



Catholic Parish of King's Lynn

Church of Our Lady of the Annunciation

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DEACON SHAUN MORRISON'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday, November 09, 2025



Dear Friends,

Please note: For this Sunday (9th Nov) the 9.30am Mass is at Our Lady's and the 11.30am Mass is at Holy Family. (This is to enable us to take part in the civic observances at Tower Gardens and Gaywood Clock)

For further information on the civic observances here is a link to the Borough Council:

<https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/news/article/1961/remembrance-sunday-to-be-marked-this-weekend-in-west-norfolk>

And with apologies owing to the practicalities during the morning there will be no live stream from Our Lady's.

The YouTube link to the 11am Mass from the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist is:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/U3Y90X0xacI?si=TzQ2lWYoHJPfBfHp>

And

The YouTube link to the 10am Solemn

Requiem Mass for the Fallen from Westminster Cathedral is:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/ET1JuVXD2us?si=3cIlPXQodvvE8Pyj>

Today we mark Remembrance Sunday and also it is the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica.

The response to the Responsorial Psalm for the Feast is:

"The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place, the abode of the Most High"

The 1st part of the Responsorial Psalm is:

God is for us a refuge and strength, an ever-present help in time of distress: so we shall not fear though the earth should rock, though the mountains quake to the heart of the sea.

Comforting words for us.

Remembrance Sunday



We pray for and remember all who have died as a result of war. May they be at peace in the light of God's glory. We hold before God all those whose memory that we cherish and all those names we will never

know.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.

PRAYER FOR PEACE



Let us continue praying for peace in the world, remembering especially all the troubled parts of the world, the people, places and countries suffering from political or economic unrest and war.

We place our intentions under the mantle of Our Blessed Mother, the Queen of Peace.

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us.

From Universalis:

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (c.324)

The Lateran Basilica was built by the Emperor Constantine on the Lateran Hill in Rome in about 324. The feast of its dedication has been celebrated in Rome on this date since the twelfth century. In honour of the basilica, “the mother and head of all the churches of the City and the World,” the feast has been extended to the whole Roman Rite as a sign of unity and love towards the See of Peter, which, as St Ignatius of Antioch said in the second century, “presides over the whole assembly of charity.”

The Second Reading for the office of Readings from the Divine Office for The Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica is a reading taken from the sermons of St Caesarius of Arles:

Baptism makes every one of us into a temple of God.

My fellow Christians, today is the birthday of this church, an occasion for celebration and rejoicing. We, however, ought to be the true and living temple of God. Nevertheless, Christians rightly commemorate this feast of the church, their mother, for they know that through her they were reborn in the spirit. At our first birth, we were vessels of God’s wrath; reborn, we became vessels of his mercy. Our first birth brought death to us, but our second restored us to life.

Indeed, before our baptism we were sanctuaries of the devil; but after our baptism we merited the privilege of being temples of Christ. And if we think more carefully about the meaning of our salvation, we shall realise that we are indeed living and true temples of God. God does not dwell only *in things made by human hands*, nor in homes of wood and stone, but rather he dwells principally in the soul made according to his own image and fashioned

by his own hand. Therefore, the apostle Paul says: *The temple of God is holy, and you are that temple.*

When Christ came, he banished the devil from our hearts, in order to build in them a temple for himself. Let us therefore do what we can with his help, so that our evil deeds will not deface that temple. For whoever does evil, does injury to Christ. As I said earlier, before Christ redeemed us, we were the house of the devil, but afterwards, we merited the privilege of being the house of God. God himself in his loving mercy saw fit to make of us his own home. My fellow Christians, do we wish to celebrate joyfully the birth of this temple? Then let us not destroy the living temples of God in ourselves by works of evil. I shall speak clearly, so that all can understand. Whenever we come to church, we must prepare our hearts to be as beautiful as we expect this church to be. Do you wish to find this basilica immaculately clean? Then do not soil your soul with the filth of sins. Do you wish this basilica to be full of light? God too wishes that your soul be not in darkness, but that the light of good works shine in us, so that he who dwells in the heavens will be glorified. Just as you enter this church building, so God wishes to enter into your soul, for he promised: *I shall live in them, I shall walk through their hearts.*

Responsory

- R. I saw a stream of water flowing from the right side of the temple, alleluia.* Wherever this water flowed, it brought life, and all who were saved by it cried out: Alleluia, alleluia!
- V. When the church was consecrated, the congregation broke in to cries of joy, and sounds of sweet singing burst from their mouths.* Wherever this water flowed, it brought life, and all who were saved by it cried out: Alleluia, alleluia!
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Monday 10th November is the Memorial of St. Leo the Great, Pope and doctor of the Church.

Pope St Leo the Great (- 461)

He was born in Etruria and became Pope in 440. He was a true shepherd and father of souls. He constantly strove to keep the faith whole and strenuously defended the unity of the Church. He repelled the invasions of the barbarians or alleviated their effects, famously persuading Attila the Hun not to march on Rome in 452, and preventing the invading Vandals from massacring the population in 455.

Leo left many doctrinal and spiritual writings behind and a number of them are included in the Office of Readings to this day. He died in 461.

From a sermon of Saint Leo the Great, pope

The special obligations of our ministry

Although the universal Church of God is constituted of distinct orders of members, still, in spite of the many parts of its holy body, the Church subsists as an integral whole, just as the Apostle says: *We are all one in Christ.* No difference in office is so great that anyone can be separated, through lowliness, from the head. In the unity of faith and baptism, therefore, our community is undivided. There is a common dignity, as the apostle Peter says in these words: *And you are built up as living stones into spiritual houses, a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices which are acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.* And again: *But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people set apart.*

For all, regenerated in Christ, are made kings by the sign of the cross; they are consecrated priests by the oil of the Holy Spirit, so that beyond the special service of our ministry as priests, all spiritual and mature Christians know that they are a royal race and are sharers in the office of the

priesthood. For what is more king-like than to find yourself ruler over your body after having surrendered your soul to God? And what is more priestly than to promise the Lord a pure conscience and to offer him in love unblemished victims on the altar of one's heart?

Because, through the grace of God, it is a deed accomplished universally on behalf of all, it is altogether praiseworthy and in keeping with a religious attitude for you to rejoice in this our day of consecration, to consider it a day when we are especially honoured. For indeed one sacramental priesthood is celebrated throughout the entire body of the Church. The oil which consecrates us has richer effects in the higher grades, yet it is not sparingly given in the lower.

Sharing in this office, my dear brethren, we have solid ground for a common rejoicing; yet there will be more genuine and excellent reason for joy if you do not dwell on the thought of our unworthiness. It is more helpful and more suitable to turn your thoughts to study the glory of the blessed apostle Peter. We should celebrate this day above all in honour of him. He overflowed with abundant riches from the very source of all graces, yet though he alone received much, nothing was given over to him without his sharing it. The Word made flesh lived among us, and in redeeming the whole human race, Christ gave himself entirely.

Source: <https://universalis.com/europe.england.eastanglia/20251110/readings.htm>

Tuesday 11th November is the Memorial of St. Martin of Tours, Bishop.

St Martin of Tours (c.316 - 397)

He was born in the Roman province of Pannonia (approximating to the western half of modern Hungary) in about 316 and was educated at Pavia in Italy. He was

baptized, left the army and after spending some time as a hermit on an island off the Ligurian coast, founded a monastery at Ligugé in western France, where he lived a monastic life guided by St Hilary. Later he was ordained priest and became bishop of Tours. In his actions he gave an example of what a good shepherd should be. He founded other monasteries, educated the clergy, and preached the Gospel to the poor. He died in 397.

The famous story about St Martin is that while a soldier in Amiens he gave half of his military cloak to a beggar and later had a dream in which the beggar revealed himself as Christ.

Source: <https://universalis.com/europe.england.eastanglia/20251111/today.htm>

Wednesday 12th November is the Memorial of St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr.

Saint Josaphat (c.1580 - 1623)

He was born in the Polish province of Volhynia, of Orthodox parents. In 1595 the Union of Brest brought the Ruthenian Church into communion with Catholic Rome while still preserving its own liturgy. The result was a schism within the Ruthenian church itself, with one party wanting to remain Orthodox and in the orbit of Moscow and Constantinople, while the other accepted the Union. Matters were complicated by the presence of the Greek Uniates, a remnant of a century-old attempt at church union (who remain a living church to this day).

Josaphat joined the first monastery of the order of St Basil to be united to the Catholic Church: he was the first person to do so. He was ordained priest and, eventually and reluctantly, appointed bishop of Polotsk in 1617. Although Sigismund III Vasa, King of Poland and Grand Duke of Lithuania,

supported the union, the local aristocracy were against it because it threatened their control of ecclesiastical benefices. Plotting with the Orthodox Patriarch of Jerusalem, who visited the region in 1621, they stirred up trouble and as a result Josaphat was murdered by a mob in 1623 while on a pastoral visit to Vitebsk.

Source: <https://universalis.com/europe.england.eastanglia/20251112/today.htm>

Continuation of the Blessed who were canonised Saints on Sunday 19th October by Pope Leo.

This week's information is on José Gregorio Hernández Cisneros (1864–1919), lay faithful.

José Gregorio Hernández Cisneros, 26 October 1864 – 29 June 1919) was a Venezuelan physician and active member of the Third Order of Saint Francis. Born in Isnotú, Trujillo State, he became a highly renowned doctor, more so after his death. Known for his many acts of charity for the poor of his society and his dedicated life of faith, he was beatified by the Catholic Church in 2021 by Pope Francis, who later approved his canonization in early 2025. He was canonized by Pope Leo XIV on 19 October 2025, one of the first two citizens of that nation to be so recognized by the Catholic Church.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jos%C3%A9_Gregorio_Hern%C3%A1ndez

From Vatican News:

The 'doctor of the poor,' Blessed José Gregorio Hernández Cisneros, can inspire us, with his holy example.

Pope Francis stressed this as he reflected on the Venezuelan blessed during his General Audience on Wednesday morning in the Vatican, as he continued his series of catecheses on figures in the Church who embodied apostolic zeal.

The Holy Father, who beatified Hernández in 2021, reflected on the Venezuelan doctor, a layperson - who selflessly gave of himself entirely, to help others.

While another miracle would be needed for him to become a canonized saint, this has not deterred many Venezuelan faithful who have a profound tradition of devotion to him, especially for healing.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2023-09/pope-at-audience-extols-doctor-of-poor-jose-gregorio-hernandez.html>

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:



Next week is our turn to have Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament to pray for the needs of the Diocese and for Vocations. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration from the end of the 11.30am Mass (on 16th Nov) at our Lady's Church until Vespers and Benediction at 4pm. Please set aside a time to come and have some quality time with Our Lord.

Children’s Liturgy:

The Children’s Liturgy at the 9.30am and 11.30am Mass has begun and is going well.

The Children’s Liturgy is intended for children aged from 4 years to 7 years and will take place during the first half of the Mass, returning to their parents at the offertory.

There is always room for more volunteers to help so if you would like to join this thriving group, please let Helen know.

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Thank you.

The link to our YouTube channel is:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8V030I7usRZiKoTlrwBAKg>

And the link to our Parish Website:
<https://cpkl.org>

God bless,

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Deacon Shaun Morrison

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