



INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST

In the Diocese of Plymouth

3RD Sunday of Advent.

17th December 2023

A new Bishop for the Diocese of Plymouth



On Friday 15 December 2023, His Holiness Pope Francis has appointed Canon Christopher Whitehead as the Tenth Bishop of the Diocese of Plymouth.

On hearing the news of his appointment Bishop-elect Christopher said: “With complete trust in the gentle, guiding hands of the Lord, I take up the appointment that our Holy Father Pope Francis has entrusted to me. This is not something I could have ever imagined and willingly give myself to where the Lord has called me to serve and with all I have to offer.”

“Like my own diocese of Clifton, Plymouth is such a beautiful part of this country and I am truly happy to have the opportunity to make my home among its great people.

Clifton has been my home for the 54 years of my life, and it is where I learned to walk in the ways of faith and where my priestly vocation was born and nurtured. For that I will be eternally thankful. So too for the teachers and guides who have shown me the way, the priests and religious who have inspired me, and all who have supported me with their love and prayers. I am where I am because of their love, their witness, their example and their kindness.”

“As I begin this challenging and exciting journey in the service of God’s Church and the People of the Diocese of Plymouth, I ask for the prayers of the children, women and men of my new diocese. I need these and the prayers of my brother priests, and the religious communities, and all people of good will. Please pray that I may have the gifts of courage, wisdom, prudence and discernment, as your servant. Naturally I feel apprehensive about the ministry now entrusted to me, and so I place myself in the loving hands of our God, knowing he is always faithful. I thank God for his merciful love and pray that God’s most Holy Spirit may enable me to be faithful in all I do, remaining ever attentive to the Gospel and his love. I pray that I be a gentle shepherd to God’s people and a loving father to those I have been called to serve – wanting to ensure that the Church in the Diocese of Plymouth

continues to be a safe and welcoming space for all.”

The Diocesan Administrator of Plymouth Diocese, Canon Paul Cummins, said: “I offer my heartfelt congratulations to Bishop-elect Christopher Whitehead as the news of his nomination by the Holy Father as the Bishop of Plymouth is announced. We welcome him with open arms to this beautiful diocese in the south-west of England. May St Boniface and St Cuthbert Mayne and all the saints and martyrs of the Diocese of Plymouth pray for him. I assure him of my full support and prayers as he prepares to join us here.”

Gaudete Sunday.



When the fullness of time comes, God crowns all His preparations by the sending of Saint John the Baptist, last of the

prophets, but greater than all, for God wills to make him His Herald above all others, the very forerunner of His beloved Son.

The other prophets only saw the Messiah from a far off; he points Him out in person and in such clear terms that all sincere hearts understand “*Behold the Lamb of God, (Ecce Agnus Dei,) who taketh away the sin of the world... There hath stood One in the midst of you Whom you know not, the same is He that shall come after me, Who is preferred before me: the latchet of Whose shoe I am not worthy to loose... I saw the Spirit coming down, as a dove from heaven, and He remained upon him... And I saw and gave testimony that this is the Son of God.*”

The Christ whom John announced has come at last, the light unto which John bore testimony. We ourselves have the happiness of believing in this light, “Which enlighteneth every man that cometh into this world” We live moreover in the blessed; “Fullness of time,” and are not deprived, as were the Patriarchs, of seeing the reign of the Messiah.

Although we are not of those who beheld Christ in person and heard His words, we have the signal happiness of belonging to those nations of which David sang that they should be Christ’s inheritance.

And yet the Holy Spirit Who governs the Church and is the first Author of our sanctification, wills that the church should year by year consecrate, four weeks in recalling to memory the long duration of the Divine preparations and that she should

strive to place our souls in the interior attitude in which the faithful Jews lived whilst awaiting the advent of the messiah.

Our Blessed Lady summed up in herself all the aspirations and longings of the human race awaiting the world's Saviour and God, whilst going far beyond them and giving them a value hitherto unattained. What holy intensity in her desires, what unshaken assurance and her confidence, what fervour in her love!

Let us humbly ask her to make us enter into her disposition. She will hear our prayer. We shall have the immense joy of seeing Christ born anew within our hearts by the communication of more abundant grace, and we shall be enabled, like the Blessed Virgin, although in a lesser measure, to understand the truth of these words of Saint John: "*The Word was God... and the Word was made Flesh, and dwelt amongst us, and we saw His glory...full of grace and truth... And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace.*"

The Meaning of Gaudete Sunday.

On this day the Church urges us to gladness in the middle of this time of expectation and penance. The coming of Jesus approaches more and more. St. John, the holy precursor, announces to the Jews the coming of the Saviour. "*The Saviour,*" he says to them, "*lives already among us, though unknown. He will soon appear openly.*"

Now is the time for fervent prayers and for imploring Jesus to remain with us by His mercy.



Let us prepare the way for Him by repentance and penance and by a worthy reception of the Sacraments.

All the prayers of the Mass are filled with what the Church wishes our souls to possess at the approach of the Saviour.

Introit.

"Gaudete in Domino semper: iterum dico, gaudete. Modestia vestra nota sit omnibus hominibus: Dominus enim prope est. Nihil solliciti sitis: sed in omni oratione petitiones vestrae innotescant apud Domine." (Ps. 84:2)

(Rejoice in the Lord always: again I say, rejoice. Let your modesty be known to all men: for the Lord is nigh. Be nothing solicitous: but in everything be prayer let your petitions be made known to God.)

(Extracts from 'Our Way and Our Life: Christ in His Mysteries.' By Blessed Columba Marmion.)

MASS INTENTIONS

	AT LANHERNE	CANON TANNER
17	BENEFACTORS Powell/Harper Fam RIP	Private Intention
18	Irene Zlotnicki	Private Intention
19	Maria Ogden	Private Intention
20	Daniel, Theresa & Fam	May McKeever RIP
21	Susan & Jim Capstick Jamie Powell	Daniel Gillan RIP
22	M. Allan & Fam	Donor's Intentions
23	I & F Hood Fam RIP	Private Intention

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The Sisters of Lanherne are grateful to the Providence of God who supplies their needs through the generous support of the faithful.

At Lanherne Convent

Sunday 8am Conventual Mass

11am Sung Mass

Monday – Saturday 8am Mass

Thursday Mass at 8am and 6.15pm

Confession:

Thursday: 5.15pm-5.45pm

Friday & Saturday after Mass

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At Holy Angels

Sundays:

10 -10.15am Confessions

10.45am Sung Mass

5.30pm Vespers & Benediction

Mon. Tues. Fri. & Sat. Mass at 8.30am

Wed. & Thurs. & Fri. Mass at 12 noon

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7.30am Lauds & Meditation

8.30am Mass

5.30pm Vespers

6pm Adoration (& Confessions)

7pm Compline

Plymouth: Sundays at 8.30am

First Saturdays: 11.30