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DEACON SHAUN MORRISON'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Dear Friends,

Wishing you a Happy Solemnity and a Happy New Year.

"Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King, who rules heaven and earth for ever."

The YouTube link to the 11.30am Mass at Our Lady's is:
<https://youtu.be/xaN1rPIUfQk>

From the Office of Readings:

A reading from a letter of St Athanasius

The Word took our nature from Mary

The Word took to himself the sons of Abraham, says the Apostle, and so had to be like his brothers in all things. He had then to take a body like ours. **This explains the fact of Mary's presence: she is to provide him with a body of his own, to be offered for our sake.** Scripture records her giving birth, and says: She wrapped him in swaddling clothes. Her breasts, which fed him, were called blessed. Sacrifice was offered because the child was her firstborn. Gabriel used careful and prudent language when he announced his birth. He did not speak of "what will be born in you" to avoid the impression that a body would be introduced into her womb from outside; he spoke of "what will be born from you," so that we might know by faith that her child originated within her and from her.

By taking our nature and offering it in sacrifice, the Word was to destroy it completely and then invest it with his own nature, and so prompt the Apostle to say: This corruptible body must put on incorruption; this mortal body must put on immortality.

This was not done in an outward show only, as some have imagined. This is not so. **Our Saviour truly became man, and from this has followed the salvation of man as a whole. Our salvation is in no way fictitious, nor does it apply only to the body. The salvation of the whole man, that is, of soul and body, has really been achieved in the Word himself.**

What was born of Mary was therefore human by nature, in accordance with the inspired Scriptures, and the body of the Lord was a true body: It was a true body because it was the same as ours. Mary, you see, is our sister, for we are all born from Adam.

The words of St John, the Word was made flesh, bear the same meaning, as we may see from a similar turn of phrase in St Paul: Christ was made a curse for our sake. Man's body has acquired something great through its communion and union with the Word. From being mortal it has been made immortal; though it was a living body it has become a spiritual one; though it was made from the earth it has passed through the gates of heaven.

Even when the Word takes a body from Mary, the Trinity remains a Trinity, with neither increase nor decrease. It is forever perfect. In the Trinity we acknowledge one Godhead, and thus one God, the Father of the Word, is proclaimed in the Church.

Responsory

- ℟. I know not how to praise you, holy and immaculate Virgin.*
Heaven itself cannot contain the One whom you bore in your womb.
- ℣. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.*
Heaven itself cannot contain the One whom you bore in your womb.

Of your charity please pray for the soul of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI.
Requiescat in pace. Amen.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/pope-benedict-xvi-requiescat-in-pace/>

From the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales on Sat 31st Dec 2022:

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, who served as Supreme Pontiff from April 2005 to February 2013, has died aged 95, the Vatican has confirmed.

A short statement from Matteo Bruni, Director of the Holy See's Press Office, said: "With sorrow I inform you that the Pope Emeritus, Benedict XVI, passed away today at 9:34am in the Mater Ecclesiae Monastery in the Vatican."

Cardinal Vincent Nichols, President of the Bishops' Conference, said:
"I am deeply saddened to learn of the death of Pope Benedict. He



will be remembered as one of the great theologians of the 20th century.

"I remember with particular affection the remarkable Papal Visit to these lands in 2010. We saw his courtesy, his gentleness, the perceptiveness of his mind and the openness of his welcome to everybody that he met."

"He was through and through a gentleman, through and through a scholar, through and through a pastor, through and through a man of God – close to the Lord and always his humble servant."

"Pope Benedict is very much in my heart and in my prayers. I give thanks to God for his ministry and leadership."

Pope Emeritus Benedict's funeral will take place at 9:30am (8:30am UK time) on Thursday, 5 January 2023, in St Peter's Square presided over by Pope Francis.

At Vespers on 31st December, Pope Francis paid tribute to Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI's witness of faith, prayer & kindness:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2022-12/pope-pays-tribute-benedict-xvi-s-witness-faith-prayer-kindness.html>

"And speaking of kindness, at this moment, my thought naturally goes to dear Pope emeritus Benedict XVI who left us this morning. We are moved as we recall him as such a noble person, so kind. And we feel such gratitude in our hearts: gratitude to God for having given him to the Church and to the world; gratitude to him for all the good he accomplished, and above all, for his witness of faith and prayer, especially in these last years of his recollected life. Only God knows the value and the power of his intercession, of the sacrifices he offered for the good of the Church."

The Full video of Vespers and Te Deum on You Tube:

<https://youtu.be/Nyq96dtSAKI>

Bishop Peter Collins has paid a personal tribute to Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI which you can read by clicking into the following link:

<https://www.rcdea.org.uk/bishop-pays-tribute-to-pope-emeritus-benedict-xvi/>

There will be a Requiem Mass for the Pope Emeritus on Monday January 2nd at 12 noon at St John's Cathedral in Norwich. In advance of the funeral on Thursday, Solemn Vespers will be celebrated at the Cathedral on Wednesday January 4th at 6pm – ecumenical and civic representatives will be invited.

Youtube link for the Requiem Mass for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI from Westminster Cathedral held on Saturday 31st December 2022:

<https://youtu.be/pHaCdFIHss4>

The link to our YouTube channel is:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8V030I7usRZiKoTlnwBAKg>

And the link to our Parish Website:

<http://www.catholicparish-kingslynn.org.uk/>

God bless

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