



# Catholic Parish of King's Lynn

**Church of Our Lady of the Annunciation**

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

**Holy Family Church**

Field Lane, Gaywood, King's Lynn, Norfolk. PE30 4AY

## DEACON SHAUN MORRISON'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday, September 03, 2023

Dear Friends,

Today is the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

*"For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God."*

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

<https://www.youtube.com/live/-jG-jAjGg0E?si=Xb8k7ggF-pyPM0IF>

**From the Office of Readings for 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

**A reading from the sermons of St Augustine**

*The Lord has had mercy on us*

Happy are we if we do the deeds of which we have heard and sung. Our hearing of them means having them planted in us, while our doing them shows that the seed has borne fruit. By saying this, I wish to caution you, dearly beloved, not to enter the Church fruitlessly, satisfied with mere hearing of such mighty blessings and failing to do good works. For we *have been saved by his grace*, says the Apostle, *and not by our works, lest anyone may boast; for it is by his grace that we have been saved*. It is not as if a good life of some sort came first, and that thereupon God showed his love and esteem for it from on high, saying: "Let us come to the aid of these men and assist them quickly because they are living a good life." No, our life was displeasing to him. He will, therefore, condemn what we have done but he will save what he himself has done in us.

We were not good, but God had pity on us and sent his Son to die, not for good men but for bad ones, not for the just but for the wicked. Yes, *Christ died for the ungodly*. Notice what is written next: *One will hardly die for a righteous man, though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die*. Perhaps someone can be found who will dare to die for a good man; but for the unjust man, for the wicked one, the sinner, who would be willing to die except Christ alone who is so just that he justifies even the unjust?

And so, my brothers, we had no good works, for all our works were evil. Yet although men's actions were such, God in his mercy did not abandon men. He sent his Son to redeem us, not with gold or silver but at the price of his blood poured out for us. Christ, the spotless lamb, became the

sacrificial victim, led to the slaughter for the sheep that were blemished – if indeed one can say that they were blemished and not entirely corrupt. Such is the grace we have received! Let us live so as to be worthy of that great grace, and not do injury to it. So mighty is the physician who has come to us that he has healed all our sins! If we choose to be sick once again, we will not only harm ourselves, but show ingratitude to the physician as well.

Let us then follow Christ's paths which he has revealed to us, above all the path of humility, which he himself became for us. He showed us that path by his precepts, and he himself followed it by his suffering on our behalf. In order to die for us – because as God he could not die – *the Word became flesh and dwelt among us*. The immortal One took on mortality that he might die for us, and by dying put to death our death. This is what the Lord did, this the gift he granted to us. The mighty one was brought low, the lowly one was slain, and after he was slain, he rose again and was exalted. For he did not intend to leave us dead in hell, but to exalt in himself at the resurrection of the dead those whom he had already exalted and made just by the faith and praise they gave him. Yes, he gave us the path of humility. If we keep to it we shall confess our belief in the Lord and have good reason to sing: *We shall praise you, God, we shall praise you and call upon your name*.

### Responsory

- ℟. I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name for ever,\* for great is your steadfast love towards me.
- ℣. You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you,\* for great is your steadfast love towards me.

**Friday 8th September is the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

**From the Office of Readings:**

**A reading from the sermons of St Andrew of Crete**

*The old has passed away, behold all things are made new*

'The fulfilment of the law is Christ himself, who does not so much lead us away from the letter as lift us up to its spirit. For the law's consummation was this, that the very lawgiver accomplished his work and changed letter into spirit,

summing everything up in himself and, though subject to the law, living by grace. He subordinated the law, yet harmoniously united grace with it, not confusing the distinctive characteristics of the one with the other, but effecting the transition in a way most fitting for God. He changed whatever was burdensome, servile and oppressive not what is light and liberating, so that we should be enslaved no longer *under the elemental spirits of the world*, as the Apostle says, nor held fast as bondservants under the letter of the law.

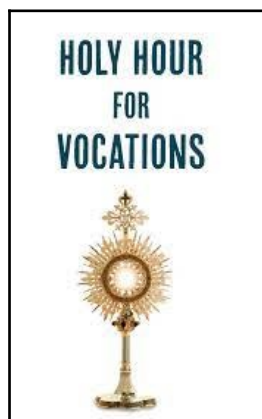
This is the highest, all-embracing benefit that Christ has bestowed on us. This is the revelation of the mystery, this is the emptying out of the divine nature, the union of God and man, and the deification of the manhood that was assumed. This radiant and manifest coming of God to men most certainly needed a joyful prelude to introduce the great gift of salvation to us. The present festival, the birth of the Mother of God, is the prelude, while the final act is the fore-ordained union of the Word with flesh. Today the Virgin is born, tended and formed and prepared for her role as Mother of God, who is the universal King of the ages.

Justly, then, do we celebrate this mystery since it signifies for us a double grace. We are led towards the truth, and we are led away from our condition of slavery to the letter of the law. How can this be? Darkness yields before the coming of the light, and grace exchanges legalism for freedom. But midway between the two stands today's mystery, at the frontier where types and symbols give way to reality, and the old is replaced by the new. Therefore, let all creation sing and dance and unite to make worthy contribution to the celebration of this day. Let there be one common festival for saints in heaven and men on earth. Let everything, mundane things and those above, join in festive celebration. Today this created world is raised to the dignity of a holy place for him who made all things. The creature is newly prepared to be a divine dwelling place for the Creator.

### **Responsory**

- ℟. Let us celebrate today, with great devotion, the birth of Mary, the ever-virgin Mother of God,\* whose virtues shed light upon the Church throughout the world.
- ℣. Let us glorify Christ with heart and soul on this feast of Mary, the noble Mother of God,\* whose virtues shed light upon the Church throughout the world.

**On Friday at 7.00pm**  
at Our Lady's Church  
we resume our monthly  
Holy Hour of Prayer for Vocations.



### **First Holy Communion 2024**

There will be a meeting for the parents to outline the upcoming classes etc. on

**Saturday 9th September at 11,00am**  
in Holy Family Church, Field Lane, Gaywood.

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### **Adult Formation in the Faith**

It is proposed to begin a course of instruction in the Faith for those who are thinking about becoming Catholics.

This will be in the Autumn and if you are interested, please speak to one of the priests or deacons.

Application forms are now available  
and the course will begin on

**Sunday 17th September at 4.45pm**  
in the Wigglesworth Room at Our Lady's Church  
on London Road.

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The link to our YouTube channel is:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8V03017usRZiKoTlrwBAKq>

And the link to our Parish Website:

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

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God bless

**Shaun**

**Deacon Shaun Morrison**

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