

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 4AY



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

Thursday April 22, 2021

Dear All

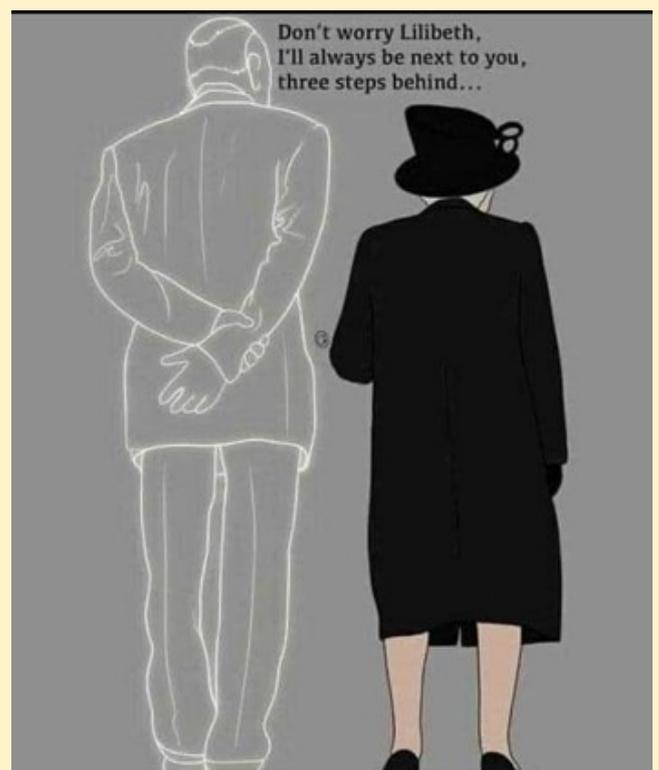
As ever I hope that this finds you well and with plenty to keep you happily occupied.



Ready to grow lots of lovely things to eat support climbing crops this year. So all is now in readiness, but as the nights are still properly frosty no seedlings or young plants will be going out there for a few days yet. The daily late afternoon routine of watering will then commence until growing season is over.

I am sure many of you will have watched the funeral last Saturday of His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. What a sad sight it was to see The Queen all alone as she prayed for her late husband of 73 years (not to mention their courtship before marriage). But it occurred to me that the Covid funeral requirements gave those mourners something that in ordinary times they never can have when a member of the Royal Family dies – a proper family funeral. May he rest in peace.

Turning now to Parish matters. It is time to invite you to indicate your intentions for Mass this coming Sunday (The fourth Sunday of Easter / Vocations Sunday / Good Shepherd Sunday) As usual, please send an e-mail to parishpriest763@gmail.com, copied to gordonadam1962@btinternet.com stating whether you intend to assist at Mass on Saturday



It must be a very big hole in her life...

at 6pm, Sunday 9.30am, or Sunday 11.30am, and tell us how many people there will be in your household group / bubble. It is very helpful if you give us notice by Saturday lunchtime - Please note that you are advising us of your intentions, you are NOT BOOKING PLACES OR TICKETS. This allows us to anticipate if extra Mass provision might be required. At present it is borderline with only the 9.30 Mass at Holy Family being completely full. Even though you have told us about your plans, you need to arrive in good time to be certain of being accommodated. Unfortunately, to fully ticket all three Sunday Masses would be an activity leaving little time for anything else!

This might be a good opportunity to ask you to remember to be patient with the Stewards on duty at Sunday Mass, especially at the 9.30 Mass at Holy Family. They are directing and controlling your movement, not because they like telling other people what to do, but to make sure we remain compliant with the guidelines for the conduct of public worship, and ABOVE ALL to ensure the safety and well being of everybody present. Please do not get grumpy if you are directed to particular seats or told it is not yet your turn to move to join the queue to receive Holy Communion or to depart from the church. While on this theme, I also remind families with smaller children that the children must remain with their own family group and not run around or join other families. Absolutely none of us like being restricted as we have to be at present, but it is necessary for the health and well being of all of us. It is also important that the Church is not seen putting people at risk of contracting Covid 19 because they came to Mass.

Having said all that, I would like to thank those who steward at Mass for all their work. What they do has been , and is, an essential part of public worship being able to continue through the lock-down we are now slowly emerging from. Fr Peter, Deacon John, Deacon Shaun and Deacon Martin, as well as myself are very appreciative of the role you have played and will doubtless have to continue with for a bit longer. Thank you.

Next, here are the YouTube links for our live streams over the next few days:

Today at 7.00pm – T3 (The Thursday Talk)

History of the Parish – Pilgrimage

<https://youtu.be/RMORd8gfCsI>

Friday 23rd April at Noon

Mass for St George's Day (Solemnity)

<https://youtu.be/BkYsuwO38QI>

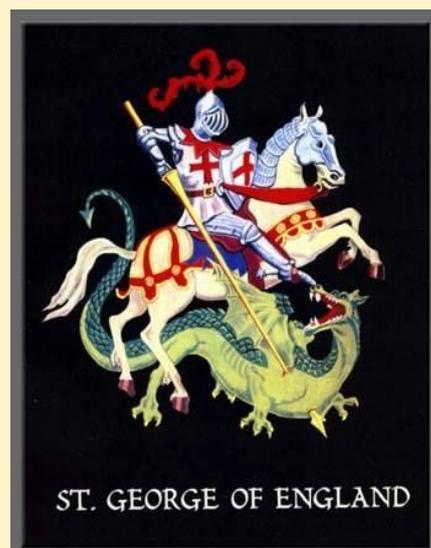
Sunday 25th April at 11.30am

Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

<https://youtu.be/u6pYI9VnKFM>

Please note that Friday is St George's day, and a Solemnity in England, where he is our Patron Saint. Friday abstinence is accordingly dispensed and bacon rolls for breakfast, burgers for lunch and sausages for supper will all be perfectly in order. Enjoy!!

10 years ago St George's day did not happen on 23rd April – because it was Holy Saturday in 2011. That evening, at the Easter Vigil in St Marks, Hemel Hempstead a goodly number of people were received into the Catholic Church and confirmed as Catholics, as part of the “first wave” of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham. Among that Group was Deacon Shaun and myself. We had no idea



whatsoever that 10 years later we would be part of the Clergy team here in King's Lynn. It also means that I (and Fr Tim Bugby who worked with me with the Hemel Hempstead Ordinariate Group, and moved his now retirement home into our Parish last week) have 10 year anniversaries to celebrate in the not too distant future. 10 years since being ordained deacon in the catholic Church on 6th May, and 10 years since being ordained a catholic priest on 10th June.

We now have 18 children enrolled in our 2021 First Holy Communion class. Applications for enrolment will close next Friday, 30th April. The first class will be on Saturday 8th May in Holy Family Church at 11am. Children will need to arrive in good time as the same social distancing and hygiene requirements that apply to all school / education activity will be in place. The process of registration on arrival, and collection by parent or guardian at the end of the class will take longer than in "ordinary times". I made a silly mistake in last week's "Keeping in Touch" with the date of the First Holy Communion Mass – it will be on Sunday 5th September (not April as I wrote last week!)

Those of you who do not see the weekly Parish Newsletter as issued at mass each Sunday may not be aware that Bishop Alan has sent a potential candidate for the Priesthood to work with us in the parish as an intern. His name is Mark Dunning, and he arrived on Monday this week. His time with us here in King's Lynn is part of the process of discernment as to whether or not he will progress towards the Priesthood. Hopefully as lockdown continues to ease it will become easier for him to meet people and have face to face conversations. It must be quite difficult getting to know people in a parish where nearly everybody is wearing a face covering. I will ask him to write a few lines to introduce himself to you for inclusion in next week's "Keeping in Touch"

Another new face was spotted in the Parish recently. As Queenie and Ben returned from their evening walk last Sunday we realised that this new (baby) face was watching us from under a gate. Our neighbours at the end of Windsor Road have a hedgehog family living in their garden!

And finally.....

I recently came across a posting on social media with 15 "Do you remember?" questions that indicate how old you might be. I remember every last one of them!



I can see you!

As always, keep on taking good care of yourselves and those you live with.

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

Fr Gordon.

Do You Remember?

1. Fish & chips wrapped in newspaper.
2. Glass bottles with a refundable deposit.
3. 78rpm records.
4. Party telephone lines.
5. Milk delivered in glass bottles.
6. Television in black & white only.
7. Beat bobbies both day & night.
8. The coal man delivering.
9. Shilling-in-the-slot utility meters.
10. Your G.P. making house calls.
11. Television rental services.
12. Scouts & Guides bob-a-job week.
13. Two films shown per sitting.
14. Conductors on the buses.
15. Usherettes at the cinemas.

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