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Deacon Shaun's Mid-Week Bulletin

Dear Friends,

I trust that you are well. The dogs were not impressed by the wet weather earlier this morning but they enjoyed their breakfast and have been sleeping all morning.

It has been a couple of busy days at work, organising many meetings and juggling with diaries.

A reminder about the live stream of Mass at **7.00pm** tomorrow evening for Masses for the Sick and their Families, NHS Front-Line workers and those working in Social Care.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines/masses-for-the-sick-and-their-families-nhs-front-line-workers-and-those-working-in-social-care/>

The Mass tomorrow evening will be celebrated by Bishop Tom Williams.

The live stream will be from Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool on YouTube.

The link is: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOiDR9mRmfAu05Yg3ifyMw>

Here is some information on Bishop Tom Williams for you:

Taken from <http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/Auxiliary-Bishop>

Thomas Williams was born on Shrove Tuesday, 10 February 1948, at 2A Ashfield Gardens (first landing, second house), Silvester Street, off Scotland Road, Liverpool. His father, Richard, was a bargee based in Stanley Dock, and the locks in Lightbody Street, who later advanced to become a Checker in Box 6, based in Gladstone and West Lancashire Docks between 1963 and 1975. His mother, Margaret, was a school cleaner for Ashfield Street Primary and Archbishop Whiteside Schools. Bishop Williams is the eldest of four children, sisters: Margaret and Marie and brother: Richard.

Bishop Williams was an altar server at St Sylvester's and entered Junior Seminary, to train for the priesthood, at Christleton Hall, Chester, when he was 13 years old in 1961. At the time Archbishop Heenan informed him that he was 'a bit old!' After five years of study there under the Headship of Father Tom Hennessy of the Salvatorian Fathers he went to the English College in Lisbon, Portugal, in September 1966 where he studied Philosophy and Theology until the closure of the College in 1971. He completed his studies at St Joseph's College, Upholland, the then major Seminary for the Archdiocese of Liverpool.

Thomas Williams was ordained Deacon on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, 8 December 1971, by Bishop Joseph Gray, then Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool. As Deacon he served for six months in the St Matthew's area of Skelmersdale before he was ordained to the

priesthood by Archbishop George Andrew Beck on 27 May 1972 in the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool.

His first appointment was to St Francis of Assisi, Garston in September 1972. He remembers his work there well and says: 'I will always look back on that parish as my first home as a priest, and my first love'. A year later he took on the added responsibility of being Chaplain to Bellerive Grammar School, a post which he held for seven 'happy' years.

In January 1975 he was appointed to Sacred Heart Parish, Hall Lane, Liverpool where he served with Father Bernard Dickinson and Father Bernard Jackson. The two assistant priests served as Chaplains to the Primary Schools and the Royal Liverpool Hospital or 'Old Royal'. Bishop Tom says: 'This was the beginning of nine years as Hospital Chaplain, at the Old Royal for four years and the New Royal for five, and the home of many fond and treasured memories'.

In 1983 Bishop Williams served at Our Lady of Walsingham parish in Netherton and undertook supply work at St Jude's, Wigan and Holy Spirit, Netherton. In 1984 he was asked by Bishop Kevin O'Connor to take responsibility for Our Lady Immaculate Parish in St Domingo Road. The ancient Chapel (designed by Pugin and the Lady Altar of the original Liverpool Catholic Cathedral planned in the nineteenth century) was condemned as unusable and Father Tom oversaw the conversion of the Parish Centre into a church which was opened by Archbishop Derek Worlock in 1986. In 1989 he was appointed Parish Priest of St Anthony's in Scotland Road, Liverpool and assumed additional responsibility for Our Lady Immaculate Parish in 1999.

During his ministry Bishop Williams has also been a member of the Archdiocesan Finance Advisory Committee (appointed 1977); Secretary and Treasurer of the Fund for retired and sick clergy (1993); a member of the Liverpool City Centre Ecumenical Team (1996) and a member of the Archdiocesan Building Projects Committee (1986). He has also been a Governor of Our Lady Immaculate Primary School (1984); a Governor of Mother Teresa Primary School (1989) and of Champion High School (1986 to 1999) being their Chair from 1989 to 1999. He has been a member of FLAME for twenty-seven years travelling to Lourdes with children and young people with disabilities and has also worked with the St Anthony's Lourdes Trust finding funding to train local teenagers to work with young people with disabilities in Lourdes. He has also been Chair of Project Jennifer looking at the re-development of the Scotland Road and Great Homer Street district, since it began in 2002.

He is currently Chair of the Healthcare Reference Group of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

He served as Apostolic Administrator of the Archdiocese of Liverpool from 27 February 2013 to 1st May 2014 following the retirement of Archbishop Patrick Kelly.

His hobbies include a weekly game of golf and he is a member of the Southport and Ainsdale Golf Club. He enjoys horse racing and is a fanatic Evertonian and until the onset of regular Sunday and mid-week fixtures was a season ticket holder for many years. He also says he 'must' have one week's skiing per year!

Pope Francis has named Archbishop Claudio Gugerotti as Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain.

Taken from:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/pope-francis-appoints-new-apostolic-nuncio-to-great-britain/>

Claudio Gugerotti was born in Verona, Italy, in 1955 and ordained a priest of the Diocese of Verona in 1982. He studied Eastern Languages and Sacred Liturgy and was a professor of Patristics, Eastern Liturgy at the Institute of Ecumenical Studies in Verona from 1981 to 1985. In 1985, he was appointed as an official working at the Congregation for the Eastern Churches and he became its Undersecretary in 1997. He has also taught at the Pontifical Oriental Institute. On 7 December 2001, Pope St John Paul II appointed him Apostolic Nuncio to Georgia and to Armenia. He was also subsequently appointed Apostolic Nuncio to Azerbaijan on 13 December. He received his episcopal consecration by Pope St John Paul on 6 January 2002 appointing him to the Titular See of Ravello. Pope Benedict XVI appointed him Apostolic Nuncio to Belarus in 2011 and Pope Francis appointed him Apostolic Nuncio to Ukraine in 2015. The previous Nuncio to Great Britain, Archbishop Edward Adams, retired in January 2020.

News about Monsignor John Armitage:

Information taken from:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/guild-of-our-lady-of-ransom-appoints-new-master/>

The Guild of Our Lady of Ransom, a Catholic guild that promotes the re-conversion of England and Wales to the Catholic faith, has appointed Monsignor John Armitage, former Rector of the National Catholic Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, as its new Master. The guild also works on outreach to lapsed Catholics and promotes prayer for the dead. The guild's Executive Council has released a statement on the appointment: The Executive Council of the Guild of Our Lady of Ransom is delighted to announce that they have, with the blessing of our Patron, the Archbishop of Southwark, nominated a new Master, Monsignor John Armitage. The Executive Council wishes to express its gratitude to the Bishop of Brentwood for his agreement to allow Mgr. Armitage to carry out the role of Master alongside his new role in the diocese as parish priest of St Margaret and All Saints, Canning Town. Mgr Armitage will be the Guild's fifth Master and his appointment, subject to approval by the Guild's Ransomers at the next Annual Business Meeting, follows the sad death of the fourth Master, Monsignor Anthony Stark, Prot. Ap., KCHS, who was Master Emeritus from 2010 to 2020. The Master of the Guild of Our Lady of Ransom serves for a five-year term, and may be re-appointed for a further five-year term. The Master's role is to promote the Guild's objectives of re-converting England and Wales to the Roman Catholic faith, restoration of the lapsed and prayer for the forgotten dead."

Yesterday was the Funeral Mass of Canon Christopher Tuckwell at Westminster Cathedral. Here is a copy of the homily for you:

<https://rcdow.org.uk/cardinal/homilies/homily-for-funeral-mass-of-canon-christopher-tuckwell-rip/>

Given at the Funeral Mass of Canon Christopher Tuckwell at Westminster Cathedral on 7th July 2020

The Scripture readings we have just heard, and the witness of the life of Canon Christopher Tuckwell, for whom we pray, invite us today to a renewal of our faith in Jesus. This faith underpinned Christopher's life and ministry, giving him the stability and compassion of which we heard in the lovely obituary, at the beginning of Mass. Christopher must have repeated so often the words of St Peter: 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God' and echoed those similar words of St Thomas: 'My Lord and my God'. His profession of faith, deep, personal, resolute, enduring, guided both the manner of his life and the manner of his dying.

Peter's profession of faith, in the narrative of St Matthew, has an important context. It takes place at Caesaria Philippi, a location northeast of the Sea of Galilee. Remote it might have been, but not insignificant. Its original name was Panias, after the Greek god of nature, Pan, for an ancient shrine to that pagan deity was located there. It was also the site of ancient Syrian temples, set aside for the worship of Baal. But most dramatically, Herod the Great had built a huge temple in Panias to the godhead of Caesar. Herod's son, Philip, had further embellished the marble temple and changed the name of the town to Caesaria, Caesar's town, adding his own too: Caesaria Philippi.

So it was before this huge monument to the Roman notion of the godhead, with its pagan ancestry, that Jesus posed the question: 'Who do you say that I am?' And Peter responds, in the face of the power of the place and the culture of his day: 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.'

The question, 'Who do you say that I am?' echoes down through the ages and knocks on the door of our hearts, too. Christopher's answer was unequivocal. We pray that ours may be so, too, even as we stand in the context of so many prevailing options and contrary claims, both worldly and some even pagan.

I was blessed to be with Christopher the day before he died. Our conversation was simple: hello; goodbye; prayers and love. He said to me, in his direct and uncomplicated way: 'I am really looking forward to meeting my Lord.' As I left he gave a final salute, the wave of a raised arm, calm and reassuring.

The gift of such faith is priceless. We search for it; we reach out for it; we rejoice in it as the most precious gift of all. The words of Jesus, addressed to Peter, apply again today: 'Christopher, you are a happy man, because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven.'

St Paul revels in the gift of faith: 'With God on our side, who can be against us? ... after such a gift ... he will not refuse anything he can give.' In Christopher, the gift gave rise to a quiet confidence and deep compassion.

Christopher carried that quiet confidence with him wherever he went: in his search for Catholic faith; in the world of the Army, latterly at the Wellington Barracks and with the Chelsea Pensioners; in his friendships and the good things they brought, and in his daily life of prayer.

He knew the assurance of St Paul, that 'nothing can come between us and the love of God

made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.'

From the rich tapestry of his ministry, there is one thread I would like to highlight. It is easily overlooked but for me, it is a golden thread. Did you notice, in the account of his life, which we listened to, that at each stage of his ministry, Christopher put himself into the company of the poor and the needy? He had a freedom to give of himself without anxiety.

As an Anglican ordinand, he spent his holiday as a nursing orderly; in St Vincent's, he took on the extra role of a prison chaplain; he did also in Hemel Hempstead, at HMP The Mount; and the same in Clapton, spending time with the prisoners in HMP Pentonville. During his years here at the Cathedral, he was a regular and willing chaplain and visitor to The Passage, happily spending Friday lunchtimes with the guests, listening and chatting, always conveying an unconditional compassion to those most in need. He lived the teaching of St Vincent de Paul: 'You will go out and meet the poor ten times a day and ten times a day you will see the face of Christ' (quoted in a letter from The Passage to Christopher shortly before he died, a tribute to his presence there).

Today we know so clearly that this golden thread of his faith in action is a powerful and needed witness in our society to the truth and beauty of our faith. As the effects of this pandemic unfold like thunder above our heads, this response to the poor becomes more and more a priority for us: our capacity to turn our eyes to the vulnerable, to those on the margins, and bring to them a gaze of the compassion of Christ and practical assistance. I thank God for the quiet witness given by Christopher in this way and I hope that he will inspire in each of us a similar, undemonstrative determination that they are not forgotten.

This Cathedral became his home. The Administrator's stall - there - his place of prayer, even when it was a struggle to get there and painful to remain. He gave himself, heart and soul, to this House of God, which he loved.

Cardinal Hume once described this Cathedral in these words: 'Westminster Cathedral exists to help us search for God and to offer him worship. It is a house for all. It is a place where we meet Christ and, in and through him, gain strength and courage to take another step along the road to God.'

These words 'fit' Christopher so well. He made them his own in his ministry here. Today we pray that their affirmation finds fulfilment in him, too: that his journey to God, now ended in this world, is fulfilled through God's mercy and that Christopher now beholds his Lord, face to face.

Eternal rest give unto to him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen

HE Cardinal Vincent Nichols
Archbishop of Westminster

Saturday (11th July) is the feast day of St. Benedict Abbot. Patron of Europe.

Taken from:

<https://universalis.com/europe.England.eastanglia/20200711/today.htm>

St Benedict (480 - 547)

Benedict was born in Nursia, in Umbria, and studied in Rome; but he was unable to stomach the dissolute life of the city, and he became a solitary hermit at Subiaco. His reputation spread, and some monks asked him to be their abbot; but they did not like the discipline he imposed and tried to poison him.

Benedict organised various small communities of monks and nuns in various places, including the great monastery of Monte Cassino. He drew up a set of rules to guide the communal life of monasteries. Although this was not the first monastic rule ever, the Rule of St Benedict has proved so wise and balanced that it has served as the foundation of practically every attempt at communal living ever since – and not only in religious communities. The Rule of St Benedict recognises that people aim at perfection but often fall well short of it, and aims to be a “rule for beginners” in which even the least perfect and least able can grow in spiritual stature. To visit a Benedictine monastery of almost any kind is to find oneself spending time among a group of people who, by their strivings to live and grow together, have become more and more themselves, as God intended them, instead of being crushed into false uniformity by some idealistic and authoritarian regime.

For those of us in the world, too, the Rule of St Benedict has much to say: it drags our eyes up to the stars but keeps our feet firmly on the ground; it calls us to perfection but keeps us sane.

A reminder about the parish website that is updated everyday. The link is:

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

Stephen Farr has been practicing taking photos with his new camera and has sent me some photos of the garden at Holy Family. Thanks Stephen - the photos are great and the garden is looking lovely.



With my love, thoughts and prayers,

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