



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

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF KING'S LYNN

The Church of Our Lady of the Annunciation

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and

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Dear All

As ever, I hope this finds you well and contentedly occupied.

"Keeping in Touch" seems to have got behind itself this week, but there has been a lot going on one way and another what with Platinum Jubilees and Prime Ministers and votes of confidence and all that. As you know, I do my best to avoid political partiality in "Keeping in Touch" (not that I lack in personal political views) but I thought this was a rather good comment on life in the UK this last week or so:



In Parish life the big event of the past week was the celebration of the 125th Anniversary of Our Lady's Church last Friday. Bishop Alan visited and (re) consecrated the Altar – a ceremony not often seen and quite extraordinary. You can view the whole Mass on our YouTube channel if you like at

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-VAVD_FCOzI.

Bishop Alan anoints the Altar with Oil of Chrism



There is an article on the Diocesan website about the event with lots of photographs which you can view at

<https://www.rcdea.org.uk/bishop-helps-kings-lynn-church-mark-125-years/>.

The relic which was placed in the Altar as part of the consecration rite is of St. Crescentius of Rome. Crescentius was born of a noble Roman family in 292AD, and was baptized along with his parents by Epigmenius, a Roman priest who was later himself martyred. During the persecutions of Christians by Diocletian, the family fled to Perugia, where his father Euthymius died. Taken back to Rome to stand trial for being a Christian, Crescentius, aged 11, was beheaded on the via Salaria, outside of the city walls.



The sealed relic of St Crescentius ready to be sealed in the Altar

If you visit Rome today you can see a statue of him on the South colonnade in St Peter's Square, in between St Pelagia and St Andrew Corsini. There are a total of 140 statues of Saints on the colonnades in St Peter's Square and you can learn more about them here:

<https://stpetersbasilica.info/Exterior/Colonnades/Saints-List-Colonnades.htm>

The statue of St Crescentius on the colonnade in St Peter's Square.

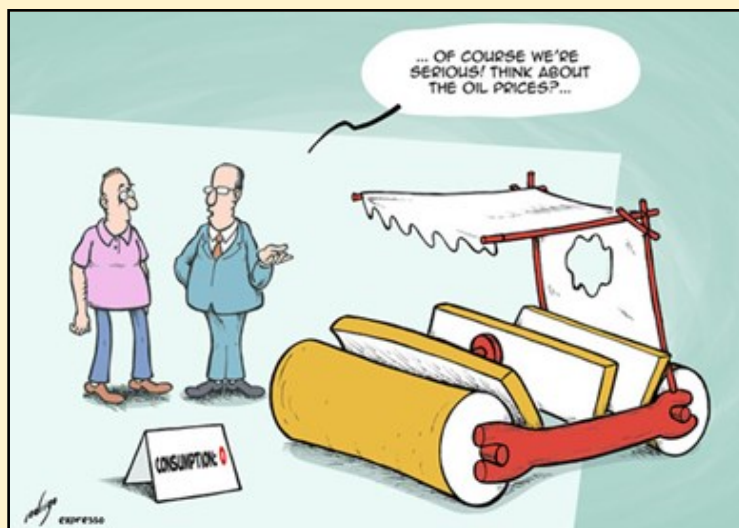
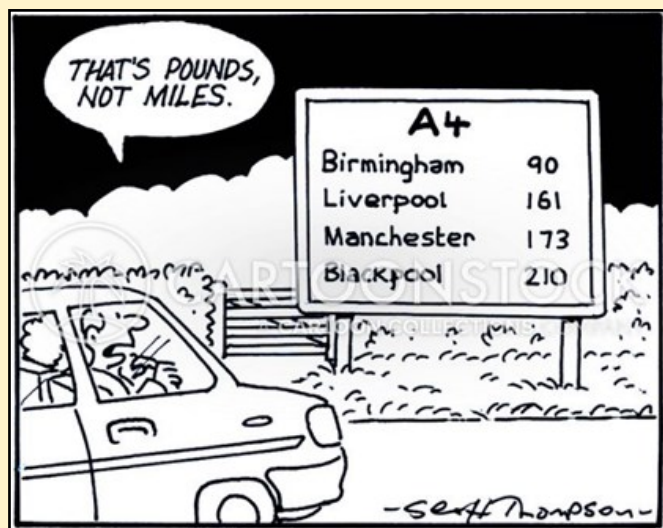


Meantime the gardeners among you will know that the growing season in well and truly upon us now and much which ended the winter brown and bare is now verdant and filled with vibrant floral life. One of the fun things about this time of year is being reminded of what has spent the winter dormant, out of sight under the ground. Things like dahlias and gladioli suddenly break though and make a welcome return. Unfortunately, especially on my allotment, the weeds prosper with just as much abundance and it can seem like a never ending task keeping them under control – but an important task, to make sure they do not sap the soil of goodness and nutrition intended for the plants and crops meant to be there.

"Verdant" is a good word for my courtyard garden right now



And finally, for this week, some wry reflections of the price of petrol and diesel at the moment:



As always - carry on taking good care of yourselves and those you live with.

May Our Lady pray for you, and God bless you.

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