



Catholic Parish of King's Lynn

Church of Our Lady of the Annunciation

London Road, King's Lynn, Norfolk. PE30 5HQ

Holy Family Church

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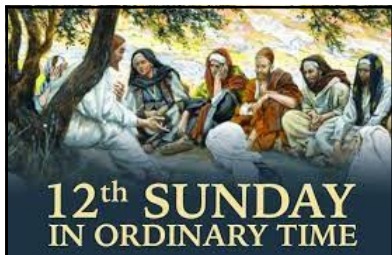
DEACON SHAUN MORRISON'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday, June 25, 2023

Dear Friends,

Today is the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

"In your great love, answer me, O God."



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

<https://www.youtube.com/live/XK6QbP3AtMQ?feature=share>

The YouTube link for the livestream for the 2pm Ordinariate Mass is:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/9ymXbA49Vzg?feature=share>

From the Office of Readings for today:

A reading from the treatise of Faustinus Luciferanus on the Trinity.

Christ is King and Priest forever.

Our Saviour received a bodily anointing and so became a true king and a true priest. Both king and priest he was of his very self; a saviour could be nothing less. Hear in his own words how he himself became a king: *I have been appointed king by God on Zion his holy mountain.* Hear in the Father's words that he was a priest: *You are a priest forever in the line of Melchizedek.* Aaron was the first under the law to be made a priest by being anointed with chrism, yet the Father does not say, "in the line of Aaron," lest it be believed that the Saviour's priesthood could be passed on by inheritance, for at that time Aaron's priesthood was transmitted by lineal descent. But the Saviour's priesthood is not inherited because this priest lives on forever. Therefore Scripture says: *You are a priest forever in the line of Melchizedek.*

There is, therefore, a saviour in the flesh who is both a king and a priest, though his anointing was not physical but spiritual. Among the Israelites, those kings and priests who were actually anointed with oil were either kings or priests. No man could be both king and priest; he had to be one or the other. Only Christ was both king and priest; because he had come to fulfil the law, he alone possessed the twofold perfection of kingship and priesthood.

Those who had been anointed with the oil of kingship or priesthood, although they received only one of these

anointings, were called messiahs. Our Saviour, however, who is the Christ, was anointed by the Holy Spirit so that the passage in Scripture might be fulfilled: *God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness and raised you above your companions.* The difference, then, between the one Christ and the many christs is in the anointing, since he was anointed with the oil of gladness, which signifies nothing other than the Holy Spirit.

This we know to be true from the Saviour himself. When he took the book of Isaiah, he opened it and read: *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me.* He then said that the prophecy was fulfilled in the hearing of those listening.

Peter, the prince of the apostles, also taught that the chrism which made the Saviour a christ was the Holy Spirit; that is to say, the power of God. When in the Acts of the Apostles Peter spoke to that faithful and merciful man, the centurion, he said among other things: *After the baptism which John preached, Jesus of Nazareth, whom God anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power, started out in Galilee and travelled about performing powerful miracles, and freeing all who were possessed by the devil.*

So you see that Peter too said that Jesus in his humanity was anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power. Thus Jesus in his humanity truly became the Christ. By the anointing of the Holy Spirit, he was made both king and priest for ever.

Responsory

- R. Marvel at the greatness of the one who comes to save the nations:* he is the king of justice, the Son for all eternity.
- V. He comes on our behalf as a forerunner, a high priest for ever in the succession to Melchizedek.* He is the king of justice, the Son for all eternity.

From the newsletter:

MEMORIAL MASS FOR BISHOP PETER SMITH.

Since Bishop Peter died during lockdown his funeral had to take place in private in Southwark and there was no proper marking of the event in our own diocese. This will be rectified on Monday (tomorrow) when our bishop will be offering Mass for him in the Cathedral at 11.30am Everyone is welcome.

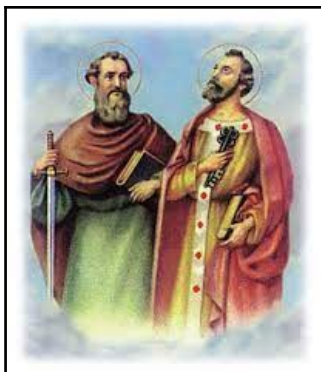
The easiest way to get to the Cathedral is on the Exel bus which at the moment only costs £2 each way. It is only a short walk from Norwich Bus Station to the Cathedral.

Youtube link for the Cathedral is:

<https://www.youtube.com/@CathedralofStJohntheBaptist/streams>

Thursday (29th June)
is the Solemnity of
Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles
which is a
Holy Day of Obligation.

**Mass is at 9.30am
at Holy Family Church
and at 7.30pm
at Our Lady's Church.**



The YouTube link for the livestream for the 7.30pm Mass from Our Lady's is:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/V326MsH-1TQ?feature=share>

From the Office Of Readings for the Solemnity:

A reading from the sermons of St Augustine.

These martyrs saw what they proclaimed.

This day has been consecrated for us by the martyrdom of the blessed apostles Peter and Paul. It is not some obscure martyrs we are talking about. *Their sound has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world.* These martyrs had seen what they proclaimed, they pursued justice by confessing the truth, by dying for the truth.

The blessed Peter, the first of the Apostles, the ardent lover of Christ, who was found worthy to hear, *And I say to you, that you are Peter.* He himself, you see, had just said, *You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.* Christ said to him, *And I say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.* Upon this rock I will build the faith you have just confessed. Upon your words, *You are the Christ, the Son of the living God,* I will build my Church; because you are Peter. Peter comes from *petra*, meaning a rock. Peter, "Rocky," from "rock"; not "rock" from "Rocky." Peter comes from the word for a rock in exactly the same way as the name Christian comes from Christ.

Before his passion the Lord Jesus, as you know, chose those disciples of his whom he called apostles. Among these it was only Peter who almost everywhere was given the privilege of representing the whole Church. It was in the person of the whole Church, which he alone represented, that he was privileged to hear, *To you will I give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.* After all, it is not just one man that received these keys, but the Church in its unity. So this is the reason for Peter's acknowledged pre-eminence, that he stood for the Church's universality and unity, when he was told, *To you I am entrusting,* what has in fact been entrusted to all. To show you that it is the Church which has received

the keys of the kingdom of heaven, listen to what the Lord says in another place to all his apostles: *Receive the Holy Spirit; and immediately afterwards, Whose sins you forgive, they will be forgiven them; whose sins you retain, they will be retained.*

Quite rightly, too, did the Lord after his resurrection entrust his sheep to Peter to be fed. It is not, you see, that he alone among the disciples was fit to feed the Lord's sheep; but when Christ speaks to one man, unity is being commended to us. And he first speaks to Peter, because Peter is the first among the apostles. Do not be sad, Apostle. Answer once, answer again, answer a third time. Let confession conquer three times with love, because self-assurance was conquered three times by fear. What you had tied three times must be untied three times. Untie through love what you had tied through fear. And for all that, the Lord once, and again, and a third time, entrusted his sheep to Peter.

There is one day for the passion of two apostles. But these two also were as one; although they suffered on different days, they were as one. Peter went first, Paul followed. We are celebrating a feast day, consecrated for us by the blood of the apostles. Let us love their faith, their lives, their labours, their sufferings, their confession of faith, their preaching.

Responsory

- ℟. O Paul, teacher of truth and apostle of the Gentiles,*
you are truly worthy of honour.
- ℣. Through you, all nations have known the grace of
God:* you are truly worthy of honour.

The link to our YouTube channel is:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8V030i7usRZiKoTlrwBAKq>

And the link to our Parish Website:

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

God bless

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