

As the queen herself did with such unswerving devotion, I too now solemnly pledge myself, throughout the remaining time God grants me, to uphold the Constitutional principles at the heart of our nation. And wherever you may live in the United Kingdom, or in the Realms and territories across the world, and whatever may be your background or beliefs, I shall endeavour to serve you with loyalty, respect and love, as I have throughout my life.

My life will, of course, change as I take up my new responsibilities. It will no longer be possible for me to give so much of my time and energies to the charities and issues for which I care so deeply. But I know this important work will go on in the trusted hands of others.

This is also a time of change for my family. I count on the loving help of my darling wife, Camilla. In recognition of her own loyal public service since our marriage seventeen years ago, she becomes my queen consort. I know she will bring to the demands of her new role the steadfast devotion to duty on which I have come to rely so much.

As my Heir, William now assumes the Scottish titles which have meant so much to me. He succeeds me as Duke of Cornwall and takes on the responsibilities for the Duchy of Cornwall which I have undertaken for more than five decades. Today, I am proud to create him Prince of Wales, *Tŷwysog Cymru*, the country whose title I have been so greatly privileged to bear during so much of my life and duty. With Catherine beside him, our new Prince and Princess of Wales will, I know, continue to inspire and lead our national conversations, helping to bring the marginal to the center ground where vital help can be given. I want also to express my love for Harry and Meghan as they continue to build their lives overseas.

In a little over a week's time we will come together as a nation, as a Commonwealth and indeed a global community, to lay my beloved mother to rest. In our sorrow, let us remember and draw strength from the light of her example.

On behalf of all my family, I can only offer the most sincere and heartfelt thanks for your condolences and support. They mean more to me than I can ever possibly express. And to my darling Mama, as you begin your last great journey to join my dear late Papa, I want simply to say this: Thank you.

Thank you for your love and devotion to our family and to the family of nations you have served so diligently served so diligently all these years.

May "flights of Angels sing thee to thy rest."

THOUGHTS ON THE UNVEILING OF THE PAINTING OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN:

"Wednesday evenings rosary was very moving and uplifting for me. Before the Rosary we unveiled the beautiful painting of Our Lady of Sorrows painted and donated to us all by local young artist Yusef Hourani.

Yusef gave a brief but very inspiring talk on his inspiration and insights into his painting. He explained the pose, the positioning of her hands, the dark background, the expression on her face. In essence the style of the painting presents a timeless and ever relevant image for our lives. We can draw solace and comfort from spending time with Mary, in our times of sorrow and hardship. All people I spoke to who attended were also equally moved and impressed with Yusef's talk."

We hope to get a transcript of Yusef's talk to publish in the FEEM, hopefully by next week. Hopefully you get some other reports from people to also write in FEEM this week. Bernard

CENTENARY GOLD 2023 UPDATE

On Thursday, last evening, a small but enthusiastic group gathered in the hall to inspire creative thought to make 2023 the most memorable celebration possible for the OLF community.

It was so good, that it is a massive understatement to suggest we probably should have got going after the 97th anniversary!! It's all good however, because this coming week the organising committee (OC) will gather to distill the ideas and return to the community with a draft calendar of events. This will then be open to everyone to consider how they can get involved - in fact, the ideal would be that small working groups will sprout and run with a chosen project. Thanks very much to all who have indicated willingness to be involved in any way possible, and to the good folks that contributed to the ideas, which are coming out shortly...



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COMMENTARY ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

Every family, every community, every establishment, needs someone who is either a nominal Father or a biological father.

Last week, we touched briefly on what a father or mother is: that he or she is one who must act wisely, in order that in his turn he might impart wisdom to all those who cherish their fatherhood and motherhood.

It is the essence of wisdom to grow larger and bigger in spirit: the God that he/she worships needs to be a God who is not narrow-minded; his/her God must be a God who has a large mind, a large heart; his God must not be petty. His/her God must be a God who is strong enough to entertain self-correction.

Only then, can he/she be able to understand that a prodigal son or daughter is crying out for help. That help comes when a father or mother can draw from himself or herself the ingredients or qualities, which can restore wholeness: compassion, patience, forbearance, trust.

Only then, will he or she be able to cure the jealousy with its envy, which tracks solely the weaknesses in others, to condemn and frustrate them further.

The father and the mother's journey is long, tiring, but never burdensome. It is the joy of seeing the children grow to maturity, which revives and strengthens his or her spirit.

A father or a mother's work is never done, never completed. It is a slow, recurring, but thoughtful, ongoing process.

MASS TIMES
Saturday: @ 9.00am & 6.30pm (Vigil).
Sunday: @ 7.30am, 9.45am & 6.30pm.
Monday & Thursday: @ 9.00am
Reconciliation: Available on request
Baptisms: SUNDAYS ONLY @ 11.00am & 11.30am

QUEEN ELIZABETH 11 IS DEAD



STATEMENT

**The Most Rev Timothy Costelloe SDB
 Archbishop of Perth and President of
 the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference**

09 September 2022

The death of Queen Elizabeth II, after a long reign marked by extraordinary constancy, fidelity, courage and service, will bring great sadness to many people in Australia, including members of the Catholic community.

As the Queen enters into the great mystery of eternal life with the Lord, we will pray for the repose of her soul and for the support and comfort of her family, her nation and the wider community of the Commonwealth.



NEWS FROM ROME

**QUEEN ELIZABETH II DIES,
 A LIFE DEVOTED TO SERVICE**



Upon learning of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Pope Francis sent his condolences in a telegram addressed to His Majesty King Charles III and the people of the United Kingdom.

In the telegram, sent shortly after her death, the Pope expressed his heartfelt “condolences to Your Majesty, the Members of the Royal Family, the People of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth”. He joins everyone who mourns her loss “in praying for the late Queen’s eternal rest, and in paying tribute to her life of unstinting service to the good of the Nation and the Commonwealth, her example of devotion to duty, her steadfast witness of faith in Jesus Christ and her firm hope in his promises.

“Commending her noble soul to the merciful goodness of our Heavenly Father, I assure Your Majesty of my prayers that Almighty God will sustain you with his unfailing grace as you now take up your high responsibilities as King. Upon you and all who cherish the memory of your late mother, I invoke an abundance of divine blessings as a pledge of comfort and strength in the Lord”.

The Queen died peacefully on Thursday afternoon, 8 September, at age 96. She reigned for over 70 years. Her son King Charles III said the death of his beloved mother was a “moment of great sadness” for him and his family and that her loss would be “deeply felt” around the world.

In a statement, the new Prime Minister Liz Truss said The Queen “was the rock on which modern Britain was built”. English-born Cardinal Arthur Roche released a statement to the Vatican Media to express the “immense sadness” of all who work in the Holy See from Great Britain, Northern Ireland and the countries of the Commonwealth. In his statement, the Cardinal said the late Queen dedicated herself “unstintingly to serve her people, but also entrusted this to God’s protection”.

“Her Christian faith, expressed so often in her annual Christmas messages and elsewhere, were moments of outstanding witness to her faith, the Gospel and the values of the common good, family life, peace and concord among peoples”.

LE OBSERVATORE ROMANO



King Charles III delivered his first address as sovereign Friday, after the death of his mother, Queen Elizabeth II. The following is a transcript of his remarks, as released by the palace.



I speak to you today with feelings of profound sorrow.

Throughout her life, Her Majesty The Queen — my beloved Mother — was an inspiration and example to me and to all my family, and we owe her the most heartfelt debt any family can owe to their mother; for her love, affection, guidance, understanding and example.

Queen Elizabeth’s was a life well lived; promise with destiny kept and she is mourned most deeply in her passing. That promise of lifelong service I renew to you all today. Alongside the personal grief that all my family are feeling, we also share with so many of you in the United Kingdom, in all the countries where the queen was head of state, in the Commonwealth and across the world, a deep sense of gratitude for the more than seventy years in which my mother, as queen, served the people of so many nations.

She made sacrifices for duty. Her dedication and devotion as Sovereign never wavered, through times of change and progress, through times of joy and celebration, and through times of sadness and loss. In her life of service we saw that abiding love of tradition, together with that fearless embrace of progress, which make us great as Nations. The affection, admiration and respect she inspired became the hallmark of her reign. And, as every member of my family can testify, she combined these qualities with warmth, humor and an unerring ability always to see the best in people.

When the queen came to the throne, Britain and the world were still coping with the privations and aftermath of the Second World War, and still living by the conventions of earlier times. In the course of the last seventy years we have seen our society become one of many cultures and many faiths. The institutions of the State have changed in turn. But, through all changes and challenges, our nation and the wider family of Realms — of whose talents, traditions and achievements I am so inexpressibly proud — have prospered and flourished. Our values have remained, and must remain, constant.

The role and the duties of Monarchy also remain, as does the Sovereign’s particular relationship and responsibility toward the Church of England — the Church in which my own faith is so deeply rooted. In that faith, and the values it inspires, I have been brought up to cherish a sense of duty to others, and to hold in the greatest respect the precious traditions, freedoms and responsibilities of our unique history and our system of parliamentary government .