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DEACON SHAUN MORRISON'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday, August 31, 2025

Dear Friends,

Today is the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

"In your goodness, O God, you provided a home for the poor"

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

<https://youtube.com/live/5tx9-vOLLAg?feature=share>

From the Office of Readings for Week 22 of the Year: Sunday.

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.
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The Pilgrimage of Hope

From our newsletter:

At the beginning of September there is a national pilgrimage asking for God's blessing on our country in this Holy Year. Four groups of pilgrims will be setting off from cathedrals to walk to St. Barnabas Cathedral in Nottingham making the Sign of the Cross over England. The eastern arm sets off from St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Norwich and will arrive in our parish next Sunday hopefully in time for Vespers. The following day they set off to walk to Wisbech and parishioners are invited to walk some of the way with them along the Ouse Way path.

From the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/re-establishing-walking-pilgrimages-as-a-vital-part-of-our-christian-heritage/>

At the end of August, as a key contribution to the Jubilee Year in the Catholic Church, a national walking pilgrimage will take place that will trace an enormous sign of the Cross that spans England and Wales. The 'Pilgrimage of Hope' offers four main routes, or 'Ways' – north, south, east and west – that converge in Nottingham at the city's Cathedral of St Barnabas on Saturday, 13 September 2025. The following day, the Cathedral will host a Solemn Mass for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross at 11:15am.

The main routes are named after the Evangelists, Saints Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

The first and longest route, St Matthew's Way, is the western route that starts in Cardiff on 28 August from St David's Metropolitan Cathedral and progresses to St Barnabas' Cathedral in Nottingham via St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham and the Shrine of St Chad in Lichfield. [Overview, details and interactive map here.](#)

Next to start, on 1 September, is the southern route – St John's Way. The group will walk from Southwark's St George's Cathedral, pass by Westminster Cathedral, and head to Nottingham via the Cathedral of Our Lady Immaculate and St Thomas of Canterbury in Northampton. [Overview, details and interactive map here.](#)

On 4 September the eastern route – St Luke's Way – starts at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist in Norwich transiting the National Shrine of Our Lady at Houghton St Giles and the Pontifical Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham at King's Lynn en route to Nottingham. [Overview, details and interactive map here.](#)

Finally, the shortest route – St Mark's Way – departs from Leeds in the north of England. Leaving St Anne's Cathedral on 6 September, the group will walk to Nottingham via St Marie's Cathedral in Sheffield and the Chapel of the Padley Martyrs. [Overview,](#)

[details and interactive map here.](#)

For further information:
<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/re-establishing-walking-pilgrimages-as-a-vital-part-of-our-christian-heritage/>

Monday 1st September is the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.

The theme of Pope Leo XIV’s message for the *World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation* is ‘**Seeds of Peace and Hope**’. You can read the full message by clicking into the following link:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/care-of-creation-2025-papal-message/>

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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