final pages of Dickens' 'Christmas Carol' as he leaps out of bed on Christmas morning, the time before him his own to make amends in, "I will live in the past, the present and the future. The spirits of all three shall strive within me."

Bitesize - "Christmas gift suggestions: To your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart. To a customer, service. To all, charity. To every child, a good example. To yourself, respect."



I bring you news of great joy: Today a saviour has been born to us, Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:10-11



Wishing everyone in the parish a very happy, holy, joyful and peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year.



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