



**KEEPING IN TOUCH
WITH
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THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF KING'S LYNN

The Church of Our Lady of the Annunciation

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and

Holy Family Church

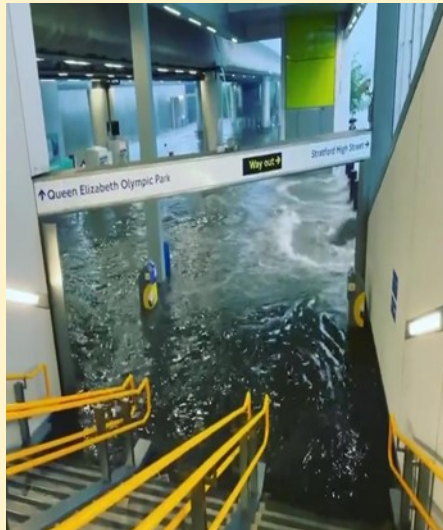
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Dear All

As ever, I hope this finds you well and happily occupied. Today is the Feast Day of St. Martha, which prompts us to keep in our prayers everybody at our school, and in particular those who have just left to move on to the next stage of their young lives, and those children who will begin their school life in a few weeks' time.

After the heat of last week, this week it is thunderstorm time with many places experiencing disastrous flooding. The only good thing is that no watering is required on the allotment – and there continues to be plenty of rain in the forecast for the days ahead.



East London earlier in the week



Thetford on Tuesday this week

That said, the allotment is so full of growth that it could be used as a film set for Tarzan in the jungle!



Jungle land behind Extons Road

This is turning out to be a notable week with each day so far bringing a “first” since the first lockdown back in March 2020.

On Monday evening the Knight of St Columba met for the first time since 20th February 2020. Not only was this a “first” for them, they are the first group in the Parish to meet in person in nearly a year and a half.

On Tuesday afternoon I said Mass in the Sacred Space in the Queen Elizabeth Hospital – another “first” in a very long time. This week and next only QEH staff can attend Mass, but I am confident that after that we will be able to allow a small number of parishioners to book a place to attend mass at 4pm in the Sacred Space on Tuesdays. In the hospital environment social distancing is still required which severely limits how many people can be together in that space (and face coverings are also required)

Wednesday brought a different “first” – Deacon Shaun physically went to work in his office for the first time in almost a year and a half (and went on a train for the first time in the same

period). He will be going in to the office one day a week for the short term future, so there will continue to be a Brach Office of the University of Cambridge on the top floor of this house for some time to come.

I asked your views last week about the future of these “keeping in touch” communications. Those who have responded all want me to carry on, and tell me how much they enjoy keeping up with news of Queenie the greyhound, and my greenish-fingered efforts with the allotment – so I thought you might like these photographs I managed to capture a few days ago:



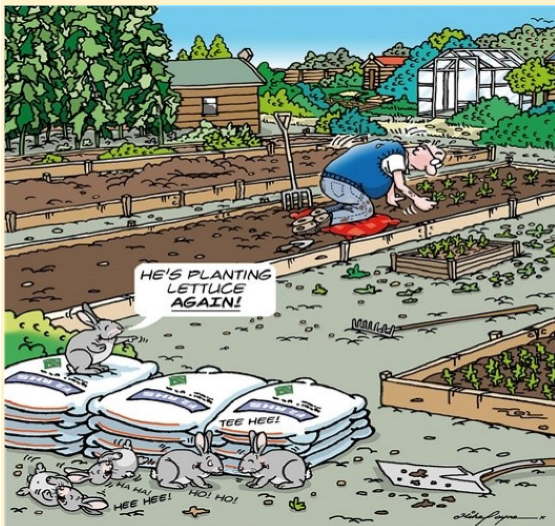
Queenie on full alert



..... and what she was looking at!

There is not really anything much else to report on in relation to parish life – which is pretty normal for this time of year. It is peak holiday season and not much else happens. That said, last Saturday our First Holy Communion children had their final class and we now look forward to the First Holy Communion Mass on Sunday 5th September, which might sound a long way off but in fact it is just over 5 weeks away. This year’s class have been extremely diligent in attending both their classes and Mass, and in doing some of the “homework” that their course workbook suggests for each week. They have done really well and we look forward to their “big day”.

And finally:



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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