



**KEEPING IN TOUCH
WITH
FR. GORDON ADAM**

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF KING'S LYNN

The Church of Our Lady of the Annunciation

London Road, King's Lynn, Norfolk. PE30 5HQ.

and

Holy Family Church

Field Lane, Gaywood, King's Lynn, Norfolk. PE30 1AY

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

Dear All

As ever, I hope that you are well and sufficiently occupied.

The weather really cannot make its mind up. One day it is mild and really spring-like, and the next (like today) we plunge back into winter! Nevertheless, one of the ways I am keeping occupied is with preparations for this year's allotment season. There are many bags of compost stacked up on my plot to top up the raised beds when I get a good dry afternoon to do an end-of-winter weed. Last year the runner beans grew so heavy that they overwhelmed their cane wigwam support, so two metal rose arches have been purchased ready for this year's efforts. My early cropping rhubarb has made its first appearance through the soil for this year. Lots of positive spring like preparations add to the feeling that things are getting better and something more like normal is not too far away!



Welcome to rhubarb 2021!

I know that some of our Altar Servers were really looking forward to getting back to school this week, not least to actually seeing their friends face to face. Some who are parents have also been telling me that they are keen to see pupils back to school to give some relief to stresses such as working from home and also supervising children of various ages who are on-line schooling. I really do hope that we achieve a safe return to school as a first stage on the long road to steadily lifting other restrictions. However, we are at the very early stages and it is important that when you come to Church you remember your face covering (and wear it properly – no noses poking out!), sanitise your hands, and maintain social distance. Most importantly please do as the stewards ask whilst inside the building, and when you leave the building depart straight away – no meeting or chatting in the car park. The better we are at keeping up these rules for everybody's safety, the sooner something like proper "normal" will be able to return.

Turning to other parish matters, last Sunday we "hit" the safe number for the 9.30 Mass at Holy Family which is 130. That is a wonderful milestone on the early stages of the "road to recovery" and it is very good to see confidence growing and faces which we have not seen for months back at Mass. It also makes it more important than before that you tell us in good time of your intentions for attending Sunday Mass as soon extra provisions may be required until

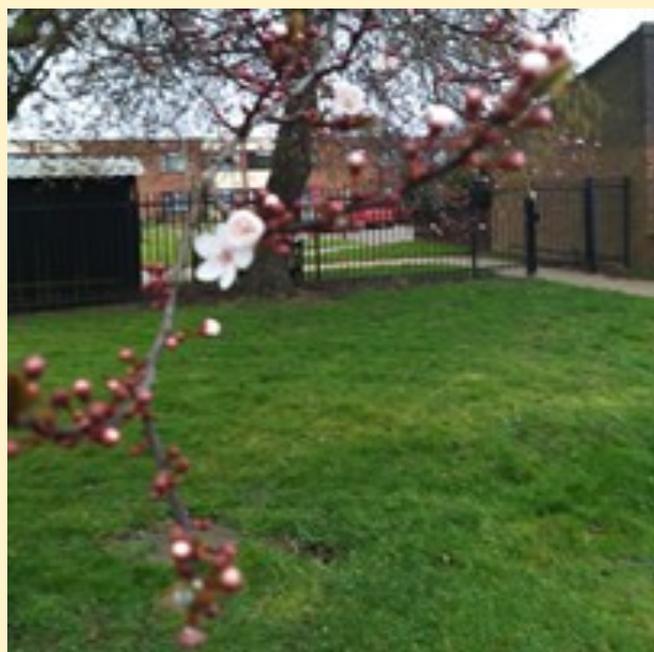
such time as the “safe number” limitation can be lifted. So, it is now time to request your notices of intention for this coming Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetere Sunday, also commonly known as Mothering Sunday). As usual, please send an e-mail to parishpriest763@gmail.com , copied to gordonadam1962@btinternet.com , telling us which Mass you plan to attend and how many people there are in your household / bubble group. Please try to let us know by lunchtime on Saturday. Please remember that there are two Masses on Sunday morning (9.30 and 11.30), so just stating “Sunday” does not tell us which Mass you plan to assist at!

I also renew the invitation to submit your requests for tickets for the Easter Triduum / Easter Morning. These services will be TICKET ONLY and the schedule will be :-

- Maundy Thursday – Our Lady’s Church: Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 8.00pm. 70 tickets available.
- Good Friday – Holy Family Church. Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion at 3.00pm. 130 tickets available.
- Holy Saturday – Our Lady’s Church: The Easter Vigil at 8.00pm. 70 tickets available.
- Easter Day – 9.30am Mass at Holy Family Church. 130 tickets available.
- Easter Day – 11.30am Mass at Our Lady’s Church. 70 tickets available.

Tickets are still available for all these services. Please keep your requests for Easter tickets separate from your notification of your Sunday attendance plans. Requests for Easter tickets by e-mail to parishpriest763@gmail.com , copied to gordonadam1962@btinternet.com please. Those who do not “do” e-mail may submit requests by giving a note to any of the clergy when convenient, or by dropping a note through either the Rectory or my letterboxes. In each request please tell us which liturgies you wish to attend and how many people will be attending (Even little children count as a person attending).

THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY BOOKED TICKETS CAN COLLECT THEIR TICKETS AFTER ANY MASS FROM THIS COMING SUNDAY ONWARDS



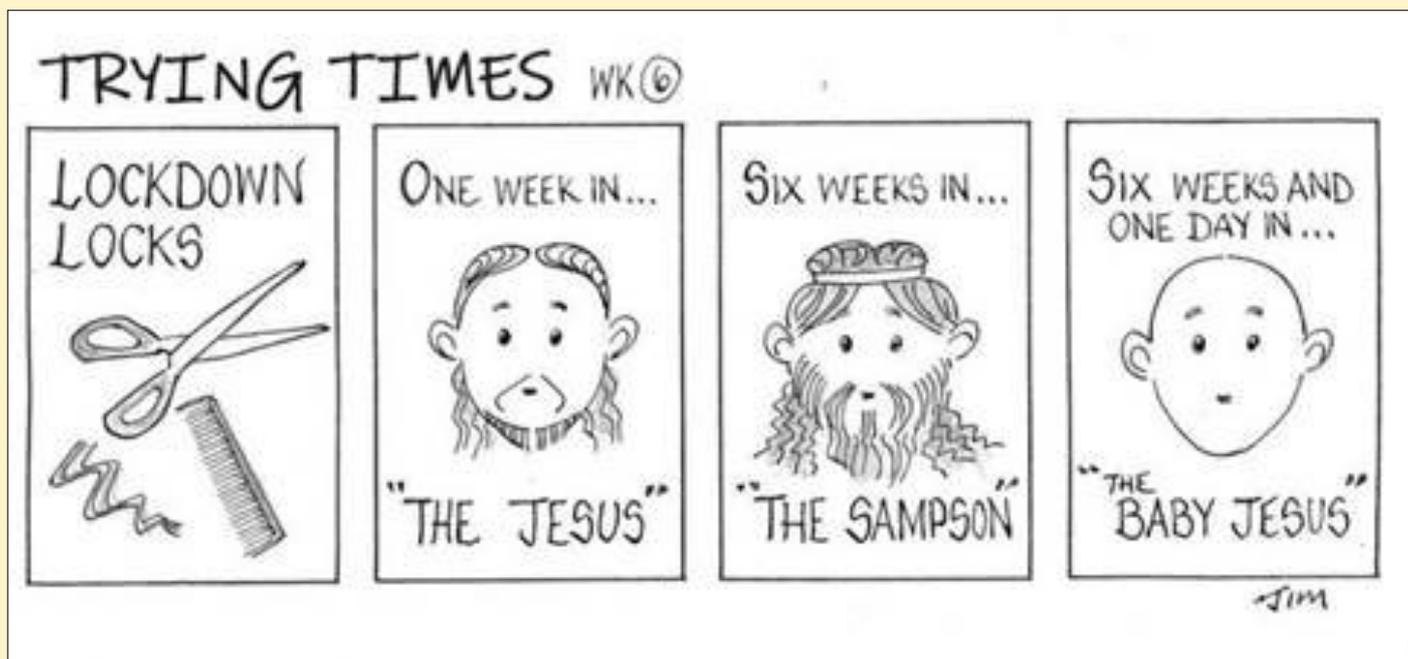
The first blossom of Spring makes an appearance in Windsor Road

It was around this time last year that we had to lock the Church doors and Laetere Sunday / Mothering Sunday was the first Sunday that we celebrated Mass behind locked doors without a congregation. By Palm Sunday we were taking our first tentative steps into the world of live streaming. As we approach Mothering Sunday, I wish all the Mothers in our Parish a happy

family day. But I also ask you to remember on Sunday that many people find Mothering Sunday a difficult day. There are many women who would love to be Mothers, but find themselves either unable to conceive, or unable to carry a child to full term. For these women (and for their husbands / partners) there is much heartache that lasts their whole lives. It is also a good day on which to be mindful of the many women who have cut a child's life short with abortion, many of who suffer with mental health issues later in life as a consequence. Finally, for many others it has become a day to remember in prayer their deceased mother, perhaps visiting a grave to leave flowers. All these groups of people are represented right here in our Parish.



And finally, in the interests of balance, something for the men of the Parish (from one who has now shaved his head every morning for nearly a year).



Keep on taking good care of yourselves and those you live with.

May Our Lady pray for you and may God bless you

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Having sent my e-mail, and then done some other desk work, I realised that I had forgotten to include the YouTube links for the next few days! Here they are:

Thursday 11th March – T3 / Lent Course at 7.00pm – “Holy Smoke – Incense”
with Deacon Martin: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O7YIKe7YzPo>

Friday 12th March – Mass and Stations of the Cross at 12.00 noon:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=acnb1-Lptvc>

Sunday 14th March – Mass for the fourth Sunday of Lent
(Laetare Sunday / Mothering Sunday) at 11.30am:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a4vgCSwD8X0>

God bless

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