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DEACON SHAUN MORRISON'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday — October 13, 2024

Dear Friends,

Today is the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

"Fill us with your love that we may rejoice"

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

<https://www.youtube.com/live/gjaxu3afEuA?si=ytzWQV8ZQL8auaxQ>

From the Office of Readings for 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

A reading from the commentary of St Cyril of Alexandria on the book of Haggai.

My name is great among the nations

When our Saviour came, he appeared as a divine temple, glorious beyond any comparison, far more splendid and excellent than the older temple. He exceeded the old as much as worship in Christ and the gospels exceeds the cult of the laws, as much as truth exceeds its shadows.

Furthermore, I might point out that originally there was just one temple at Jerusalem, in which one people, the Israelites, offered their sacrifices. Since the only-begotten Son became like us, and as Scripture says, though he was Lord and God, he has shone upon us, the rest of the world has been filled with places of worship. Now there are countless worshippers who honour the universal God with spiritual offerings and fragrant sacrifices. This, surely, is what Malachi foretold, speaking, as if in the person of God: I am a great king, says the Lord; my name is honoured among the nations, and everywhere there is offered to my name the fragrance of a pure sacrifice.

With justice, therefore, do we say that the final temple, the Church, will be more glorious. To those who are so solicitous for the Church and labour for its construction, Haggai declares that a gift will be

made, a gift from heaven given by the Saviour. That gift is Christ himself, the peace of all men; through him we have access in the one Spirit to the Father. The prophet goes on to say: I will give peace to this place and peace of soul to save all who lay the foundation to rebuild the temple. Christ too says somewhere: My peace I give you. Paul will teach how profitable this is for those who love: The peace of Christ, he says, which surpasses all understanding will keep your minds and hearts. Isaiah, the seer, made the same prayer: O Lord our God, give us peace, for you have given us everything. Once a man has been found worthy of Christ's peace, he can easily save his soul and guide his mind to carry out exactly the demands of virtue.

Haggai, therefore, declares that peace will be given to all who build. One builds the Church either as a teacher of the sacred mysteries, as one set over the house of God, or as one who works for his own good by setting himself forth as a living and spiritual stone in the holy temple, God's dwelling place in the Spirit. The results of these efforts will profit such men so that each will be able to gain his own salvation without difficulty.

Responsory

- ℟. They are happy who dwell in your house, O Lord,* for ever singing your praise.
- ℣. On that day, many nations will join you, O Lord; they will become your own people,* for ever singing your praise.

From the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales:

Cardinal calls on Catholics to take action to oppose assisted suicide

Cardinal Vincent Nichols, President of the Bishops' Conference and Archbishop of Westminster, has

issued a pastoral letter on assisted suicide that will be read in the churches of his diocese (Westminster) on the weekend of 12-13 October. Attached is a copy of the letter.

You can listen to Cardinal Vincent Nichols, President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, explaining why it's so important to inform ourselves about assisted suicide, to be fully engaged in the debate and to write to our MPs to oppose assisted suicide being rushed into law.

The YouTube link is:

<https://youtu.be/gc9kGLrrEcM?si=bB5ySZjbLLqubqTD>

Source: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/cardinal-calls-on-catholics-to-take-action-to-oppose-assisted-suicide/>

Pope Francis to make Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP a Cardinal

Dominican priest Father Timothy Radcliffe OP, currently serving as spiritual adviser and preacher at the second session of the 16th Ordinary Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, is set to be elevated to the rank of Cardinal by Pope Francis.

After his Sunday Angelus, on 6 October, Pope Francis announced that he will hold a Consistory for the creation of new Cardinals on **8 December 2024**, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Father Radcliffe is an English friar who served as Master of the Order of Preachers from 1992 to 2001.

The Consistory will take place before the opening of the 2025 Jubilee of Hope and after the conclusion of the Second Session of the so-called Synod on Synodality in the Vatican.

The Holy Father pointed out that the Cardinal-elects hail from around the world.

"Their origins," he said, "expresses the universality of the Church, which continues to proclaim God's merciful love to all people on earth. Their inclusion in the Diocese of Rome also manifests the inseparable bond between the See of Peter and the particular Churches spread throughout the world."

Moreover, he asked the faithful to pray for the future Cardinals.

"Let's pray for the new Cardinals, that by confirming their adherence to Christ, the merciful and faithful

High Priest, they may help me in my ministry as Bishop of Rome for the good of all God's holy people."

College of Cardinals

After the consistory, the Catholic Church in England and Wales will have four members of the College of Cardinals: Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster, Cardinal Arthur Roche, Prefect of the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments and former Bishop of Leeds, Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald, former Prefect of the then-Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, and Cardinal-elect Timothy Radcliffe. Three of the four will be Cardinal-electors, although Fr Radcliffe turns 80 on 22 August 2025.

Overall, the College of Cardinals will enlarge to 256 Cardinals, 141 of whom will be Cardinal-electors.

Source: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/pope-francis-to-make-fr-timothy-radcliffe-op-a-cardinal/>

This week is Prisons week during which we are asked to pray for prisoners and their families.

The following text is taken from:

<https://www.prisonsworld.org/2024-campaign/>

Compassion sums up our prayers for this Prisons Week, from the Latin 'passio' to suffer, and 'com' together with. We stand alongside and with those impacted by the criminal justice system, as hearts and minds are opened to enter into people's pain, struggles, fears and longings. Over these coming days, we pray not only for offenders and victims of crime (recognising that many people in prison are both) - we pray also for families, friends, prison staff, chaplains, police, probation and all who make decisions which impact people's lives. We are all created in the image of God who came to earth to be with us and to enter into our pain and suffering as well as our joys and delight. So, in these days ahead we will pause to reflect on Jesus Christ's encounters with people when he walked on earth, and his compassion, always offering hope and the possibility of transformation even in places of suffering. Compassion is not a passive word but a word which implies a response. As we are moved by people's stories and circumstances of struggle and longing, may the Holy Spirit prompt us not only to pray but also stir us to act in practical ways, however large or small, as we offer to God who we are, our context, time, resources and voice.

THE PRISONS WEEK PRAYER

Lord, you offer freedom to all people. We pray for those in prison. Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist.

Support with your love prisoners and their families and friends, prison staff and all who care.

Heal those who have been wounded by the actions of others, especially the victims of crime. Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly together with Christ in his strength and in his Spirit, now and every day. Amen

From the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales on Prison Ministry:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/prison-ministry/>

Tuesday 15th October is the memorial S. Teresa of Avila (St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church)

St Teresa of Ávila (1515 - 1582)

She was born in Ávila in Spain and entered the Carmelite convent there at the age of 20, not because of any great attraction to the religious life but because it seemed the most sensible thing to do. At this time Carmelite convents were comfortable places. One was well looked after, had as much contact with the outside world as one wanted, and could keep one's own possessions. With time, and despite ill-health, she made great progress in contemplative prayer and had a number of mystical experiences, which she treated with great suspicion since she felt that she was not nearly holy enough to be accorded them by God.

Teresa's prayer life led her to seek a more perfect life, and in 1562, in the face of much opposition, she founded a convent of Discalced Carmelite nuns in Ávila. "Discalced" ("shoeless") signified their devotion to poverty. The rest of her life is a story of the establishment of more and more Discalced Carmelite convents in the face of intense opposition from the unreformed Carmelites but help coming from the highest levels at the same time. Thus in 1566 the General of the Carmelite Order approved Teresa's original foundation and permitted her to make new ones. In 1575 the chapter of the Order decided to dissolve them all, and for the next five years every effort was made to destroy Teresa's reforms and many of her followers (including St John of the Cross) were imprisoned and cruelly treated.

At length, in 1580, and with the support of King Philip II, the Discalced Carmelites were made independent and St Teresa was able to found more new convents. She died, worn out by her efforts, on 15 October 1582.

St Teresa is an outstanding example of how the contemplative life can well up and overflow into action. In addition to all this, she wrote much on the subject of contemplative prayer and her writings are still standard works today. She was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Paul VI in 1970.

A favourite story about St Teresa illustrates the intimate relationship that the saints have with God. When she was on one of her innumerable journeys across Spain, her horse threw her as she was crossing a river. Soaked to the skin she looked up to heaven and said, "If this is how you treat your friends, no wonder you have so few of them!" We should bring everything to God in our prayers, even our reproaches. For a reproach, in the end, is simply our way of offering up to God our incomprehension of what he is giving us.

Source: <https://universalis.com/europe.england.eastanglia/20241015/today.htm>

Thursday 17th October is the Memorial of St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr

St Ignatius of Antioch (- 107)

He was the third bishop of Antioch, the first being St Peter until he moved to Rome, and the second being Evodius. He was arrested (some writers believe that he must have been denounced by a fellow-Christian), condemned to death, and transported to Rome to be thrown to the wild beasts in the arena. In one of his letters he describes the soldiers who were escorting him as being like "ten leopards, who when they are kindly treated only behave worse."

In the course of his journey he wrote seven letters to various churches, in which he dealt wisely and deeply with Christ, the organisation of the Church, and the Christian life. They are important documents for the early history of the Church, and they also reveal a deeply holy man who accepts his fate and begs the Christians in Rome not to try to deprive him of the crown of martyrdom.

He was martyred in 107 and his feast was already

being celebrated on this day in fourth-century Antioch.

<https://universalis.com/europe.england.eastanglia/20241017/today.htm>

Friday 18th October is the Feast of St. Luke, Apostle.

He was a Greek doctor who converted to Christianity. He was a companion of the Apostle Paul, and wrote his Gospel in accordance with Paul's teaching. He also wrote the Acts of the Apostles, which narrates the early history of the Church up to Paul's first stay in Rome. As a Greek, he takes care to explain to Gentile readers Jewish customs and the meaning of Hebrew words.

(Source: <https://universalis.com/europe.england.eastanglia/20241018/today.htm>)

From the Office of Readings:

A homily by Pope St Gregory the Great

The Lord follows his preachers

Beloved brothers, our Lord and Saviour sometimes gives us instruction by words and sometimes by actions. His very deeds are our commands; and whenever he acts silently he is teaching us what we should do. For example, he sends his disciples out to preach two by two, because the precept of charity is twofold – love of God and of one's neighbour.

The Lord sends his disciples out to preach in twos in order to teach us silently that whoever fails in charity towards his neighbour should by no means take upon himself the office of preaching.

Rightly is it said that he sent them ahead of him into every city and place where he himself was to go. For the Lord follows after the preachers, because preaching goes ahead to prepare the way, and then when the words of exhortation have gone ahead and established truth in our minds, the Lord comes to live within us. To those who preach Isaiah says: Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight the paths of our God. And the psalmist tells them: Make a way for him who rises above the sunset. The Lord rises above the sunset because from that very place where he slept in death, he rose again and manifested a greater glory. He rises above the sunset because in his resurrection he trampled underfoot the death which he endured. Therefore, we make a way for him who rises above the sunset

when we preach his glory to you, so that when he himself follows after us, he may illumine you with his love.

Let us listen now to his words as he sends his preachers forth: The harvest is great but the labourers are few. Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest. That the harvest is good but the labourers are few cannot be said without a heavy heart, for although there are many to hear the good news there are only a few to preach it. Indeed, see how full the world is of priests, but yet in God's harvest a true labourer is rarely to be found; although we have accepted the priestly office we do not fulfil its demands.

Think over, my beloved brothers, think over his words: Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest. Pray for us so that we may be able to labour worthily on your behalf, that our tongue may not grow weary of exhortation, that after we have taken up the office of preaching our silence may not bring us condemnation from the just judge.

Responsory

- ℟. Having first traced it carefully from its beginnings, Saint Luke wrote his gospel,* that we might understand the instruction we had already received, in all its certainty.
- ℣. He wrote concerning all that Jesus set out to do and teach,* that we might understand the instruction we had already received, in all its certainty.

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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