

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF KING'S LYNN

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KEEPING IN TOUCH
WITH
FR. GORDON ADAM

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

Dear All

As ever, I hope this finds you well and with enough to keep you happily occupied during these long days of winter lockdown.

I need to begin this keeping-in-touch newsletter with sad news. Gordon Murray died earlier today in the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. Having made an almost miraculous recovery from a stroke a couple of months ago he had been discharged to Lower Farm nursing home for rehabilitation in the hope he might recover some ability to walk. However he contracted Covid and was readmitted to the Queen Elizabeth. Unfortunately the virus was not kind to him, and his lungs were too damaged for a ventilator to be used. With consent, treatment was withdrawn and two of the nursing staff ensured he had human comfort as he died, and these nursing staff have provided assurance that he died very peacefully. It is a great sorrow to Gordon's daughter Anne that she was not allowed to be present as the nursing staff deemed it too dangerous for her to be present. May he rest in peace.

The provisional funeral arrangements are:

Thursday 28th January – Reception of Gordon's body into Our Lady's Church

Friday 29th January – Funeral requiem followed by cremation at Mintlyn crematorium at 4pm. This will be livestreamed

It is now time to invite you to once again advise us of your intentions for attending Mass this coming Sunday. As usual, please send e-mail to parishpriest763@gmail.com, copied to gordonadam1962@btinternet.com, telling us which Mass you plan to attend and how many people in your household / bubble group. Please try to let us know by lunchtime on Saturday.

You may well have been aware of various people, including the Mayor of London, calling for places of worship to be closed as a tightening of the lockdown requirements. Earlier this week the Government's CoronaVirus Places of Worship Task Force met and it has been agreed that places of worship should continue to be able to open for communal worship. However, one rule that is being tightened in relation to this is in relation to singing. This is because singing increases the risk of aerosol projection of the virus which is especially undesirable with the new, more easily transmitted, variant of Covid19. Singing is limited to the celebrant of the service and a maximum of three socially distanced designated singers. We are fortunate that both of our church buildings have organ galleries which makes it easy to distance the singers from



everybody else. But this means that **nobody** in the congregation should join in with **any singing at all** – not even responding to “The Lord be with you”, or “Amen” at the end of the opening prayer. Those designated to sing will do the singing on your behalf.

Turning to something different, do any of the recipients of these e-mails have any qualifications in law? A parishioner needs some assistance in how to write to their employer about withheld wages, and if any of you have relevant qualification / experience please let me know so I can broker the contact.

I am very aware that these January days, with the Christmas decorations gone and then weather likely not conducive to getting outdoors for anything much, can seem like the hardest days of the year to get through at the best of times, never mind with a pandemic and all the restrictions of lockdown and the stresses that can be brought on from all the news about infection numbers, deaths, and what you can and cannot do, not to mention being unable to see or meet up with family or friends. That probably accounts for why I suddenly realised that I had no new photos on my phone to share in this e-mail!! So this might be a good time to remind you of the importance of not watching or listening to too much news, but rather making sure you are sufficiently well informed then switching to something else. I suspect that these days less and less of us have wall to wall Radio 4 to accompany our days and spend much more time in the company of Classic FM. Also, there is no limitation on e-mails and phone calls. And if anybody thinks they are about to climb the walls, remember you are always welcome to call the numbers at the bottom of this e-mail!



As always, stay safe and take good care of yourselves and those you live with.

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

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