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Deacon Shaun's Daily Bulletin

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Dear Friends, Good morning to you.

Today is a Feria in the Thirty-Third week in Ordinary Time.

The Gospel reading for today is a reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 18:35-43.

As Jesus drew near to Jericho there was a blind man sitting at the side of the road begging. When he heard the crowd going past he asked what it was all about, and they told him that Jesus the Nazarene was passing by. So he called out, 'Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me.' The people in front scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and ordered them to bring the man to him, and when he came up, asked him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Sir,' he replied 'let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Receive your sight. Your faith has saved you.' And instantly his sight returned and he followed him praising God, and all the people who saw it gave praise to God for what had happened.

Some thoughts for you from the Sacred Space website:

This is the lovely story of a blind man who had lost his sight and was forced to live as a beggar. His insistence to call on Jesus despite the crowd's opposition is a big act of faith. He must have been very happy with what happened to him.

How is life going for you? Did you ever feel that you have lost something that once was precious to you? Often we are afraid to turn to the Lord to ask him to restore or compensate us in some way that would give us life again. To turn to God when we are suffering loss is a great act of faith and trust.

<https://www.sacredspace.ie/scripture/luke-1835-43-0>

In the Proper of Saints today we have **St. Margaret of Scotland, St Gertrude & St. Edmund of Abingdon.**

For the diocese of Portsmouth today is a solemnity because St. Edmund of Abingdon is their joint principal patron.

And in Scotland today it is a feast day as St. Margaret of Scotland is their secondary patron.

St Margaret of Scotland:

She was born in Hungary of Anglo-Saxon and Hungarian parents. When William of Normandy conquered England she found refuge with King Malcolm III of Scotland, and they were married in 1070 and had eight children. She reformed the royal court, founded monasteries, and supported major reforms of Church life. She died in Edinburgh on 16 November 1093. She is remembered for the happiness of her marriage, for her devotion to prayer and learning, and especially for her generosity to the poor.

St Gertrude, Virgin:

She was born at Eisleben in Thuringia. As a girl she was educated by the Benedictine nuns at Helfta and was particularly talented at literature and philosophy. She turned to God and became a nun herself. She was devoted to the mystery of the Incarnation, in particular to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and to the Eucharist. She was the recipient of many mystical experiences, and her spiritual writings had great influence in later centuries and indirectly contributed to the establishment of the feast of the Sacred Heart.

St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop:

St Edmund Rich was born at St Edmund's Lane, Abingdon, on 20 November, probably in the year 1175. His father was a rich merchant, hence the surname (which he never in fact used himself). Under the influence of his mother he led an ascetic life. He studied at Oxford and Paris, and became a teacher in about 1200 or a little earlier. For six years he lectured on mathematics and dialectics, apparently dividing his time between Oxford and Paris, and winning distinction for his part in introducing the study of Aristotle. He is the first known Oxford Master of Arts, and the place where he taught was eventually renamed St Edmund Hall.

Between 1205 and 1210 he changed direction, studying theology and being ordained a priest. He took a doctorate in divinity, and soon won fame as a lecturer on theology and as an extemporaneous preacher. Some time between 1219 and 1222 he was appointed vicar of the parish of Calne in Wiltshire and Treasurer of Salisbury Cathedral, and finally became Archbishop of Canterbury in 1233. He was a notable and effective reforming Bishop. His love for discipline and justice aroused opposition, and he found himself ranged against Rome as champion of the national Church. Eventually, like his predecessors St Thomas Becket and Stephen Langton, he retired to Pontigny, where he is buried. He died at Soisy-Bouy on 16 November 1240.

Devotion to him was especially marked at Abingdon, and at Catesby where his sisters were both nuns. Edmund was canonised in 1246, and is the Joint-Principal Patron of the Diocese of Portsmouth.

He is venerated as a vigorous and reforming bishop and as a peacemaker, as well as being a distinguished commentator on the Scriptures and an effective spiritual writer.

(Source: <https://universalis.com/europe.england.eastanglia/20201116/today.htm>)

Details of 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>

With my love, thoughts and prayers,

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