

# Catholic Parish of King's Lynn

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### **Holy Family Church**

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### **DEACON SHAUN MORRISON'S WEEKLY BULLETIN**

## Christmas Day - Monday, December 25, 2023

Wishing you a Happy Christmas.

May the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ bring you many blessings.



Christmas Mass times:

**9pm this evening**, Mass during the night at Holy Family Church.

Tomorrow, Christmas Day:

**9.30am** Mass of the Dawn at Holy Family Church.

**11.30am** Mass of the Day at Our Lady's Church.

**1pm** Lithuanian Mass at Our Lady's Church.

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

https://www.youtube.com/live/c8Qw8sbncNY? si=dDHm8n1p2jeDCqRW

#### From the Sunday Missal:

God's sign is simplicity. God's sign is the baby. God's sign is that he makes himself small for us. This is how he reigns. He does not come with power and outward splendor. He comes as a baby-defenseless and in need of our help. He does not

want to overwhelm us with his strength. He takes away our fear of his greatness. He asks for our love: so he makes himself a child. He wants nothing other from us than our love, through which we spontaneously learn to enter into his feelings, his thoughts and his will-we learn to live with him and to practice with him that humility of renunciation that belongs to the very essence of love. God made himself small so that we could understand him, welcome him, and love him.

(Pope Benedict XVI)

#### From the Office of Readings for Christmas Day:

A reading from a sermon by Pope Leo the Great.

O Christian, be aware of your nobility

Dearly beloved, today our Saviour is born; let us rejoice. Sadness should have no place on the birthday of life. The fear of death has been swallowed up; life brings us joy with the promise of eternal happiness.

No one is shut out from this joy; all share the same reason for rejoicing. Our Lord, victor over sin and death, finding no man free from sin, came to free us all. Let the saint rejoice as he sees the palm of victory at hand. Let the sinner be glad as he receives the offer of forgiveness. Let the pagan take courage as he is summoned to life.

In the fullness of time, chosen in the unfathomable depths of God's wisdom, the Son of God took for himself our common humanity in order to reconcile it with its creator. He came to overthrow the devil, the origin of death, in that very nature by which he had overthrown mankind.

And so at the birth of our Lord the angels sing in joy: Glory to God in the highest, and they proclaim peace to men of good will as they see the heavenly Jerusalem being built from all the nations of the world. When the angels on high are so exultant at this marvellous work of God's goodness, what joy

should it not bring to the lowly hearts of men?

Beloved, let us give thanks to God the Father, through his Son, in the Holy Spirit, because in his great love for us he took pity on us, and when we were dead in our sins he brought us to life with Christ, so that in him we might be a new creation. Let us throw off our old nature and all its ways and, as we have come to birth in Christ, let us renounce the works of the flesh.

Christian, remember your dignity, and now that you share in God's own nature, do not return by sin to your former base condition. Bear in mind who is your head and of whose body you are a member. Do not forget that you have been rescued from the power of darkness and brought into the light of God's kingdom.

Through the sacrament of baptism you have become a temple of the Holy Spirit. Do not drive away so great a guest by evil conduct and become again a slave to the devil, for your liberty was bought by the blood of Christ.

#### Responsory

- R. Today true peace has come down to us from heaven;\* the skies rain down sweetness all over the world.
- V. A day of new redemption has dawned, a day of eternal bliss, prepared from of old:\* the skies rain down sweetness all over the world.

The link to our YouTube channel is: https://www.youtube.com/channel/ UC8V030I7usRZiKoTlrwBAKg

And the link to our Parish Website: <a href="http://www.catholicparish-kingslynn.org.uk/">http://www.catholicparish-kingslynn.org.uk/</a>

God bless

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