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Dear Friends,

I hope you are well.

Today is the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. Today is also Sunday of the Word of God where we are encouraged to reflect on the word of God, and to give thanks for the great gift of the word of God to us.

It is Psalter Week 3 for the Divine Office.

From the Magnificat book for today:

At a moment when "time is growing short" for Nineveh, God does something extraordinary: he raises up Jonah to preach repentance to "the great city". When Jesus came proclaiming the "Good news from God", Christ's first action was to call men from the sea to preach to the world. Nothing convinces us of the compassion, the love, the kindness, and the goodness of God like the witness of these humble believers who leave nets, boats and family to follow Jesus. When we beg, "Lord, make me know your ways," Jesus responds: "Follow me."

From the Office of Readings for today:

A reading from the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of the Second Vatican Council:

Christ is present in his Church

Christ is always present to his Church, especially in the actions of the liturgy. He is present in the sacrifice of the Mass, in the person of the minister (it is the same Christ who formerly offered himself on the cross that is now offered through the ministry of priests) and most of all under the eucharistic species. He is present in the sacraments by his power, in such a way that when someone baptises, Christ himself baptises. He is present in his word, for it is he himself who speaks when the holy Scriptures are read in the Church. Finally, he is present when the Church prays and sings, for he himself promised: Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there in their midst.

Indeed, in this great work which gives perfect glory to God and brings holiness to men, Christ is always joining in partnership with himself his beloved Bride, the Church, which calls upon its Lord and through him gives worship to the eternal Father.

It is therefore right to see the liturgy as an exercise of the priestly office of Jesus Christ, in which through signs addressed to the senses man's sanctification is signified and, in a way proper to each of these signs, made effective, and in which public worship is celebrated in its fullness by the mystical body of Jesus Christ, that is, by the head and by his members.

Accordingly, every liturgical celebration, as an activity of Christ the priest and of his body, which is the Church, is a sacred action of a pre-eminent kind. No other action of the Church equals its title to power or its degree of effectiveness.

In the liturgy on earth we are given a foretaste and share in the liturgy of heaven, celebrated in the holy city of Jerusalem, the goal of our pilgrimage, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God, as minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle. With the whole company of heaven we sing a hymn of praise to the Lord; as we reverence the memory of the saints, we hope to have some part with them, and to share in their fellowship; we wait for the Saviour, our Lord Jesus Christ, until he, who is our life, appears, and we appear with him in glory.

By an apostolic tradition taking its origin from the very day of Christ's resurrection, the Church celebrates the paschal mystery every eighth day, the day that is rightly called the Lord's day. On Sunday the Christian faithful ought to gather together, so that by listening to the word of God and sharing in the Eucharist they may recall the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus and give thanks to God who has given them a new birth with a lively hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. The Lord's day is therefore the first and greatest festival, one to be set before the loving devotion of the faithful and impressed upon it, so that it may be also a day of joy and of freedom from work. Other celebrations must not take precedence over it, unless they are truly of the greatest importance, since it is the foundation and the kernel of the whole liturgical year.

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

<https://youtu.be/nQKqrkro6B0>

Words for an act of spiritual communion for those at home watching the livestream of Mass, to be prayed during the time of Holy Communion.

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

T3 The Thursday Talks -you can still watch the talk from last Thursday which was an Introduction to St. Mark's Gospel 1. Who, When, Where, Why?

The YouTube link is:

<https://youtu.be/1MZGd1a83WU>

Sunday of the Word of God:

The Sunday of the Word of God, instituted by Pope Francis and to be held every year on the third Sunday of Ordinary Time, reminds us, pastors and faithful alike, of the importance and

value of Sacred Scripture for the Christian life, as well as the relationship between the word of God and the liturgy: “As Christians, we are one people, making our pilgrim way through history, sustained by the Lord, present in our midst, who speaks to us and nourishes us. A day devoted to the Bible should not be seen as a yearly event but rather a year-long event, for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the Risen Lord, who continues to speak his word and to break bread in the community of believers. For this reason, we need to develop a closer relationship with Sacred Scripture; otherwise, our hearts will remain cold and our eyes shut, inflicted as we are by so many forms of blindness”.

(Source: <http://www.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html>)

Some other resources for you:

<https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-god-who-speaks/focus/sunday-of-the-word-of-god/>
<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/new-lectionary-for-england-and-wales/>

Monday (25th January) is the **Feast of the Conversion of St Paul, Apostle.**

Saul, the young man who looked after the cloaks of the men who were stoning St Stephen, grew into a dedicated and efficient persecutor of Christians. Today’s feast celebrates the day that Christ appeared to him in a vision as he was on the way to Damascus, reproached him for his persecutions and converted him to the true faith.

(Source: <https://universalis.com/20210125/today.htm>)

Tuesday (26th January) is the memorial of **Ss Timothy & Titus, Bishops.**

Timothy and Titus were converted to Christianity by St Paul, and became his companions and helpers. Paul entrusted Timothy with the care of the Christians in Ephesus, and sent Titus to Crete to look after the Christians there. He wrote them the so-called “pastoral” epistles, giving advice for pastors and people alike.

(Source: <https://universalis.com/20210126/today.htm>)

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/>

Do please stay safe.

With my thoughts and prayers.

God bless

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