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DEACON SHAUN MORRISON'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday — August 11, 2024

Dear Friends, Good morning to you.

Today is the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

"Taste and see that the Lord is good"

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

<https://www.youtube.com/live/VvXlduiEbA4?si=eGZu8b-jXznp6S0>

Our annual Procession of Our Lady of Walsingham to the Red Mount Chapel will be next Sunday **18th August at 3pm.**

From the Office of Readings for 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

A reading from the Dialogue of St Catherine of Siena on Divine Providence

In the bonds of love

My sweet Lord, look with mercy upon your people and especially upon the mystical body of your Church. Greater glory is given to your name for pardoning a multitude of your creatures than if I alone were pardoned for my great sins against your majesty. It would be no consolation for me to enjoy your life if your holy people stood in death. For I see that sin darkens the life of your bride the Church – my sin and the sins of others.

It is a special grace I ask for, this pardon for the creatures you have made in your image and likeness. When you created man, you were moved by love to make him in your own image. Surely only love could so dignify your creatures. But I know very well that man lost the dignity you gave him; he deserved to lose it, since he had committed sin.

Moved by love and wishing to reconcile the human race to yourself, you gave us your only-begotten Son. He became our mediator and our justice by taking on all our injustice and sin out of obedience to your will, eternal Father, just as you willed that he take on our human nature. What an immeasurably profound love! Your Son went down from the heights of his divinity to the depths of our humanity. Can anyone's heart remain closed and hardened after this?

We image your divinity, but you image our humanity in that union of the two which you have worked in a man. You have veiled the Godhead in a cloud, in the clay of our humanity. Only your love could so dignify the flesh of Adam. And so by reason of this immeasurable love I beg, with all the strength of my soul, that you freely extend your mercy to all your lowly creatures.

Responsory

- ℟. My song is of mercy and justice: I sing to you, O Lord.* I will walk in the way of perfection. O when, Lord, will you come?
- ℣. I will walk with blameless heart within my house.* I will walk in the way of perfection. O when, Lord, will you come?

Wednesday 14th August is the Memorial of St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest & Martyr.

From Universalis:

St Maximilian Kolbe (1894 - 1941)

He was born on 8 January 1894 in occupied Poland: he joined the Franciscans in Lwów in 1910, and was ordained eight years later, as his country became free and independent for the first time in over 120 years.

He believed that the world was passing through a time of intense spiritual crisis, and that Christians must fight for the world's salvation with all the means of modern communication. He founded a newspaper, and a sodality called the Knights of Mary Immaculate, which spread widely both in Poland and abroad.

In 1927 he founded a community, a "city of Mary," at Teresin: centred round the Franciscan friary, it attracted many lay people, and became self-supporting, publishing many periodicals and running its own radio station.

In 1930 he went to Japan, studied Buddhism and Shintoism, and through the Japanese edition of his newspaper spread the Christian message in a way that was in harmony with Japanese culture. In Nagasaki, he set up a "Garden of the Immaculate," which survived the atomic bomb.

He also travelled to Malabar and to Moscow, but was recalled to Poland in 1936 for reasons of health.

When the Germans invaded in 1939, the community at Teresin sheltered thousands of refugees, most of them Jews.

In 1941 he was arrested and sent to the concentration camp at Auschwitz, where he helped and rescued the inmates. In August of that year a prisoner escaped, and in reprisal the authorities were choosing ten people to die by starvation. One of the men had a family, and Maximilian Kolbe offered to take his place. The offer was accepted, and he spent his last days comforting his fellow prisoners.

The man he saved was present at his canonization.

Maximilian Kolbe's martyrdom is the least important thing about him. We are none of us likely to find ourselves in a position to emulate his sacrifice, and speculation as to the heroic way in which we would have behaved in his place is a pernicious waste of time. What is important is that he acted the way he did because of who he was – or, rather, because of who he had become. It is because of who he had become that we revere him as a saint: he would have been a saint (though perhaps not canonized) even if he had not been martyred. And that process of becoming is something we can all emulate. We

can all become people for whom doing the right thing is obvious, natural, and easy. It requires no heroism, no special gifts: just perseverance, and prayer.

Source: <https://universalis.com/europe.england.eastanglia/20240814/today.htm>

Thursday 15th August is the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** and is an Holyday of Obligation.

Mary has been taken up to heaven; all the choirs of angels are rejoicing.

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

I will send the spiritual readings nearer the day.

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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