



Catholic Parish of King's Lynn

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DEACON SHAUN MORRISON'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday — September 15, 2024

Dear Friends,

Today is the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

"I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living"

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

https://www.youtube.com/live/Efx0ndKu1YE?si=7X_LnDLJUgdg6uoU

The 2024 National Eucharistic Congress

The National Eucharistic Congress took place at Oscott College on Saturday. (15th Sept).

It took place to coincide with the 53rd International Eucharistic Congress in Quito, Ecuador from 8th – 15th September 2024.

Today - Sunday 15th September, the Bishops of England and Wales have asked all parishes across our countries to have a period of Adoration in our churches to unite the faithful in focusing on the Eucharist in anticipation of the Jubilee Year with renewed and deepened devotion:

For our parish our period of adoration will be from after the 11.30am Mass at Our Lady's until Vespers which is at 4pm.

There is a Youtube message for the National Eucharistic Congress from Bishop Timothy Menezes which you can watch by clicking into the following link:

<https://youtu.be/cAxx68Nhgm4?si=HPbWMW4GbBai-opZ>

Today is also Evangelii Gaudium Sunday—Living out the Joy of the Gospel.

Father Jan Nowotnik, Director of Mission at the Bishops' Conference, offers the following reflection

on how we can support each other to grow in faith and share the joy of the Gospel on Evangelii Gaudium Sunday:

A few years ago, the Bishops of England and Wales gave the day of prayer for home mission a new title, *Evangelii Gaudium Sunday*. This was to reflect the changing focus of evangelisation presented by Pope Francis in the Apostolic Exhortation of the same name. This 2013 letter is seen by many as the way in which the new Pope launched some of the important themes of his pontificate, but it found its basis as the summary document of the previous year's Synod of Bishops on the theme of *The New Evangelisation for the Transmission of the Christian Faith*.

The threshold of a Jubilee year seems to me to be a good time to remind ourselves of what Pope Francis wrote about in *Evangelii Gaudium* – themes which still resonate in the life of the Church and have had their influence on our current synodal process. I feel sure that as we deepen our appreciation of *Evangelii Gaudium* we can find a good way of entering our Jubilee Year 2025 as "Pilgrims of Hope."

At the very beginning of the letter Pope Francis sets out the trajectory when he states that 'the joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness.' He goes on to say that in this exhortation he hopes to 'encourage the Christian faithful to embark upon a new chapter of evangelisation marked by this joy, while pointing out the new paths for the Church's journey in years to come.'

Called to serve

It is very clear that Pope Francis is inviting us to know the joy that we can feel when we enter a personal relationship with the Lord. Our desire to

learn more about Jesus as we encounter him in the Scriptures and through our prayers provides us with the opportunity to experience the true joy of the Gospel and what it means to be a disciple. Pope Francis encourages us to live out the joy of the Gospel not only in our prayer and when we are in Church, but also by the way that we are called to serve each other especially the most vulnerable and those who feel themselves on the periphery of society.

This way of reaching out to others has also been a way in which we have come to understand the synodal journey with its emphasis on walking with each other and learning how to share with each other the joys and challenges of being a disciple.

Cardinal Nichols in the introduction to the recent synodal synthesis for England and Wales summarised it by saying that “we are called to continue the mission of Christ, to be the living presence of Christ’s love, mercy and compassion in our world, proclaiming the truths about our humanity and our world as established by the Creator and fully expressed in Christ.” He tells us that we can only achieve this “through a profound communion of life in Christ and by a release of our gifts and talents given by the Lord to all the baptised for this very purpose.”

Essentially this is what it means to live out the joy of the Gospel, that our personal encounter with Jesus in personal prayer, in the sacraments and in our reading of the Scriptures helps us to discern the unique gift that we have received from the Lord and that we can put at his service and the service of the Church and of others. **Having recognised our gifts and talents we can release them for service within the life of the Church, in this way building up the Body of Christ.**

When we do this, we soon realise that we depend wholly on the Lord who shows us the true meaning of our lives and how to live in this world. The One we contemplate in prayer becomes the face of the other whom we serve in the world. The conversation of love in prayer helps us to put our gifts and talents at his service and so we become missionary disciples, or disciples of joy offering to each other the possibility of a profound relationship with the Lord. This sense of offering what we have received to others, is for me the real meaning of *Evangelii Gaudium* Sunday which sets us free from sorrow and shame to truly be hearers and sharers in the Lord’s saving mission to the world. In this way we

proclaim to others what we already know to be true – that they are special in the eyes of the Lord.

Support each other to grow in faith

On *Evangelii Gaudium* Sunday the bishops of England and Wales ask parishes to firstly pray for the work of evangelisation across our countries and to see ways in which Catholics within their parish settings may be more involved in this work. Much is already happening, and this may be through our catechesis programmes for the sacraments, or our courses which help those who are becoming Catholics to understand the teaching of the Church. Many are already involved in baptismal and marriage preparation and so this Sunday highlights the good work that goes on across our dioceses and parishes. It is also a moment for us to see if there is anything more that we could be doing to support each other to grow in a living faith.

Mission team

The Bishops’ Conference also has a mission team which is based at their secretariat in Eccleston Square in London. This office supports the bishops in their work to promote evangelisation activities across England and Wales, recently the focus has been on implementing the ministry of Catechist for the dioceses of England and Wales. The team is also involved in projects promoting Christian Unity and Interreligious dialogue. Alongside this work of outreach, the mission team is also involved in providing prayer resources and catechetical advice. In the lead up to the Jubilee year, the team has been very busy helping the bishops to provide materials for the year of Jubilee. There is a [collection taken in each parish](#) which supports this work, and we are very grateful for the help which this gives us to continue our work.

At the heart of the work which the mission team engages in are the pathways offered to us by Pope Francis in *Evangelii Gaudium* creating the opportunities for all to find the space to encounter the Lord in personal prayer and to be confident in both proclaiming and living the faith. This work is the golden thread which runs through the national activities of the bishops and helps to point out these new pathways in the journey to come as Pope Francis said in 2013. The invitation to know the Joy of the Gospel is open to all of us and my prayer is that as you read my reflection this month and the daily reflections that make up Bible Alive you will take up the call to be a pilgrim of hope and joyfully

trust in what the Lord is offering to you day by day as you come to know him more deeply in your life of prayer and service.

Source: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/evangelii-gaudium-sunday-24-reflection/>

Pope Francis appoints Bishop Philip Moger as the new Bishop of Plymouth

His Holiness Pope Francis has appointed Bishop Philip Moger as the new Bishop of Plymouth.

A priest of the Diocese of Leeds for over 40 years, Bishop Moger has, until now, served as an Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Southwark.

Message from Cardinal Vincent Nichols
President of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales and Archbishop of Westminster, Cardinal Vincent Nichols, offered his congratulations:

"I congratulate the Right Reverend Philip Moger on his appointment as the next Bishop of the Diocese of Plymouth. He will bring experience and wisdom to that diocese although his moving is a loss to the Archdiocese of Southwark.

"I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Canon Paul Cummins who has led the diocese over the last two years. I thank him most sincerely for the contributions he has made not only to the Diocese of Plymouth but also to the working of the Bishops' Conference of England in Wales."

Message from Archbishop John Wilson

On hearing news of the appointment Archbishop John Wilson, the Metropolitan Archbishop of Southwark, said:

"On behalf of everyone in our Archdiocese of Southwark, I would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to Bishop Philip Moger on his appointment by our Holy Father as the new Bishop of Plymouth.

"Bishop Philip's many gifts, and his warmth and kindness, have been so very much appreciated during his 18 months with us as an Auxiliary Bishop.

"We thank him for all he has done in Southwark and assure him of our prayers and best wishes for his new ministry. May Christ the Good Shepherd continue to bless him and all those he will serve."

Message from Bishop Philip Moger

Following the news of his appointment, Bishop Moger said:

"I'm very honoured to be asked by Pope Francis to be the 10th Bishop of this great Diocese of Plymouth. I know that the diocese has been without a bishop for the last two years, so I am very grateful to Canon Paul Cummins, who has administered the diocese during the vacancy so ably and generously, and all who have supported him. I look forward to visiting and getting to know the clergy, religious and lay faithful in this beautiful part of the Lord's vineyard.

"At the same time. I shall very much miss the Archdiocese of Southwark, where I've been privileged to minister for the last 18 months. The Archbishop, my fellow Auxiliary Bishop, clergy, religious and lay faithful quickly took me to themselves and gave me their love, friendship and encouragement."

Message from Plymouth's Diocesan Administrator

Canon Paul Cummins said: "We welcome Bishop-elect Philip to the Diocese of Plymouth as our new shepherd. The faith community of the southwest has been well-served by its predecessors, and we are confident that our Bishop-elect will continue their legacy.

"Bishop-elect Philip, you have our full support as you prepare to join us here. We pray that all the saints of the Diocese of Plymouth walk with you each step of the way. Know that a warm welcome and our prayers await you as you take up your new role among God's people. We look forward to your arrival."

Episcopal Ordination

The date for Bishop-elect Philip Moger's Installation as Diocesan Bishop is Saturday 9 November at the Cathedral Church of St Mary and St Boniface, Plymouth.

Brief biography of Bishop-elect Philip Moger

Born in 1955, Bishop-elect Philip Moger grew up in Halifax, Yorkshire. His mother died when he was five and he was raised by his grandmother and father. He began his working life in banking and then entered St Cuthbert's Seminary at Ushaw in County Durham to begin studies for the priesthood.

He was ordained for the Diocese of Leeds in 1982 and was appointed an assistant priest at St Urban's,

Headingley, also serving as a chaplain to the local school, a Sue Ryder home and a hospital for people with learning difficulties. In 1985 he was appointed to the Diocesan Pastoral Centre in Ilkley to serve the renewal of parishes and schools.

In 1992 he was appointed an assistant at Leeds Cathedral and was also appointed as Vocations Director. He served as bishop's secretary and as a parish priest in parishes in Bradford and Leeds.

In 2008, he returned to Leeds Cathedral as Dean. He was appointed a Prelate of Honour, with the title Monsignor, and subsequently a Canon of the Cathedral Chapter. He chaired the Diocese of Leeds Liturgical Commission, was Director of Liturgy of the Diocese of Leeds Lourdes Pilgrimage and was also responsible for the liturgies during the Papal Visit of Pope Benedict XVI to Great Britain in 2010.

In September 2020, he took up the appointment as the Rector of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in Norfolk.

In February 2023, he became an Auxiliary Bishop of Southwark.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/pope-appoints-bishop-moger-new-bishop-of-plymouth/>

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

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