



# Catholic Parish of King's Lynn

## Church of Our Lady of the Annunciation

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## DEACON SHAUN MORRISON'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday, November 26, 2023

Dear Friends,

Today is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. (Christ the King)

*"To Christ our King, who is first in all things and in whom all things exist, let us confidently pray: Lord may your kingdom come"*  
(From Morning Prayer)

It is Psalter Week 2 for the Divine Office.

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

<https://www.youtube.com/live/jdQByvnlQIH?si=TfoNysH29yEU3q4S>

The link for the live stream of the 2pm Ordinariate Mass is:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/jYrFtUHwt7M?si=lvQHd7pf-sggUGag>

### Today is also Youth Day.

On this Feast of Christ the King, we also celebrate World Youth Sunday. Please pray for young people and all who work with them.

From the diocesan website:

*The East Anglia Diocesan Youth Service exists to help young people in Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough to connect with Jesus Christ and His Catholic Church.*

For further information and to donate to the Diocesan Youth Service please click into the following link:

<https://www.rcdea.org.uk/youth/>

### From the Office of Readings for Christ the King.

#### A reading from the book of Origen on Prayer.

*The Kingdom Come.*

*The coming of the kingdom of God, says our Lord and Saviour, does not admit of observation, and there will be no-one to say "Look here! Look there!" For the kingdom of*



*God is within us and in our hearts. And so it is beyond doubt that whoever prays for the coming of the kingdom of God within himself is praying rightly, praying for the kingdom to dawn in him, bear fruit and reach perfection. For God reigns in every saint, and every saint obeys God's spiritual laws — God, who dwells in him just as he dwells in any well-ordered city. The Father is present in him and in his soul Christ reigns alongside the Father, as it is said: We will come to him and make our dwelling with him.*

Therefore, as we continue to move forward without ceasing, the kingdom of God within us will reach its perfection in us at that moment when the saying in the Apostle is fulfilled, that Christ, his enemies all made subject to him, shall deliver *the kingdom to God the Father that God may be all in all.*

For this reason let us pray without ceasing, our souls filled by a desire made divine by the Word himself. Let us pray to our Father in heaven: *hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come.*

There is something important that we need to understand about the kingdom of God: just as *righteousness has no partnership with lawlessness*, just as *light has nothing in common with darkness* and *Christ has no agreement with Belial*, so the kingdom of God and a kingdom of sin cannot co-exist.

So if we want God to reign within us, on no account may *sin rule in our mortal body* but let us mortify our earthly bodies and let us be made fruitful by the Spirit. Then we will be a spiritual garden of Eden for God to walk in. God will rule in us with Christ who will be seated in us on the right hand of God — God, the spiritual power that we pray to receive — until he makes his enemies (who are within us) into his footstool and pours out on us all authority, all power, all strength.

This can happen to any one of us and *death, the last enemy* may be destroyed, so that in us Christ says *Death, where is your sting? Death, where is your victory?* So let our corruptibility be clothed today with holiness and incorruption. With Death dead, let our mortality be cloaked in the Father's immortality. With God ruling in us, let us be immersed in the blessings of regeneration and resurrection.

### Responsory

R. The dominion of the world has passed to the Lord of us all, and to Christ, his anointed: he shall reign for ever and ever.

✠. All races will worship the Lord to whom all sovereignty belongs;\* he shall reign for ever and ever.



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Thursday **30th November** is the Feast of **St. Andrew, Apostle. Patron of Scotland** (Solemnity in Scotland)

#### **From Universalis:**

He was born in Bethsaida, in Galilee, and worked as a fisherman. He was a disciple of St John the Baptist. He became one of the first to follow Jesus and introduced his brother, Simon Peter, to him. As one of the twelve Apostles he was widely venerated in ancient times, and became patron saint of Scotland because according to legend some of his bones were brought there and buried at the place where the town of St Andrew's now stands.

#### **From the weekday Missal:**

The brother of Saint Peter, Andrew was born in Bethsaida, and was a disciple of John the Baptist until, with Peter, he answered the call of Christ. He is mentioned several times in the Gospel: he brought the Gentiles to Jesus, and pointed out the boy with the loaves and the fishes. He is thought to have preached in Scythia, and to have been martyred at Patras in Achaia.

#### **From Scotland.org:**

St Andrew has been celebrated in Scotland for over a thousand years, with feasts being held in his honour as far back as the year 1000 AD. However, it wasn't until 1320, when Scotland's independence was declared with the signing of The Declaration of Arbroath, that he officially became Scotland's patron saint. Since then St Andrew has become tied up in so much of Scotland. The flag of Scotland, the St Andrew's Cross, was chosen in honour of him. Also, the ancient town of St Andrews was named due to its claim of being the final resting place of St Andrew.

From the Office of Readings:

**A reading from the homilies of St John Chrysostom on St. John's Gospel.**

*We have found the Messiah.*

After Andrew had stayed with Jesus and had learned much from him, he did not keep this treasure to himself, but hastened to share it with his brother. Notice what Andrew

said to him: *We have found the Messiah, that is to say, the Christ.* Notice how his words reveal what he has learned in so short a time. They show the power of the master who has convinced them of this truth. They reveal the zeal and concern of men preoccupied with this question from the very beginning. Andrew's words reveal a soul waiting with the utmost longing for the coming of the Messiah, looking forward to his appearing from heaven, rejoicing when he does appear, and hastening to announce so great an event to others. To support one another in the things of the spirit is the true sign of good will between brothers, of loving kinship and sincere affection.

Notice, too, how, even from the beginning, Peter is docile and receptive in spirit. He hastens to Jesus without delay. *He brought him to Jesus*, says the evangelist. But Peter must not be condemned for his readiness to accept Andrew's word without much weighing of it. It is probable that his brother had given him, and many others, a careful account of the event; the evangelists, in the interest of brevity, regularly summarise a lengthy narrative. Saint John does not say that Peter believed immediately, but that *he brought him to Jesus*. Andrew was to hand him over to Jesus, to learn everything for himself. There was also another disciple present, and he hastened with them for the same purpose.

When John the Baptist said: *This is the Lamb, and he baptizes in the Spirit*, he left the deeper understanding of these things to be received from Christ. All the more so would Andrew act in the same way, since he did not think himself able to give a complete explanation. He brought his brother to the very source of light, and Peter was so joyful and eager that he would not delay even for a moment.

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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/>

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God bless

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