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DEACON SHAUN MORRISON'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday — October 20, 2024

Dear Friends,

Today is the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

"May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you"

The YouTube link for the livestream for the 11.30am Mass from Our Lady's is:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/b2HNM79H6pM?si=kMT0LR5jHBBqtMrn>

From the Office of Readings for 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

A reading from the letter of St. Augustine to Proba

Let our desire be exercised in prayer

Why in our fear of not praying as we should, do we turn to so many things, to find what we should pray for? Why do we not say instead, in the words of the psalm: *I have asked one thing from the Lord, this is what I will seek: to dwell in the Lord's house all the days of my life, to see the graciousness of the Lord, and to visit his temple?* There, the days do not come and go in succession, and the beginning of one day does not mean the end of another; all days are one, simultaneously and without end, and the life lived out in these days has itself no end.

So that we might obtain this life of happiness, he who is true life itself taught us to pray, not in many words as though speaking longer could gain us a hearing. After all, we pray to one who, as the Lord himself tells us, knows what we need before we ask for it.

Why he should ask us to pray, when he knows what we need before we ask him, may perplex us if we do not realise that our Lord and God does not want

to know what we want (for he cannot fail to know it), but wants us rather to exercise our desire through our prayers, so that we may be able to receive what he is preparing to give us. His gift is very great indeed, but our capacity is too small and limited to receive it. That is why we are told: *Enlarge your desires, do not bear the yoke with unbelievers.*

The deeper our faith, the stronger our hope, the greater our desire, the larger will be our capacity to receive that gift, which is very great indeed. *No eye has seen it; it has no colour. No ear has heard it; it has no sound. It has not entered man's heart; man's heart must enter into it.*

In this faith, hope and love we pray always with unwearied desire. However, at set times and seasons we also pray to God in words, so that by these signs we may instruct ourselves and mark the progress we have made in our desire, and spur ourselves on to deepen it. The more fervent the desire, the more worthy will be its fruit. When the Apostle tells us: *Pray without ceasing*, he means this: Desire unceasingly that life of happiness which is nothing if not eternal, and ask it of him who alone is able to give it.

Responsory

℟. When you seek me, you shall find me – if you search with all your heart.* If you pray to me, I will listen to you.

℣. I know the plans I have in mind for you – plans for peace, not disaster, reserving a future full of hope for you.* If you pray to me, I will listen to you.

Today is also World Mission Sunday

From Misso:

<https://missio.org.uk/what-is-world-mission-sunday/>

Pray with the Global Church

World Mission Sunday is our chance to show love and solidarity to our brothers and sisters overseas who share our faith. In offering our prayers, we join with missionaries everywhere in communion and compassion to support them in spreading the Good News, and by giving a donation we respond to Christ's call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

Why WMS is so important to us

Misso is responsible for coordinating World Mission Sunday and provides new, young or poor dioceses with the essential support they need on their journey to becoming self-sufficient.

We work through local bishops, churches and missionary congregations to ensure that resources are distributed equitably and justly – on the basis of need. The money goes directly from England and Wales to the bishops in the mission territories – local Church directly helping local Church!

You can watch the short film on YouTube which demonstrates the importance of World Mission Sunday:

<https://youtu.be/S5YQCdYuDk?si=QNQIQ0fCHj2qhh2O>

In my email for Sunday 6th October I sent a link to the 'Right to Life' website:

[Ask your MP to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law](#)

Have you written to your MP yet?

In that same email I provided the following for you:

From the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales:

Oppose Assisted Suicide

We are calling on Catholics in England and Wales to unite in prayer and compassionate action to oppose assisted suicide.

In early September 2024, when parliament returned and a Bill on assisted suicide – so-called assisted dying – started its passage through the House of Lords, our Lead Bishop for Life Issues, Bishop John Sherrington, called for Catholics to unite in prayer and compassionate action.

That call is renewed now as on Wednesday, 16 October, the House of Commons will hear the first reading of a new bill on assisted suicide tabled by Labour MP Kim Leadbeater.

This is another attempt to legalise assisted suicide and we need you to contact your MP to voice your opposition.

Act now! Contact your MP

The charity 'Right to Life' has a simple online mechanism to do this. It takes little more than a few minutes to input your postcode, make sure the suggested text suits your viewpoint and submit your message to ask your MP to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law.

The link to contact our MP via the 'Right to Life' website:

[Ask your MP to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law](#)

Pray

We are a praying Christian community and, as Bishop Sherrington says, the legalisation of assisted suicide undermines the sanctity and dignity of human life. ***"The Catholic Church accompanies those suffering and nearing the end of their lives with hope and affection, but also reminds them that their life is precious until the very last breath,"*** he says. "In preparation for these challenging debates, let us offer our prayers for those facing the end of their lives, that they may receive the care and support they need to live their final days with respect for their dignity.

Let us also pray for our politicians and our country that wisdom and compassion may guide their decisions. I also urge all Catholics to become better informed about the serious problems associated with the legalisation of assisted suicide.

For further information and resources please see:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/>

And Last week I provided for you:

Cardinal calls on Catholics to take action to oppose assisted suicide

Cardinal Vincent Nichols, President of the Bishops' Conference and Archbishop of Westminster, has issued a pastoral letter on assisted suicide.

You can listen to Cardinal Vincent Nichols, President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, explaining why it's so important to inform ourselves about assisted suicide, to be fully engaged in the debate and to write to our MPs to oppose assisted suicide being rushed into law. The YouTube link is:

[Cardinal calls on Catholics to take action on assisted suicide](https://www.cbcew.org.uk/cardinal-calls-on-catholics-to-take-action-to-oppose-assisted-suicide/)

Source: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/cardinal-calls-on-catholics-to-take-action-to-oppose-assisted-suicide/>

Please keep this issue in your prayers.

Jubilee 2025

There is a Jubilee website which provides further information for the Jubilee year:

<https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en/giubileo-2025.html>

The Jubilee Prayer:

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled

in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope*

for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos

in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth,

when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,

a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread

the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

Leading up to the Jubilee I will provide further information for you.

There is a weekly Ordinariate weekly Podcast which I thought I would share with you:

This week, Bishop Robert Barron is the feature guest for World Mission Sunday.

Laura has all the news and Notices.

Ronald reflects on Our Lady of Walsingham, Retreat and the Walsingham Association.

John tops and tails everything, and all is knit together by Jackie.

Please find below the link for this week's podcast.

[Http://soundcloud.com/ordinariate_portal_podcast/trinity-xxi](http://soundcloud.com/ordinariate_portal_podcast/trinity-xxi)

The link to our YouTube channel is:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8V030I7usRZiKoTlrwBAKg>

And the link to our Parish Website:

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

God bless

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