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DEACON SHAUN MORRISON'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday April 02, 2023

Dear Friends,



We have now reached Palm Sunday:

Hosanna to the Son of David;

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel.

Hosanna in the highest.

It is Psalter Week 2 for the Divine Office.

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

<https://www.youtube.com/live/snsMYyB2FCc?feature=share>

From the Sunday Missal for today:

It is a moving experience each year on Palm Sunday as we go up the mountain with Jesus, towards the temple, accompanying him on his ascent. But what are we really doing when we join the procession as part of the throng which went up with Jesus to Jerusalem and hailed him as King of Israel? Does it have anything to do with the reality of our life and our world? To answer this, we must first be clear about what Jesus himself wished to do and actually did. He was journeying towards the Temple in the Holy City, towards that place which for Israel ensured in a particular way God's closeness to his people. The ultimate goal of his pilgrimage was the heights of God himself; to those heights he wanted to lift every human being. Our procession today is meant, then, to be an image of something deeper, to reflect the fact that, together with Jesus, we are setting out on a pilgrimage along the high road that leads to the living God.

From the Office of Readings for today:

A reading from the addresses of St Andrew of Crete

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel

Let us go together to meet Christ on the Mount of Olives. Today he returns from Bethany and proceeds of his own free will towards his holy and blessed passion, to consummate the mystery of our salvation. He who came down from heaven to raise us from the depths of sin, to raise us with himself, we are told in Scripture, *above every sovereignty, authority and power, and every other name that can be named*, now comes of his own free will to make his journey to Jerusalem. He comes without pomp or ostentation. As the psalmist says: *He will not dispute or raise his voice to make it heard in the streets*. He will be meek and humble, and he will make his entry in simplicity.

Let us run to accompany him as he hastens towards his passion, and imitate those who met him then, not by covering his path with garments, olive branches or palms, but by doing all we can to prostrate ourselves before him by being humble and by trying to live as he would wish. Then we shall be able to receive the Word at his coming, and God, whom no limits can contain, will be within us.

In his humility Christ entered the dark regions of our fallen world and he is glad that he became so humble for our sake, glad that he came and lived among us and shared in our nature in order to raise us up again to himself. And even though we are told that he has now ascended above the highest heavens – the proof, surely, of his power and godhead – his love for man will never rest until he has raised our earthbound nature from glory to glory, and made it one with his own in heaven.

So let us spread before his feet, not garments or soulless olive branches, which delight the eye for a few hours and then wither, but ourselves, clothed in his grace, or rather, clothed completely in him. We who have been baptised into Christ must ourselves be the garments that we spread before him. Now that the crimson stains of our sins have been washed away in the saving waters of baptism and we have become white as pure wool, let us present the conqueror of death, not with mere branches of palms but with the real rewards of his victory. Let our souls take the place of the welcoming branches as we join today in the

children's holy song: *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the king of Israel.*

Responsory

- ℟. When the people heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem, they went out to meet him. Great crowds of people spread their cloaks on the road while others spread branches in his path, and they shouted,* Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
- ℣. The crowds who went in front of him and those who followed all shouted aloud,* Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
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Chrism Mass

Bishop Peter Collins will celebrate his first Chrism Mass in the Diocese of East Anglia on Tuesday April 4 at 11.30am and all clergy and laity are invited to join him.

Source:

<https://www.rcdea.org.uk/all-are-invited-to-join-bishop-peter-at-chrism-mass/>

The Mass will also be live streamed.

The YouTube link is:

www.youtube.com/@rcdea

Lenten Reflections 2023

The Lenten series of addresses from EWTN are on YouTube.

For Palm Sunday: **The Passion and Death of Our Lord**
(Given by Mgr. Keith Newton. Ordinary of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham)

The link is:

<https://youtu.be/bSFJJRSSxZ0>

From the Diocesan Website:

<https://www.rcdea.org.uk/video-gives-views-of-cathedral-unseen-for-120-years/>

A breath-taking new video giving views both inside and outside of St John the Baptist Cathedral in Norwich not seen for 120 years has been released by its creator Brian Lafferty of Eastern Counties Drones.

The YouTube link to the video is:

<https://youtu.be/c2YLFgwp3uU>

From the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales:

The Pope's illness reminds us why it's important to pray for our Holy Father, says Archbishop of Southwark.

Source: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/popes-illness-reminds-us-why-its-important-to-pray-for-our-holy-father-says-archbishop/>

You can listen to the Archbishop by clicking into the following link:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/podcast/archbishop-of-southwark-on-why-we-pray-for-the-pope/>

The link to our YouTube channel is:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8V030I7usRZiKoTlwBAKq>

And the link to our Parish Website:

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

Blessings for Holy Week.

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