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Deacon Shaun's Daily Bulletin

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Dear Friends, Good morning to you.

Today is Our Lady on Saturday.

Saturday memorials of the Blessed Virgin Mary

'On Saturdays in Ordinary Time when there is no obligatory memorial, an optional memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary is allowed.

'Saturdays stand out among those days dedicated to the Virgin Mary. These are designated as memorials of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This memorial derives from Carolingian times (9th century), but the reasons for having chosen Saturday for its observance are unknown. While many explanations of this choice have been advanced, none is completely satisfactory from the point of view of the history of popular piety. 'Whatever its historical origins may be, today the memorial rightly emphasizes certain values to which contemporary spirituality is more sensitive. It is a remembrance of the maternal example and discipleship of the Blessed Virgin Mary who, strengthened by faith and hope, on that "great Saturday" on which Our Lord lay in the tomb, was the only one of the disciples to hold vigil in expectation of the Lord's resurrection. It is a prelude and introduction to the celebration of Sunday, the weekly memorial of the Resurrection of Christ. **It is a sign that the Virgin Mary is continuously present and operative in the life of the Church.**'

Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy (2001), §188

(Source: <https://universalis.com/europe.england.eastanglia/20201107/today.htm>)

Today is also the memorial of **St. Willibrord, Bishop.**

St. Willibrord was born in Yorkshire and after being a pupil of St Wilfrid, studied for twelve years at Rathmelsige in Ireland, where he was ordained priest. He returned to England but set out again in 690 to evangelize Frisia. He was ordained bishop by Pope Sergius in 695 and founded the metropolitan see of Utrecht in the Netherlands. He preached the Gospel in Denmark and North Germany and founded several dioceses and monasteries in the Netherlands and Luxembourg. He died at Echternach in Luxembourg in 739.

He was the first of the great Anglo-Saxon missionaries to Europe and is remembered not just

for his devotion in preaching the Gospel but also for his joyfulness of character and his holiness of life.

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The Collect for St. Willibrord is:

God, the Saviour of all nations, you sent the Bishop Saint Willibrord from this land to proclaim the Gospel to many peoples and to confirm them in the faith; grant us, at his intercession, to witness to your steadfast love by word and deed, so that your Church may increase and grow strong in holiness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The next instalments of chapters in the encyclical letter “Fratelli Tutti” (On Fraternity and Social Friendship) by Pope Francis in relation to the Parable from St. Luke 10 :25-37 are chapters 69-71.

69. The parable is clear and straightforward, yet it also evokes the interior struggle that each of us experiences as we gradually come to know ourselves through our relationships with our brothers and sisters. Sooner or later, we will all encounter a person who is suffering. Today there are more and more of them. The decision to include or exclude those lying wounded along the roadside can serve as a criterion for judging every economic, political, social and religious project. Each day we have to decide whether to be Good Samaritans or indifferent bystanders. And if we extend our gaze to the history of our own lives and that of the entire world, all of us are, or have been, like each of the characters in the parable. All of us have in ourselves something of the wounded man, something of the robber, something of the passers-by, and something of the Good Samaritan.

70. It is remarkable how the various characters in the story change, once confronted by the painful sight of the poor man on the roadside. The distinctions between Judean and Samaritan, priest and merchant, fade into insignificance. Now there are only two kinds of people: those who care for someone who is hurting and those who pass by; those who bend down to help and those who look the other way and hurry off. Here, all our distinctions, labels and masks fall away: it is the moment of truth. Will we bend down to touch and heal the wounds of others? Will we bend down and help another to get up? This is today’s challenge, and we should not be afraid to face it. In moments of crisis, decisions become urgent. It could be said that, here and now, anyone who is neither a robber nor a passer-by is either injuring himself or bearing an injured person on his shoulders.

71. The story of the Good Samaritan is constantly being repeated. We can see this clearly as social and political inertia is turning many parts of our world into a desolate byway, even as domestic and international disputes and the robbing of opportunities are leaving great numbers of the marginalized stranded on the roadside. In his parable, Jesus does not offer alternatives; he does not ask what might have happened had the injured man or the one who helped him yielded to anger or a thirst for revenge. Jesus trusts in the best of the human spirit; with this

parable, he encourages us to persevere in love, to restore dignity to the suffering and to build a society worthy of the name.

(Source: http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20201003_enciclica-fratelli-tutti.html)

A gentle reminder about our parish website:

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

And the link to our YouTube channel- Our Lady's King's Lynn TV which is:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8V030I7usRZiKoTlrwBAKg>

And finally do feel free to send me any news and photographs that you would like me to share in these emails.

With my love, thoughts and prayers,

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