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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

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Dearly beloved faithful,

The wonderful sermon of Canon Cristofoli last week on the feast of Saint George and the Coronation of King Charles III coming up next weekend give us the opportunity to reflect upon a crucial but neglected concept: the Common Good.

"But Father!" you might interject, "Isn't that just Communist propaganda?" No, the common good, properly understood, is essential to Catholic thought and living a virtuous life.

Saint Paul compares our life in the Church to being members of a body. But this analogy is useful even beyond the Church. We belong to a family, a community, a parish, teams, a work place, schools, a city or town, the nation. Do we give thought to the common good in all of the organisations to which we belong? This is required by justice, but of course, it is also fundamental to charity. "All seek the things that are their own; not the things that are Jesus Christ's," Saint Paul laments. We should all consider to what extent the ambient individualism causes us to ignore the good of others. Let us seek to view people and things through the eyes of Jesus Christ. This is particularly difficult when we belong to a sick body. We may be part of communities or organisations that are unhealthy. This does not mean giving up though! We must strive all the more to be a conduit of God's goodness, light and truth when we are in the minority.

In Christ the King,
Canon Post

TRANSLATION OF THE EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

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Lesson from the first letter of St. Peter the Apostle

1 Pet 2:11-19

Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, to refrain yourselves from carnal desires which war against the soul, Having your conversation good among the Gentiles: that whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by the good works, which they shall behold in you, glorify God in the day of visitation. Be ye subject therefore to every human creature for God's sake: whether it be to the king as excelling; Or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of the good: For so is the will of God, that by doing well you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: As free, and not as making liberty a cloak for malice, but as the servants of God. Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king. Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward. For this is thankworthy, if for conscience towards God, a man endure sorrows, suffering wrongfully.

Continuation ☩ of the Holy Gospel according to John

John 16:16-22

In that time: Jesus said to his disciples: A little while, and now you shall not see me; and again a little while, and you shall see me: because I go to the Father. Then some of the disciples said one to another: What is this that he saith to us: A little while, and you shall not see me; and again a little while, and you shall see me, and, because I go to the Father? They said therefore: What is this that he saith, A little while? we know not what he speaketh. And Jesus knew that they had a mind to ask him; and he said to them: Of this do you inquire among yourselves, because I said: A little while, and you shall not see me; and again a little while, and you shall see me? Amen, amen I say to you, that you shall lament and weep, but the world shall rejoice; and you shall be made sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy. A woman, when she is in labour, hath sorrow, because her hour is come; but when she hath brought forth the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world. So also you now indeed have sorrow; but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice; and your joy no man shall take from you.

Publication of the Banns

We look forward to the wedding of
Mr. Martin McClintock and Miss Rebecca Harrison on
Saturday, 3rd June at 11am. If you are aware of any
canonical impediment to this marriage,
please notify Canon Post.

Prayer to Our Lady for the Month of May

August Queen of Heaven! Sovereign Mistress of the angels!
Thou who from the beginning hast received from God the
power and mission to crush the head of Satan,
we humbly beseech thee to send thy holy Legions, that
under thy command and by thy power, they may pursue the
evil spirits, encounter them on every side, resist their bold
attacks and drive them hence into the
abyss of eternal woe. Amen

Our prayer intentions this week:

For our sick members: Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Trevor Dale,
Anita. Mark and Ligaya McKay,
Arthur and Maxine Frankland, William.
Prayers have been requested for Chris Booth.
For our convalescents: Terry Carradice and Hilda.

*For the four new priests ordained the 1st of April in
Florence.

Rev Canons Dodd, McCowen, Wells and Bell.

A special blessing for our isles--We have two new British
priests: Deo gratias!

Canon McCowen's first Mass in Preston will be on
Sunday, 14th May

*The residents of Swansea Terrace.

Ordo	Mass and Confession Times	Offices and Devotions	Mass Intentions
Sunday 30/04 3rd Sunday after Easter	9:00 EM 10:30 SW 6:30pm SW Conf: 10-10:30 SW	8:00am Lauds 5:30pm Vespers and Benediction	Canon Cristofoli: Domitille de Rambures RIP Canon Post: Catherine Monica Hickford RIP Canon Ducret: Private intention
Monday 01/05 Feast of St Joseph the Artisan	8:30 SW <u>*12 noon SW (High)*</u> Conf: 6pm	5:30pm Vespers 6pm Adoration 7pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Kay Taylor RIP Canon Post: Conversions through St Joseph Canon Ducret: Doherty Family
Tuesday 02/05 Saint Athanasius	8:30 SW 12 noon EM Conf: 6pm	5:30pm Vespers 6pm Adoration 7pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Damian and Elaine B. Canon Post: Stan Mein RIP Canon Ducret: Novena Abbé Gabriel
Wednesday 03/05 Finding of the Holy Cross	8:30 SW 12 noon SW Conf: 6pm	Mass Only Church closes 7pm	Canon Cristofoli: Thierry Canon Post: Tina Rato RIP Canon Ducret: Novena Abbé Gabriel
Thursday 04/05 1st Thursday (SW) English Martyrs	8:30 SW 12 noon EM Conf: 6pm	9:30-7pm Adoration 5:30pm Vespers 7pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Mary Ann Mongan Canon Post: Tony Rato RIP Canon Ducret: Novena Abbé Gabriel
Friday 05/05 1st Friday (Prayer for the King)	8:30 SW 12 noon EM Conf: 6pm	5:30pm Vespers 6pm Adoration 7pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Sister Carina Murphy Canon Post: The Royal Family Canon Ducret: Novena Abbé Gabriel
Saturday 06/05 1st Saturday (Prayer for the King)	8:30 SW 12 noon SW 9:15 Confession	5:30pm Vespers 6pm Adoration 7pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Hehir Family Canon Post: King Charles III Canon Ducret: Novena Abbé Gabriel
Sunday 07/05 4th Sunday after Easter	9:00 EM 10:30 SW 6:30pm SW Conf: 10-10:30 SW	8am Lauds 5:30pm Vespers and Benediction	Canon Cristofoli: Canon Godefroy Ducret Canon Post: Fr Juhasz RIP Canon Ducret: Novena Abbé Gabriel



Announcements

Guild Sundays: Packed lunch at noon; catechism at 1pm; activities at 1:45. Remaining Guild Sundays this year: 14 May (First Mass and Reception of Canon McCowen), 28 May, 11 June, 25 June.

Sunday, 30 April: Plant Sale this Sunday, 30th April after the 10.30 Mass. There will be a selection of fruit, vegetable and flower plants. If you have any plants to sell please bring them along as well.

Sunday, 7 May, King's Coronation Party: Join us after the 10:30 High Mass (see flyer for more information)

Monday, 8 May--Sponsored Walk for Life: A walk in aid of Right to Life co-hosted by the Christian Heritage Centre and St Peter's Church Stonyhurst on Monday 8th May. Starting at 2 pm at Theodore House, Stonyhurst, walkers will head along part of the scenic Tolkien Trail, offering the chance to take part in an afternoon of prayer and witness to the sanctity of human life. There will be Eucharistic Adoration in St Peter's throughout the afternoon, with Benediction at 5:15 pm to conclude the walk, after which refreshments will be served at Theodore House. Visit <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/walk-for-life/> to register and for more information.

Sunday, 14 May: First Solemn Mass of Canon Michael McCowen at Saint Walburge's 10:30 am. Join us for this very special occasion and receive the blessing of a new priest following the Mass. They will be a festive reception in the hall afterwards. Don't miss it!

Chartres Pilgrimage 2023 Pentecost Weekend 26-30 May 2023: For additional information about the UK chapter and travel arrangements please approach our chaplain, Canon Ducret: 07878 170587

2-6 July--Ordinations of the ICKSP in Italy: Get to know the Institute of Christ the King better while experiencing the grace of the sacrament of holy orders! Join us in beautiful Tuscany for this extraordinary event. See Canon Cristofoli for further details.

Our Safeguarding Representative: Mr. Peter Dilworth (email) safeguarding.stwalburge@gmail.com

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