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DEACON SHAUN MORRISON'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday June 19, 2022

Dear Friends,

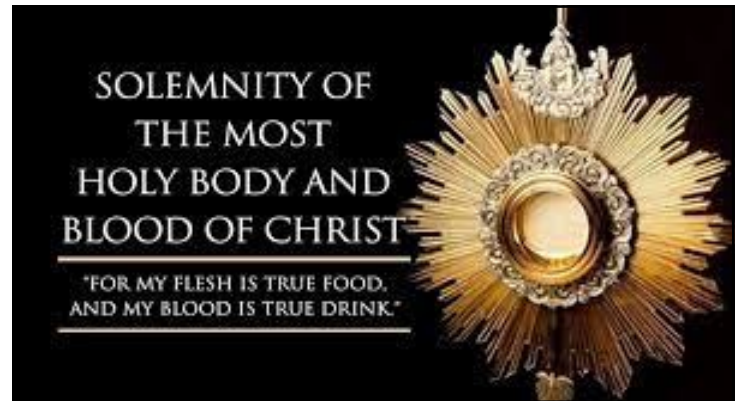
Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. **Corpus Christi.**

"I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever"

It is Psalter Week 4 for the Divine Office.

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

<https://youtu.be/YrO8LxrYTco>



From the Office of Readings for today: A reading from the works of St Thomas Aquinas

How precious and wonderful is this banquet!

Since it was the will of God's only-begotten Son that men should share in his divinity, he assumed our nature in order that by becoming man he might make men gods. Moreover, when he took our flesh he dedicated the whole of its substance to our salvation. He offered his body to God the Father on the altar of the cross as a sacrifice for our reconciliation. He shed his blood for our ransom and purification, so that we might be redeemed from our wretched state of bondage and cleansed from all sin. But to ensure that the memory of so great a gift would abide with us for ever, he left his body as food and his blood as drink for the faithful to consume in the form of bread and wine.

O precious and wonderful banquet, that brings us salvation and contains all sweetness! Could anything be of more intrinsic value? Under the old law it was the flesh of calves and goats that was offered, but here Christ himself, the true God, is set before us as our food. What could be more wonderful than this? No other sacrament has greater healing power; through it sins are purged away, virtues are increased, and the soul is enriched with an abundance of every spiritual gift. It is offered in the Church for the living and the dead, so that what was instituted for the salvation of all may be for the benefit of all. Yet, in the end, no one can fully express the sweetness of this sacrament, in which spiritual delight is tasted at its very source, and in which we renew the memory of that surpassing love for us which Christ revealed in his passion.

It was to impress the vastness of this love more firmly upon the hearts of the faithful that our Lord instituted this sacrament at the Last Supper. As he was on the point of leaving the world to go to the Father, after celebrating the Passover with his disciples, he left it as a perpetual memorial of his passion. It was the fulfilment of ancient figures and the greatest of all his miracles, while for those who were to experience the sorrow of his departure, it was destined

to be a unique and abiding consolation.

Responsory

- ℟. See in this bread the body of Christ which hung upon the cross, and in this cup the blood which flowed from his side.* Take his body, then, and eat it; take his blood and drink it, and you will become his members.
- ℣. The body of Christ is the bond which unites you to him: eat it, or you will have no part in him. The blood is the price he paid for your redemption: drink it, lest you despair of your sinfulness.* Take his body, then, and eat it; take his blood and drink it, and you will become his members.



Today is also- Day for Life.

From the Bishops conference of England and Wales:

https://www.cbcew.org.uk/dfl22/?utm_source=Newsletter&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=Newsletter+May+2022

'Day for Life' is the day in our calendar set aside to celebrate life from conception to natural death. This year our focus is on caring for and valuing the elderly.

From His Holy Father Pope Francis:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/dfl22-pope-message/>

Pope Francis has sent a message to our Lead Bishop for *Day for Life*, Bishop John Sherrington, offering his support and prayers for those celebrating the day on Sunday, 19 June 2022:

Pope Francis sends cordial greetings and good wishes to those participating in the 2022 day for life to be celebrated in Scotland, England and Wales, and Ireland under the theme "Caring for the Older Person".

His Holiness prays that the efforts in the defence of the God-given value and dignity of every human life, in all its stages, will be fruitful in drawing attention to the particular worth of our elderly brothers and sisters, for they "are not outcasts to be shunned but living signs of the goodness of God who bestows life in abundance" (*message for the Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly*).

He likewise trusts that a greater awareness of the essential contribution the elderly make to the spiritual and material wellbeing of every society will help to counter the "throwaway culture" and foster the bonds of charity and fraternity between the generations.

With these sentiments and the assurance of his closeness in prayer, the Holy Father sends his blessing as a pledge of joy and peace in Jesus who is the way, the truth and the life.

From Bishop John Sherrington:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/dfl22-bishops-message/>

"We invite people to think again about the value and worth of older persons in families, in society, and to make practical choices to build bridges between the generations"

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

Shaun

Deacon Shaun Morrison

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.
