

Philip Moger As The New Bishop of Plymouth

His Holiness Pope Francis has appointed Bishop Philip Moger as the new Bishop of Plymouth. To be installed, Saturday 9 November at the Cathedral Church of St Mary and St Boniface, Plymouth.

A priest of the Diocese of Leeds for over 40 years, Bishop Moger has, until now, served as an Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Southwark.

Message from Bishop Philip Moger

Following the news of his appointment, Bishop Moger said: "I'm very honoured to be asked by Pope Francis to be the 10th Bishop of this great Diocese of Plymouth. I know that the diocese has been without a bishop for the last two years, so I am very grateful to Canon Paul Cummins, who has administered the diocese during the vacancy so ably and generously, and all who have supported him. I look forward to visiting and getting to know the clergy, religious and lay faithful in this beautiful part of the Lord's vineyard.



"At the same time, I shall very much miss the Archdiocese of Southwark, where I've been privileged to minister for the last 18 months. The Archbishop, my fellow Auxiliary Bishop, clergy, religious and lay faithful quickly took me to themselves and gave me their love, friendship and encouragement."

Brief biography of Bishop-elect Philip Moger

Born in 1955, Bishop-elect Philip Moger grew up in Halifax, Yorkshire. His mother died when he was five and he was raised by his grandmother and father. He began his working life in banking and then entered St Cuthbert's Seminary at Ushaw in County Durham to begin studies for the priesthood. He was ordained for the Diocese of Leeds in 1982 and was appointed an assistant priest at St Urban's, Headingley, also serving as a chaplain to the local school, a Sue Ryder home and a hospital for people with learning difficulties. In 1985 he was appointed to the Diocesan Pastoral Centre in Ilkley to serve the renewal of parishes and schools.

In 1992 he was appointed an assistant at Leeds Cathedral and was also appointed as Vocations Director. He served as bishop's secretary and as a parish priest in parishes in Bradford and Leeds.

In 2008, he returned to Leeds Cathedral as Dean. He was appointed a Prelate of Honour, with the title Monsignor, and subsequently a Canon of the Cathedral Chapter. He chaired the Diocese of Leeds Liturgical Commission, was Director of Liturgy of the Diocese of Leeds Lourdes Pilgrimage and was also responsible for the liturgies during the Papal Visit of Pope Benedict XVI to Great Britain in 2010.

In September 2020, he took up the appointment as the Rector of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in Norfolk.

In February 2023, he became an Auxiliary Bishop of Southwark. Culled www.cbcew.org.uk

Following the Messiah

In today's Gospel, we reach a pivotal moment in our walk with the Lord. After weeks of listening to His words and witnessing His deeds, along with the disciples we're asked to decide who Jesus truly is.

Peter answers for them, and for us, too, when he declares: "You are the Messiah." Many expected the Messiah to be a miracle worker who would vanquish Israel's enemies and restore the kingdom of David (see John 6:15).

Jesus today reveals a different portrait. He calls Himself the Son of Man, evoking the royal figure Daniel saw in his heavenly visions (see Daniel 7:13-14). But Jesus' kingship is not to be of this world (see John 18:36). And the path to His throne, as He reveals, is by way of suffering and death.

Jesus identifies the Messiah with the suffering servant that Isaiah foretells in today's First Reading. The words of Isaiah's servant are Jesus' words—as He gives Himself to be shamed



and beaten, trusting that God will be His help. We hear our Lord's voice again in today's Psalm, as He gives thanks that God has freed Him from the cords of death.

As Jesus tells us today, to believe that He is the Messiah is to follow His way of self-denial—losing our lives to save them in order to rise with Him to new life. Our faith, we hear again in today's Epistle, must express itself in works of love (see Galatians 5:6).

Notice that Jesus questions the Apostles today "along the way." They are on the way to Jerusalem, where the Lord will lay down His life. We, too, are on a journey with the Lord.

We must take up our cross, giving to others and enduring all our trials for His sake and the sake of the Gospel.

Our lives must be an offering of thanksgiving for the new life He has given us until that day when we reach our destination and walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

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24TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR B (IV)

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Si 36:18

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9a

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Second Reading: Letter of Saint James 2:14-18

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 14:5

Alleluia, alleluia!!

I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

Communion Antiphon: Ps 35:8

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

SATURDAY 14th September ... The Exaltation of the Cross

9:30 am Mass English Martyrs Didcot ... **Confession after Mass**

4:30 pm Adoration & Confessions before Vigil Mass St John's Wallingford

5:00 pm Vigil Mass St John's Wallingford ... Noel Clifford ... Thanksgiving

5:50 pm Adoration before Vigil Mass English Martyrs Didcot

6:30 pm Vigil Mass English Martyrs Didcot ... Anil Kulakkattu RIP (Soniya Matthew)

SUNDAY 15th September ... 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Mass English Martyrs Didcot ... Alexander's good health (Magdalena Dudek-Hayes)

11:00 noon Mass St John's Wallingford ... Alexander's good health (Magdalena Dudek-Hayes)

MONDAY 16th September ... SS Cornelius & Cyprian ... NO MASS

TUESDAY 17th September ... St Hildegard of Bingen

12:00 noon Adoration before mass St John's Wallingford

WEDNESDAY 18th September

9:30 am Mass English Martyrs Didcot ... Annamma's 73rd Birthday (Soniya Matthew)

6:00 pm Mass English Martyrs Didcot ... Annamma's 73rd Birthday (Soniya Matthew)

THURSDAY 19th September ... St Januarius

11:30 am Mass English Martyrs Didcot ... Senior people (Jacquie & Kim)

FRIDAY 20th September ... Ss Andrew Kim, Paul Chong Hasang & Companions

9:30 am Mass English Martyrs Didcot ... James Trainor RIP (F)

SATURDAY 21st September ... St Matthew

9:30 am Mass English Martyrs Didcot ... **Confession after Mass**

4:30 pm Adoration & Confessions before Vigil Mass St John's Wallingford

5:00 pm Vigil Mass St John's Wallingford

5:50 pm Adoration before Vigil Mass English Martyrs Didcot

6:30 pm Vigil Mass English Martyrs Didcot ... Hugh McCormack RIP (Bunty McCormack)

SUNDAY 22nd September ... 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Mass English Martyrs Didcot

11:00 noon Mass St John's Wallingford



In your prayers, please remember: Jenny Evans, Mary Guinan, Ann Tomline, Joan Walker, Joan Russell, Joan Turner, Nina Oakes, Jacob Oakes, Pat McLoughlin, Barry Molloy, David Woodley, Ann Furlong and all the sick and housebound of our churches.



Archbishop Mark O'Toole announces creation of the united Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia



In a pastoral letter to be read across the Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia on the weekend of 14-15 September, Archbishop Mark O'Toole shared the joyful news of the creation of the new Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia.

The announcement was promulgated from Rome, following the decision of Pope Francis, on 12 September, coinciding with the Feast of the Holy Name of Mary. This significant moment marks a new chapter for the Catholic community in South Wales and Herefordshire.

"We are immensely grateful to Pope Francis for this decision and for his inspiring leadership in encouraging us to 'go outwards' in mission," Archbishop Mark wrote. He added, "We received this decision more quickly than anticipated, which I believe reflects the confidence the Holy See has in the process we have undertaken." He also highlighted the significance of the decision being made on the Feast of the Holy Name of Mary and expressed his gratitude to the lay faithful, religious, deacons, and priests for their continued support and engagement, which have been integral to this process.

In the first five months of 2024, the Archdiocese of Cardiff and the Diocese of Menevia conducted a series of Open Listening Sessions across both dioceses to gauge people's views on the proposed unification. Archbishop Mark personally attended 42 meetings, which were attended by 605 people, both clergy and laity. Written submissions were also received. The final dossier was submitted to the Nuncio, who relayed it to the Holy See in July, leading to this prompt decision.

Our Centenary Celebration is 22nd September

Our Parish Church in Wallingford, St John the Evangelist, will celebrate 100 years standing, 22nd September. This is about us, the faith and the community, the celebrations of the sacraments, vocations to the married life and the priesthood. Well done to everyone, living and dead. To celebrate this remarkable achievement, our team has chosen 22nd September as the big day. Activities leading up to this day shall be in our newsletter henceforth. Any fantastic idea, speak with Fr Dominic.



The New Lectionary

A new edition of the Lectionary, the book which contains the readings which are proclaimed at Mass, will come into use in England and Wales on the First Sunday of Advent 2024.

It will use the English Standard Version – Catholic Edition for the scripture readings and the Psalms and Canticles for the Responsorial Psalms. The Lectionary will be published by Catholic Truth Society. A variety of publishers will provide resources and participation aids.

We plan to place orders for our churches in Didcot and Wallingford. Also, we shall place orders for the new people's missals (Sunday Missal) which you can buy from the repository.

This is to thank those who have offered to pay for the Church Lectionary. If you are interested in donating towards the purchase, do speak with Father Dominic. A copy costs £695.00.



Catholic Education Service Second Collection 2024

The Catholic Education Service acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education. Catholic schools make up 10% of the national total of maintained schools in England and Wales, educating over 850,000 pupils.

One of the Diocese of Portsmouth's priorities is working with children and young adults. We serve by providing places of education, university chaplaincy, parish youth ministry and opportunities for social action. We have responsibility for the Diocese of Portsmouth's 71 Catholic Schools across several sectors; 44 Voluntary Aided Schools, 12 Academies, and 15 Independent Schools, which together provide education and faith formation for almost 32,000 pupils from age 5 to 18.

Environmental Conference: Saturday 14th September, 10am-1pm

As part of the Season of Creation the diocese is holding an environmental conference, 'To Hope and Act with Creation' at St Peter's and Winchester Martyrs parish on Saturday 14th September, 10am-1pm. We have John Paul de Quay from the Ecological Conversion Group Charity speaking on 'Fellowship of believers, how faith should motivate us in caring for our common home?'. There will be updates from COP28 and preparation for COP29 and practical actions for parishes.

Our Church, St John the Evangelist, Wallingford is open daily for private prayers between 8am and 6pm.

St Amand's To Host Fairtrade Cafe

St Amand's Catholic Primary School, East Hendred Village. Our Year 6 Red Kites class will be hosting a Fairtrade Cafe on Thursday 19 September FROM 2.30pm -3.15pm: visitors welcome. Please ring the office in advance if you would like to come. 01235 833342. The school year has started well and we are enjoying being back together again after the summer holidays. If you would like your child to attend our small, nurturing primary school, please get in touch. Also visit our website www.st-amands.oxon.sch.uk

Pilgrimage to Boars Hill

Come join the pilgrimage to Boars Hill praying with the angels for the new Pastoral Area of Oxfordshire, 14th September, from Our Lady and St Edmund Church, Abingdon.

If you are interested, visit the parish office or go online <https://forms.office.com/r/99t81F26af> or scan QR code Contact: Sabina 07891 728914 (Text /WhatsApp) or email abingdon@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.



Walsingham Prepares for the Arrival of Three Augustinian Friars

The National Shrine of Our Lady, at Walsingham, is preparing to welcome Fr Sunday Ikpe OSA (Prior), Fr Charles Chimaobi OSA, and Fr Eric Taru OSA, who will each be ministering at the Shrine and to pilgrims as members of the Shrine Team from October 2024. Upon their arrival in mid-September the Friars will experience a short period of orientation, and then begin an extended programme of induction into the life, mission, and dynamics of the National Shrine of Our Lady. The Friars will minister under the supervision of the Shrine's Rector, Rev Dr Robert Billing.

In advance of the forthcoming Jubilee year, this project is a significant moment in the life and history of the National Shrine of Our Lady, at Walsingham. The famous Priory (often known today as 'the Abbey'), and famed Marian Shrine, which housed the original replica Holy House of Nazareth, was administered by Augustinian Canons from 1153 all the way up to the medieval Shrine's dismantling, and the Priory's subsequent destruction in 1538, at the hands of Henry VIII's commissioners.

Fr Billing commented upon the imminent arrival of the Friars to the Shrine: "After much hard work behind the scenes and the support of the local Bishop, I am delighted that the Nigerian Province of the Augustinian Order has responded so generously to my request and that three young Friars will soon be among us for service at the Shrine in Walsingham. Their arrival, the establishment of a new Priory in service of the Shrine, and their ministry here not only promises so much for the future mission of the Shrine but also pays rich tribute to the Augustinian tradition of Canons that faithfully served the Shrine from the 12th century, until the Shrine was tragically dismantled, and the priory destroyed, at the time of the English Reformation.

Fr Billing concluded: "We give thanks to Almighty God, Our Lady of Walsingham, and Saint Augustine of Hippo that we can soon rejoice in the restoration of the spirituality and service of the Augustinian Order to our restored and vibrant holy Shrine and place of pilgrimage today." Source: The Catholic National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady.

Seniors' Lunch Is Here Again

The Thursday of 19th of September will kick off a string of Seniors' Lunch organised by our wonderful chefs. Watch the board and the newsletter for dates and menus. The Tearoom at 12noon will host those who have put their names down. If you have not, no worries it is just up, put down your name. If you have neighbours you think will benefit from our warmth and friendship, kindly invite them to come along.

The menu is choice of steak pie or salmon wellington, served with mashed potatoes, cauliflower and carrots. Dessert will be jelly and ice-cream or fresh fruit. Of course, the usual tea and coffee as top ups. These are served amidst banter, laughter, jokes and friendship. Please come and share in our love. Jacquie & Kim

We Need Support for "Ride and Stride" for Churches

This year's Ride and Stride for churches, will be held on 14th September 2024. People can be sponsored to visit churches, many of which will be open that day to welcome visitors, or they can help by welcoming people to our own churches in Didcot and Wallingford. If you have any questions, please contact Douglas Henderson (in Didcot), or Raymond and Lilandia Eaton (in Wallingford, 14 September 2024 from 10am to 6pm). Donations are spent in grants to churches of all denominations for repairs and improvements.



Please, if you wish to help out as welcomer in Wallingford, kindly put your name down at the back of the Church on the paper provided.

Second Collections: Home Missions Sunday 15th September (mandatory)

The origins of this Sunday lie in the work of the Catholic Missionary Society, created by Cardinal Bourne in 1903 and which closed in 2003. This special Sunday focused on the evangelisation work that takes place in each parish and diocese, offered a theme and resources for reflection on this Sunday and asked each parish to have a collection so that the national work of evangelisation could be supported through the Home Mission Office. Though the Home Mission Office no longer exists, but the work of encounter and evangelisation continues through the Directorate for Mission. Through this directorate, the vision of the Holy Father is embraced in a fuller way and promotes the whole ideal of proclamation, evangelisation, dialogue and catechesis.