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DEACON SHAUN MORRISON'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday — May 11, 2025



Dear Friends,

Let us pray for Our Holy Father Pope Leo.

Heavenly Father, we entrust to your loving care our Holy Father, Pope Leo.

Grant him the gifts he needs to lead your Church with courage and compassion.

May his pontificate be blessed with abundant fruit for the building up of your kingdom on earth.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Easter.
Also known as Good Shepherd Sunday.
(And Vocations Sunday)

*"I am the good shepherd, says the Lord.
I know my sheep and my own know me"*



The link for the live stream of the **11.30am Mass from Our Lady's** is:

<https://youtube.com/live/lut-aEwBcg4?feature=share>

Today at 3pm at Our Lady's Church is First Holy Communion Thanksgiving.

The service takes the format of a simple Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, which will be explained to the children beforehand.

This will be followed by the presentation of certificates in Church.

Then there will be a tea party for the children in the Wigglesworth Room and the Rectory Garden (the weather forecast is sunny and warm!!)

From the Office of Readings for Eastertide: week 4 : Sunday

A reading from the homilies of Pope St Gregory the Great on the Gospels

Christ the good shepherd

I am the good shepherd. I know my own – by which I mean, I love them – *and my own know me*. In plain words: those who love me are willing to follow me, for anyone who does not love the truth has not yet come to know it.

My dear brethren, you have heard the test we pastors have to undergo. Turn now to consider how these words of our Lord imply a test for yourselves also. Ask yourselves whether you belong to his flock, whether you know him, whether the light of his truth shines in your minds. I assure you that it is not by faith that you will come to know him, but by love; not by mere conviction, but by action. John the evangelist is my authority for this statement. He tells us that *anyone who claims to know God without keeping his commandments is a liar*.

Consequently, the Lord immediately adds: *As the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep*. Clearly he means that laying down his life

for his sheep gives evidence of his knowledge of the Father and the Father's knowledge of him. In other words, by the love with which he dies for his sheep he shows how greatly he loves his Father.

Again he says: *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them; they follow me, and I give them eternal life*. Shortly before this he had declared: *If anyone enters the sheepfold through me he shall be saved; he shall go freely in and out and shall find good pasture*. He will enter into a life of faith; from faith he will go out to vision, from belief to contemplation, and will graze in the good pastures of everlasting life.

So our Lord's sheep will finally reach their grazing ground where all who follow him in simplicity of heart will feed on the green pastures of eternity. These pastures are the spiritual joys of heaven. There the elect look upon the face of God with unclouded vision and feast at the banquet of life for ever more. Beloved brothers, let us set out for these pastures where we shall keep joyful festival with so many of our fellow citizens. May the thought of their happiness urge us on! Let us stir up our hearts, rekindle our faith, and long eagerly for what heaven has in store for us. To love thus is to be already on our way. No matter what obstacles we encounter, we must not allow them to turn us aside from the joy of that heavenly feast. Anyone who is determined to reach his destination is not deterred by the roughness of the road that leads to it. Nor must we allow the charm of success to seduce us, or we shall be like a foolish traveller who is so distracted by the pleasant meadows through which he is passing that he forgets where he is going.

Responsory

℟. The good shepherd, who laid down his life for his sheep, is risen from the dead:* for the sake of his flock, he was willing to endure death, alleluia.

℣. Christ has been sacrificed for us, our paschal victim:* for the sake of his flock, he was willing to endure death, alleluia.

Pope Leo XIV

We pray for Pope Leo as he begins in Pontificate.

It has been an exciting week looking for the white smoke!

Biography of Pope Leo XIV - Here are two links that you can look at:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2025-05/biography-of-robert-francis-prevost-pope-leo-xiv.html>

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/pope-leo-xiv-biography/>

- **The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales website has a page dedicated to Pope Leo. Here is the link:**
<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/pope-leo-xiv/>
- **The YouTube link for Mass with the Cardinal electors in the Sistine Chapel is**
<https://youtu.be/q-GUTcUYJCA>
- **The YouTube link for the Full Homily: First Mass of Pope Leo XIV (English Version)**
<https://youtu.be/IYhfqwFaHTc?si=Bx42HQ9x87PCzMji>

- **ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO XIV TO THE COLLEGE OF CARDINALS**

[Pope Leo XIV to Cardinals: Church must respond to digital revolution - Vatican News](#)

In his first formal address to the College of Cardinals following his election, Pope Leo XIV has revealed the inspiration behind the name he chose - one which, in his own words, echoes the Church's enduring commitment to human dignity and social justice.

"Pope Leo XIII, with the historic Encyclical *Rerum novarum*, addressed the social question in the context of the first great industrial revolution," Pope Leo recalled. "Today, the Church offers to all her treasure of social teaching in response to another industrial revolution and the developments of artificial intelligence." A name, then, not only rooted in tradition, but one that looks

firmly ahead to the challenges of a rapidly changing world and the perennial call to protect those most vulnerable within it.

Addressing the Cardinals, whom he called the "closest collaborators of the Pope," on Saturday,

Pope Leo XIV delivered his first official address as the Successor of Peter, expressing heartfelt gratitude and an awareness of the immense responsibility now entrusted to him. "This yoke," he said, "is clearly far beyond my strength - as it would be for anyone."

Pope Leo noted that the days that preceded his election had been marked by mourning, as the Church bid farewell to Pope Francis. Recognising the emotional weight of that farewell, the Pope described the death of the beloved Pope Francis and the subsequent Conclave as "a paschal event," one enveloped in the light of the Resurrection.

The new Bishop of Rome paid tribute to his predecessor, remembering Pope Francis' simplicity, his radical dedication to service, and his peaceful return to the Father's House. "Let us treasure this precious legacy and resume our journey," he said, "animated by the same hope that comes from faith."

The Holy Father reminded those gathered of the quiet yet powerful presence of the Risen Christ - "not in the roar of thunder and earthquake," but in "the whisper of a gentle breeze." It is in this stillness, he said, that we encounter God most intimately, and it is this encounter that must guide the Church in her mission today.

Pope Leo then went on to speak of the Church as both "womb" and "flock," as "field" and "temple," and he praised the unity shown by the faithful in the days of mourning, describing it as having "revealed the true greatness of the Church."

Looking ahead to the future, Pope Leo XIV reiterated the path set in motion by the Second Vatican Council, a path renewed and reinterpreted under Pope Francis. He highlighted key themes from Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii gaudium*:

the primacy of Christ, synodality, the sensus fidei (the supernatural "sense" of the faithful), popular piety, care for the poor, and courageous engagement with the world.

“These are Gospel principles through which the merciful face of the Father has been revealed and continues to be revealed in the Son made man,” said Pope Leo.

Bringing his discourse to a close, Pope Leo XIV called his brother Cardinals and the wider Church to continue along this path with “prayer and commitment.” Finally, he quoted Saint Paul VI, at the dawn of his own pontificate, praying that “a great flame of faith and love” may once again spread across the world, lighting the way for all people of good will.

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/speeches/2025/may/documents/20250510-collegio-cardinalizio.html>

- **A link with information about the motto and coat of arms for Pope Leo XIV:**
<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2025-05/pope-leo-xiv-s-motto-and-coat-of-arms.html>
- **The Diocese of East Anglia joins the global Catholic community in giving heartfelt thanks to God for the election of Pope Leo XIV. The link to the message is:**

<https://www.rcdea.org.uk/pope-leo-xiv-a-shepherd-rooted-in-mission-and-unity/>

Attached for you is St. Martha’s News.

Year 6 will be sitting their SATs between Monday and Thursday this coming week. They will spend the week answering questions and showing all their learning in reading, grammar and maths. A prayer for them:

Heavenly Father,
help our children to stay calm and focused during their SATS.
Grant them clarity and confidence, and remind them that their best is all that matters.
Thank you for your peace and guidance.
Amen.

Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham Podcast- Good Shepherd Sunday.

The YouTube link is:

<https://youtu.be/tabyYQk7tcs>

PARISH WEBSITE UPDATE

From 1st May 2025 the Parish Website will change from

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

to

<https://cpkl.org>

The old website domain name was insecure and was causing technical problems behind the scenes. This new domain name is very much abbreviated and easier to type, and you will be able to view the same website and its archives.

For those who have the old domain name book-marked on their computers, laptops, tablets and phones, you will be able to view the website for up to one month giving you time to bookmark the new domain name <https://cpkl.org> to view the website.

Apologies for the inconvenience, but we must keep our communications up to date and secure.

God bless,
Joe Rodriguez.

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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