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Dominica III Post Pascha ~ II. classis

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Young people have the right to express their faith through traditional liturgical forms, said Bishop Joël Portella Amado on Friday, president of the Commission for the Doctrine of the Faith of the National Conference of Bishops of Brazil (CNBB), during their General Assembly. “Do they have the right to be like this? Yes, because Catholicism is plural by nature, and all the more so in a deeply plural world,” said the Bishop of Petrópolis (Rio de Janeiro) at a press conference marking the third day of the bishops’ assembly.

He was responding to a question from a journalist from Rede Vida, who asked him about the existence of a phenomenon of a “return to a certain Catholic traditionalism during Mass,” “predominant” among young people, who kneel to receive Communion and wear mantillas.

The prelate began with an observation: those aged 19–39 make up the largest proportion of the “no religion” group in Brazil. He explained that these are more likely people who no longer attend church without necessarily being atheists: “They believe in God who is in heaven, but they have no mediation on this earth, no mediation of the Church, they have no path within the Church. In a time of emptiness, people search, they want to find—even certain historical realities that this generation has not experienced.” He then affirmed the “right” of this youth to be this way.

Bishop Amado acknowledges that young people are drawn to the traditional Mass:

“What do we do with this?” he asked. “The danger of a plural world is that it can lead to conflict. There is a proverb that isn’t very refined, but I will recall it here: we have the impression that our deceased is more dead than the deceased on the other side. And we forget that every deceased person is just as dead as the others. So, if you have the right to have, to live, and to express your faith in your own way, with your own manner of being, what you cannot do, in the name of love, in the name of fraternity, in the name of everything that follows from it, is impose that others be like you and think that you alone are right. And this applies not only to the example you gave, but to any example.” In other words, there is a right for each person to their own liturgical sensibility, but no particular concern is expressed about what certain liturgical forms (and why not call them abuses) might represent in terms of doctrinal shortcomings: coming from the person responsible for doctrine within the CNBB, this is arguably somewhat insufficient. One may, of course, regret an openly assumed relativism, without denying the need for mutual respect among the baptized.

In Brazil, churches are emptying, but many young people are returning through the traditional Mass.

What remains is the clearly and quite naturally expressed approval toward young people who prefer traditional liturgy, to whom a “right” is acknowledged.

Bishop Joël Portella Amado attributes this to the search undertaken by a generation confronted with “emptiness” at a time when many Brazilians have moved away from practicing within the framework of the Church, but he does not raise the question of why, nor does he answer it. Why are these young people turning to traditional liturgy? Why does it attract them? Why did churches empty as the traditional way of celebrating disappeared?

The Church in Brazil, as is well known, is facing a hemorrhage of its faithful, some of whom are turning to evangelical movements, while others, as the bishop noted, are content to believe while rejecting the institutional Church. Should the Church in Brazil not, precisely, be asking how to bring young people—and not only young people—back to the Catholic faith? Here, at least, a partial answer seems to be emerging. (...).

Jeanne Smits

# TRANSLATION OF THE EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

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### Epistle-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.

### Gospel-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.

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The priests, seminarians and candidates from the house of discernment in Preston, following in the footsteps of St Francis de Sales and St John Bosco, aim to lift your children's souls towards God—helping them to grow in virtue and inner life through contact with the sacraments of the Church and the charity we strive to promote during our camps.

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If you need a reduced fee, please contact Canon Tanner directly. Requests are reviewed by a small panel.

Ordo	Daily Schedule		Mass Intentions
<p>Sunday 26th April Dominica III Post Pascha ~ II. classis</p>	<p>8am Confessions 8.30am Low Mass 10am Confessions 10.30am High Mass</p>	<p>5.30pm Vespers &amp; Benediction (no confessions) 6.30pm Low Mass</p>	<p><b>Canon Cristofoli: Domitille de Rambures RIP</b> <b>Canon Heppelle: Christopher Maloney</b> <b>Canon Bunnens: Novena GZ</b></p>
<p>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April S. Petri Canisii Confessoris et Ecclesiae Doctoris ~ III. classis</p>	<p>7.30am Lauds &amp; Meditation 8.30am Low Mass 12noon Low Mass</p>	<p>5.30pm Vespers 6pm-6.40pm Adoration and Confessions 6.45 Benediction 7pm Compline 7.30pm Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>Canon Cristofoli: Graham Family</b> <b>Canon Heppelle: Christopher Maloney</b> <b>Canon Bunnens: Novena GZ</b></p>
<p>Tuesday 28th April S. Pauli a Cruce Confessoris ~ III. classis</p>	<p>7.30am Lauds &amp; Meditation 8.30am Low Mass 12noon Low Mass</p>	<p>5.30pm Vespers 6pm-6.40pm Adoration and Confessions 6.45 Benediction 7pm Compline</p>	<p><b>Canon Cristofoli: Anita Richards RIP</b> <b>Canon Heppelle: Christopher Maloney</b> <b>Canon Bunnens: Novena GZ</b></p>
<p>Wednesday 29th April S. Petri Martyris ~ III. classis</p>	<p>8.30am Low Mass 12noon Low Mass</p>	<p>2-4pm Children Eucharistic Society</p>	<p><b>Canon Cristofoli: William Woodbridge RIP</b> <b>Canon Heppelle: Christopher Maloney</b> <b>Canon Bunnens: Novena GZ</b></p>
<p>Thursday 30th April S. Catharinae Senensis Virginis ~ III. classis</p>	<p>7.30am Lauds &amp; Meditation 8.30am Low Mass All day Adoration 12noon Low Mass</p>	<p>5.30pm Vespers 6pm-6.40pm Adoration and Confessions 6.45 Benediction 7pm Compline 7.30pm Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>Canon Cristofoli: Mgr Wach</b> <b>Canon Heppelle: Christopher Maloney</b> <b>Canon Bunnens: Novena GZ</b></p>
<p>Friday 1st May S. Joseph Opificis ~ I. classis</p>	<p>7.30am Lauds &amp; Meditation 8.30am Low Mass 12noon High Mass</p>	<p>5.30pm Vespers 6pm-6.40pm Adoration and Confessions 6.45 Benediction 7pm Compline</p>	<p><b>Canon Cristofoli: Novena GZ</b> <b>Canon Heppelle: Msgr Wach</b> <b>Canon Bunnens: Novena GZ</b></p>
<p>Saturday 2nd May S. Athanasii Episcopi Confessoris et Ecclesiae Doctoris ~ III. classis  (Immaculati Cordis Beatæ Mariæ Virginis)</p>	<p>7.30am Lauds &amp; Meditation 8.30am Sung Mass 9.15am Meditation 9.30am Rosary and Confessions 12noon Low Mass</p>	<p>5.30pm Vespers 6pm-6.40pm Adoration and Confessions 6.45 Benediction 7pm Compline</p>	<p><b>Canon Cristofoli: Novena GZ</b> <b>Canon Heppelle: Christopher Maloney</b> <b>Canon Bunnens: Novena GZ</b></p>
<p>Sunday 3rd May Dominica IV Post Pascha ~ II. classis</p>	<p>8am Confessions 8.30am Low Mass 10am Confessions 10.30am High Mass</p>	<p>5.30pm Vespers &amp; Benediction (no confessions) 6.30pm Low Mass</p>	<p><b>Canon Cristofoli: Novena GZ</b> <b>Canon Heppelle: Christopher Maloney</b> <b>Canon Bunnens: Novena GZ</b></p>

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<https://lifecharity.org.uk>

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# For your diary

✂ **Children's Eucharistic Adoration Society:** one Wednesday/month, 2-4pm Guided adoration by the canons and the sisters; craft and games, afternoon tea: 29<sup>th</sup> April.

Please bring children to the church hall.

✂ **St Margaret Mary Girls' youth club:** The convent of the Sister Adorers of the Royal Heart is open for an afternoon of fun, activities and faith from 2.00pm-5.15pm. The event is open to young girls of 13-18 years old.

Please see Sister Isabel-Marie for further details. Next opportunity: 2nd May.

✂ "Thankyou so much to all who supported the St Benedict's Easter Egg Raffle, drawn on Easter Sunday afternoon. Congratulations to Kieran 1st prize and Emilia Zieba 2nd and 3rd prizes! The raffle raised £141.20, which helps in paying necessary bills such as heating and insurance for the running of the Cultural Centre."

✂ **Adult Catechism Class** – “The Liturgy”: One Friday per month, all are welcome regardless of prior knowledge, both Catholics and non-Catholics. The next class will be held on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> May at 7pm. Topic: The prayers of the canon of the Mass.

## PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM 2026

Dear brothers and sisters, Our annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham, the National Shrine to Our Blessed Lady, will take place 28 September to 1 October 2026. Some of you are familiar with Walsingham. For others, it will be your first visit. The theme for this year's pilgrimage is “Mary, cause of our Joy.” During our days in Walsingham, we will consider the causes of John Bradburne, Servant of God and Ann Fenwick, who is intimately linked with the Catholic mission of Hornby. Also, we will spend some time reflecting on the life of St Carlo Acutis and Eucharistic miracles. The all-inclusive cost is £360.00-£420.00 (dependent on accommodation type). Coach collection/drop off will take place in Workington, Carlisle, Penrith, Lancaster, Preston. Information and booking contact the pilgrimage organiser Deacon Charlie Conner 07711 345 176 or email [charlie.conner@lrcd.org.uk](mailto:charlie.conner@lrcd.org.uk) The places will be limited, so please book in good time.

+ Rt Rev Paul Swarbrick, Bishop of Lancaster

### Prayer Intentions

Please keep in your prayers Arthur and Maxine Frankland, Bob and Jane Latin, Denis and Margaret Smith, Dennis Brophy, Christopher Moloney, Mark MacKay, and the residents of Swansea Terrace Care Home. Please pray for our neophytes: Alexis, Luca, Jonathan, Sophie, and David.

Please in your charity could you pray especially for Terry Carradice. Please pray for Father Peter H.

Please pray for special intentions

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