



# Catholic Parish of King's Lynn

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## DEACON SHAUN MORRISON'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

### Sunday — September 08, 2024

Dear Friends,

Today is the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

*"Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life"*

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

[https://www.youtube.com/live/0qQp9V\\_yjts?si=ZEdxaUfK4vw3OFEV](https://www.youtube.com/live/0qQp9V_yjts?si=ZEdxaUfK4vw3OFEV)

**From the Office of Readings for 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time:**

**A reading from the sermon of Pope St Leo the Great on the Beatitudes.**

*Christian wisdom*

The Lord then goes on to say: *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.* This hunger is not for bodily food, this thirst is not for any earthly drink: it is a longing to be blessed with righteousness, and, by penetrating the secret of all mysteries, to be filled with the Lord himself.

Happy is the soul that longs for the food of righteousness and thirsts for this kind of drink; it would not seek such things if it had not already savoured their delight. When the soul hears the voice of the Spirit saying to it through the prophet: *Taste and see that the Lord is good,* it has already received a portion of God's goodness, and is on fire with love, the love that gives joy of the utmost purity. It counts as nothing all that belongs to time; it is entirely consumed with desire to eat and drink the food of righteousness. The soul lays hold of the true meaning of the first and great commandment: *You shall love the Lord God with your whole heart, and your whole mind and your whole strength,* for to love God is nothing else than to love righteousness.

Finally, just as concern for one's neighbour is added

to love of God, so the virtue of mercy is added to the desire for righteousness, as it is said: *Blessed are the merciful, for God will be merciful to them.*

Remember, Christian, the surpassing worth of the wisdom that is yours. Bear in mind the kind of school in which you are to learn your skills, the rewards to which you are called. Mercy itself wishes you to be merciful, righteousness itself wishes you to be righteous, so that the Creator may shine forth in his creature, and the image of God be reflected in the mirror of the human heart as it imitates his qualities. The faith of those who live their faith is a serene faith. What you long for will be given you; what you love will be yours for ever.

Since it is by giving alms that everything is pure for you, you will also receive that blessing which is promised next by the Lord: *Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.* Dear friends, great is the happiness of those for whom such a reward is prepared. Who are the clean of heart if not those who strive for those virtues we have mentioned above? What mind can conceive, what words can express the great happiness of seeing God? Yet human nature will achieve this when it has been transformed so that it sees the Godhead *no longer in a mirror or obscurely but face to face* – the Godhead that no man has been able to see. In the inexpressible joy of this eternal vision, human nature will possess *what eye has not seen or ear heard, what man's heart has never conceived.*

### Responsory

- ℣. What treasures of loving kindness, Lord, do you store up for the men who fear you:\* these treasures you give in their fullness to those who put their trust in you.
- ℟. This no eye has seen, no ear has heard or human heart conceived.\* These treasures you give in their fullness to those who put their trust in you.

## Today is also Education Sunday.

From the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/>

Education Sunday falls on the second Sunday of September (8 September, in 2024) just as the new academic year starts and is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in England and Wales, established 175 years ago in 1848. It provides an opportunity to celebrate and give thanks to all involved in making Catholic schools places of enlightenment, as well as to look forward in anticipation of the year ahead.

Source: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/education-sunday/>

### **Message from Rt. Rev. Marcus Stock, Bishop of Leeds, Chair of the Catholic Education Service:**

This year, on 8 September, marks the 176th celebration of Education Sunday for the Church in England and Wales. As we commence the beginning of a new academic year, let us entrust to Almighty God all who are involved in the provision of Catholic education in our schools, colleges and universities. We pray that Christ the Teacher will strengthen their faith and fill their hearts with courage and hope.

The Gospel reading for Education Sunday is taken from St Mark's Gospel (7:31-37): "He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak."

Our Lord Jesus Christ came among us and brought fulfilment to those who were searching for peace, healing and joy. Revealing the love of God the Father to mankind, Christ is the one and only way, truth, and life. Led by the light of the Holy Spirit, the words of the Holy Gospels guide us in His way, draw our minds into His truth, and invite our hearts to be filled with His life.

Christ is the foundation of the whole educational enterprise in a Catholic school. As "the way, the truth, and the life" Christ is both the object and subject of Catholic education. A Catholic educational institution seeks to root the Gospel of Christ in the minds and lives of students, providing a holistic formation that promotes human flourishing, inspiring a lifelong love of learning, and fostering the virtues that will assist children and young people to discover in themselves and in others the Truth, Goodness and Beauty of God. On Education Sunday, it is important we give thanks to Almighty

God for all who govern, lead, teach, guide, and support the children and young people in our Catholic schools, colleges and universities.

Placing all our trust in God's grace, we pray that Catholic education will continue to make Christ known across our lands, supporting parents in the religious formation of their children, integrating faith with culture and being of service to our society. Let us give thanks for all the ways in which Christ our Lord and Teacher has been present with us and invite Him to be with us throughout the coming year.

Assuring you of my prayers for you and for all our Catholic schools, colleges and universities, I remain,

Yours in the Lord Jesus Christ,  
Rt. Rev. Marcus Stock.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/education-sunday-2024/message-to-catholic-schools-for-education-sunday/>

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### **Friday 13th September is the memorial of St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church.**

From Universalis:

St John Chrysostom (349 - 407)

He was born in Antioch. After a thorough education, he took up the ascetic life. He was ordained to the priesthood, and became a fruitful and effective preacher.

He was elected Patriarch of Constantinople in 397, and was energetic in reforming the ways of the clergy and the laity alike. He incurred the displeasure of the Emperor and was twice forced into exile. When the second exile, to Armenia, had lasted three years, it was decided that he should be sent still further away, but he died on the journey, worn out by his hardships.

His sermons and writings did much to explain the Catholic faith and to encourage the living of the Christian life: his eloquence earned him the surname "Chrysostom" (the Greek for "golden mouth").

Source : <https://universalis.com/europe.england.eastanglia/20240913/today.htm>

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### **Saturday 14th September is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.**

From the Office of Readings:

## **A reading from the homilies of St Andrew of Crete.**

*The glory and exaltation of Christ is the cross.*

We are celebrating the feast of the cross which drove away darkness and brought in the light. As we keep this feast, we are lifted up with the crucified Christ, leaving behind us earth and sin so that we may gain the things above. So great and outstanding a possession is the cross that he who wins it has won a treasure. Rightly could I call this treasure the fairest of all fair things and the costliest, in fact as well as in name, for on it and through it and for its sake the riches of salvation that had been lost were restored to us.

Had there been no cross, Christ could not have been crucified. Had there been no cross, life itself could not have been nailed to the tree. And if life had not been nailed to it, there would be no streams of immortality pouring from Christ's side, blood and water for the world's cleansing. The legal bond of our sin would not be cancelled, we should not have attained our freedom, we should not have enjoyed the fruit of the tree of life and the gates of paradise would not stand open. Had there been no cross, death would not have been trodden underfoot, nor hell despoiled.

Therefore, the cross is something wonderfully great and honourable. It is great because through the cross the many noble acts of Christ found their consummation – very many indeed, for both his miracles and his sufferings were fully rewarded with victory. The cross is honourable because it is both the sign of God's suffering and the trophy of his victory. It stands for his suffering because on it he freely suffered unto death. But it is also his trophy because it was the means by which the devil was wounded and death conquered; the barred gates of hell were smashed, and the cross became the one common salvation of the whole world.

The cross is called Christ's glory; it is saluted as his triumph. We recognise it as the cup he longed to drink and the climax of the sufferings he endured for our sake. As to the cross being Christ's glory, listen to his words: Now is the Son of Man glorified, and in him God is glorified, and God will glorify him at once. And again: Father, glorify me with the glory I had with you before the world came to be. And once more: "Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." Here he speaks of the glory that would

accrue to him through the cross. And if you would understand that the cross is Christ's triumph, hear what he himself also said: When I am lifted up, then I will draw all men to myself. Now you can see that the cross is Christ's glory and triumph.

### **Responsory**

- ℟. O wonderful cross, upon whose branches hung the treasure and redemption of captive men,\* through you the world is redeemed by the blood of the Lord.
- ℣. Hail, O cross, consecrated by the body of Christ, whose limbs, like precious jewels, adorn your wooden timbers.\* Through you the world is redeemed by the blood of the Lord.

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### **Queenie and Victor are both doing well.**

On his bedtime walk Victor is getting excited about seeing a hedgehog! And in her old age Queenie is enjoying riding in a car to the cemetery to look at the rabbits.

A couple of photos for you.

Victor on his walk the other day decided to have a lay down after barking at some squirrels and Queenie is resting with a toy.



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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/>

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God bless

**Shaun**

**Deacon Shaun Morrison**