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DEACON SHAUN MORRISON'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Dear Friends,

Today is the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

"In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever."

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

<https://www.youtube.com/live/wVk2rDiQmwA?si=hyHgYZoVsecbKRJC>

From the Office of Readings for the 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.

Tuesday **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.

Source: <https://universalis.com/20231017/today.htm>

Wednesday **18th October** is the Feast of St. Luke, Evangelist.

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/20231018/today.htm>

From the Office of Readings:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The Church grew in numbers through the help of the Holy Spirit.

Barnabas took charge of Saul, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

Those who had escaped during the persecution that happened because of Stephen travelled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, but they usually proclaimed the message only to Jews. Some of them, however, who came from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch where they started preaching to the Greeks, proclaiming the Good News of the Lord Jesus to them as well. The Lord helped them, and a great number believed and were converted to the Lord.

The church in Jerusalem heard about this and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. There he could see for himself that God had given grace, and this pleased him, and he urged them all to remain faithful to the Lord with heartfelt devotion; for he was a good man, filled with the Holy Spirit and with faith. And a large number of people were won over to the Lord.

Barnabas then left for Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he found him he brought him to Antioch. As things turned out they were to live together in that church a whole year, instructing a large number of people. It was at Antioch that the disciples were first called 'Christians.'

Responsory

- ℟. The word of God continued to spread and grow,* and those who had been chosen for eternal life became believers.
- ℣. The disciples, too, were full of joy and the Holy Spirit,* and those who had been chosen for eternal life

became believers.

The annual Blessing of Healthcare workers for the feast of St. Luke will be at each Mass next Sunday at Holy Family and Our Lady's.

From the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales:

The Synod Assembly prays for peace in the Middle East amid Israel-Hamas war.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/synod-assembly-prays-for-peace-in-middle-east-amid-israel-hamas-war/>

The 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod dedicated Thursday morning's prayer to asking God for peace for our world. The day's opening prayer was introduced by Iraqi Cardinal Louis Raphaël Sako, Patriarch of Chaldean Catholic Church, who prayed for all those suffering from war across the world, and living in fear. "I would like to invite you this morning to pray for peace in the world, especially in the Holy Land, but also in Ukraine, the violence in Iraq, Iran, and Lebanon," Cardinal Sako said.

The prayer offered by Cardinal Louis Raphaël Sako:

**O God, who cares for all,
let the whole of humanity who have one origin from you,
form one family, without violence, without absurd wars
and with brotherly spirit,
live united in peace and concord for our Lord Jesus
Christ Your Son who is God,
and lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit for ever and ever,
Amen**

The link to our YouTube channel is:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8V03017usRZiKoTlrwBAKg>

And the link to our Parish Website:

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

God bless

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