



## Catholic Parish of King's Lynn

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### DEACON SHAUN MORRISON'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

**Sunday — December 01, 2024**

Dear Friends,

**Today is the First Sunday of Advent** and is the beginning of a new Church year and the new lectionary comes into use today.

We also move on to Year C for the Sunday cycle of readings, and Year 1 for the weekday cycle of readings.

*Father, you have given us the grace of looking forward to the coming of your Son. Send us your loving kindness.*

*(From Morning Prayer)*

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

[https://www.youtube.com/live/-aQhdSqw-00?si=j\\_Hnq-lE5lB69fGh](https://www.youtube.com/live/-aQhdSqw-00?si=j_Hnq-lE5lB69fGh)

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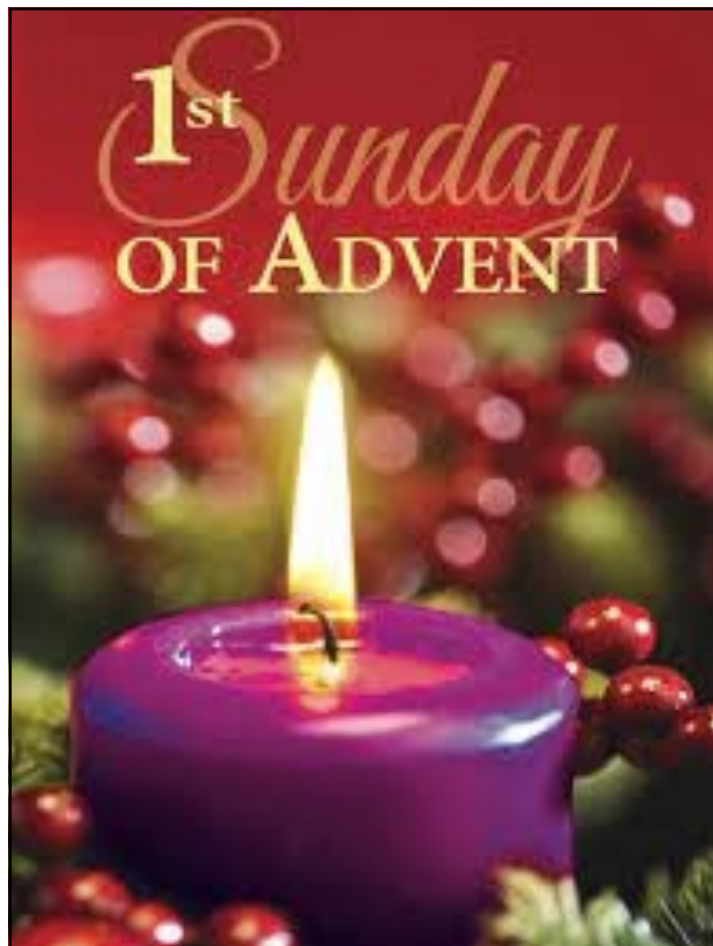
**From the Office of Readings for the First Sunday of Advent:**

**A reading from the Catecheses of St Cyril of Jerusalem**

*The Twofold coming of Jesus Christ*

We do not preach only one coming of Christ, but a second as well, much more glorious than the first. The first coming was marked by patience; the second will bring the crown of a divine kingdom.

In general, whatever relates to our Lord Jesus Christ has two aspects. There is a birth from God before the ages, and a birth from a virgin at the fullness of time. There is a hidden coming, like that of rain on fleece, and a coming before all eyes, still in the future.



At the first coming he was wrapped in swaddling clothes in a manger. At his second coming he will be clothed in light as in a garment. In the first coming he endured the cross, despising the shame; in the second coming he will be in glory, escorted by an army of angels.

We look then beyond the first coming and await the second. At the first coming we said: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. At the second we shall say it again; we shall go out with the angels to meet the Lord and cry out in adoration: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

The Saviour will not come to be judged again, but to judge those by whom he was judged. At his own judgement he was silent; then he will address those who committed the outrages against him when they crucified him and will remind them: You did these things, and I was silent.

His first coming was to fulfil his plan of love, to teach men by gentle persuasion. This time, whether men like it or not, they will be subjects of his kingdom by necessity.

The prophet Malachi speaks of the two comings. And the Lord whom you seek will come suddenly to his temple: that is one coming.

Again he says of another coming: Look, the Lord almighty will come, and who will endure the day of his entry, or who will stand in his sight? Because he comes like a refiner's fire, a fuller's herb, and he will sit refining and cleansing.

These two comings are also referred to by Paul in writing to Titus: The grace of God the Saviour has appeared to all men, instructing us to put aside impiety and worldly desires and live temperately, uprightly, and religiously in this present age, waiting for the joyful hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Notice how he speaks of a first coming for which he gives thanks, and a second, the one we still await.

That is why the faith we profess has been handed on to you in these words: He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

Our Lord Jesus Christ will therefore come from heaven. He will come at the end of the world, in glory, at the last day. For there will be an end to this world, and the created world will be made new.

## ***Responsory***

- ℟. I have been watching from far away. I see the Lord coming in his might, and a cloud covering all the earth.\* Go out to meet him and say:\* Tell us, are you the One who is to come,\* who is to rule over the people of Israel?
- ℣. Peoples of the earth, whoever you are, you sons of men, rich and poor alike,\* go out to meet him and say:
- ℣. Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph's flock, hear us.\* Tell us, are you the One who is to come?
- ℣. O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the King of glory,\* who is to rule over the people of Israel.
- ℟. I have been watching from far away. I see the Lord coming in his might, and a cloud covering all the earth.\* Go out to meet him and say:\* Tell us, are you the One who is to come,\* who is to rule over the people of Israel?

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## Statement on Second Reading of Assisted Suicide Bill

Source: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/assisted-suicide-bill-second-reading/>

Following the decision of MPs to vote in favour of the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill at the Second Reading today (29 November), Bishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues, has issued a statement which is:

“We are disappointed that MPs have voted in favour of the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill progressing through parliament. We believe that this bill is flawed in principle and also contains particular clauses that are of concern. We ask the Catholic community to pray that members

of parliament will have the wisdom to reject this bill at a later stage in its progress.

“In addition to being opposed to the principle of assisted suicide, we are particularly concerned with clauses in the bill that prevent doctors from properly exercising conscientious objection, provide inadequate protection to hospices and care homes that do not wish to participate in assisted suicide and allow doctors to initiate conversations about assisted suicide. We ask that these voices be heard in the next stages of the Bill to strengthen the deep concerns about this proposed legislation.

“We have expressed the view, during this debate, that genuine compassion involves walking with those who need care, especially during sickness, disability and old age. The vocation to care is at the heart of the lives of so many people who look after their loved ones and is the sign of a truly compassionate society. It is essential that we nurture and renew the innate call that many people have to compassionately care for others.

“It remains the case that improving the quality and availability of palliative care offers the best pathway to reducing suffering at the end of life. We will continue to advocate for this and support those who work tirelessly to care for the dying in our hospices, hospitals and care homes.”

**THE ADVENT CAROL SERVICE**

will take place in Holy Family Church this Friday 6th December at 7:00pm.

**THE POSADA**

During Advent a statue of the Holy Family on their way to Bethlehem makes its way round the parish. If you would like to host the Holy Family for a night please sign the list in church.

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

***Shaun***

**Deacon Shaun Morrison**

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