

## Parish of Our Lady of the Annunciation - King's Lynn

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**Saturday, 23rd May 2020.**

Good morning,

Wishing you a lovely Saturday.

*With apologies for the delay, I pressed send on the e mail from my gmail account just after 7am and it bounced back with the message Delivery Status Notification-message rejected. The joys of technology! So I thought it would be best to take some time out- away from the computer, and walk the dogs in the breeze. I am now going to attempt to send this from my BT e mail account.*

The Mass readings for today are:

A reading from the **Acts of the Apostles 18: 23-28**

“He was an eloquent man, with a sound knowledge of the scriptures”

A reading from the **holy Gospel according to John 16: 23-28**

“I tell you most solemnly, anything you ask for from the Father he will grant in my name”

As usual the readings are attached for you and published on the parish website.

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**From the Walk with me booklet for today:**

Poor Apollos. Imagine how he must have felt on being told by Priscilla and Aquila: ‘You are doing a great job but despite your fervour, boldness and passion for Christ we need to explain the way of God to you more fully.’ What was missing? What did he lack? The explanation is that he had only received the baptism of John the Baptist, the baptism of repentance, and had not yet received the baptism in fire and the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit makes all the difference, the Spirit is the principal agent or mover in all our works of evangelisation. We all need to be continually renewed and refreshed in the Holy Spirit so that we can live daily in his power.

*Lord, we praise you for the work of your Holy Spirit, in the early Church and in the Church today. Move us all to cry out ‘Abba’, ‘Father’ and ‘come Holy Spirit, Come.*

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In my email last Saturday I mentioned a book by Pope Francis last evening called Happiness in This Life-A Passionate Meditation on Material Existence and the Meaning of Life. For this week I would like to share the following passage with you from the chapter titled Prayer completes the human being.

*We make space with prayer*

“We always return to the same theme: prayer! Yet prayer is so important. To pray with the

prayers that we all learned as children, but also to pray in our own words. To ask the Lord: ‘Lord, help me, give me counsel, what must I do now?’ And through prayer we make space so that the Spirit may come and help us in that moment, that he may counsel us on what we all must do. Prayer! Never forget prayer. Never! No one, no one realises when we pray on the bus, on the road: we pray in the silence of our heart. Let us take advantage of these moments to pray, pray that the Spirit gives us the gift of counsel”

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My brother deacons’ John and Martin have kindly reminded me of the Pope's prayer intention for May is for deacons and the following video from Vatican News can be found on YouTube and from Vatican News:

<https://youtu.be/NuG99HD1LaY>

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-05/pope-francis-prayer-intention-may-2020-permanent-deacons.html>

Thank you John and Martin.

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I have received a few comments on how much you enjoyed the Lourdes Gloria at the Ascension of the Lord Mass. So I have looked it up a version for you on YouTube, for you to enjoy if you so wish:

**Gloria di Lourdes 2008**

[https://youtu.be/h5E\\_6l8FL84](https://youtu.be/h5E_6l8FL84)

And of course you can listen to it again from Our Lady’s:

<https://youtu.be/DA5FduQP140>

And it is even being sung at the Cathedral:

<https://youtu.be/cGyLd01I1Uw?t=666>

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Bishop Davies' Healthcare Mass Homily from Thursday evening is now available on “*soundcloud*” by clicking into this link:

<https://soundcloud.com/catholicchurch/bishop-praises-hidden-work-of-cleaners-shop-and-transport-workers-and-volunteers>

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Day Two for the Pentecost Novena from the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales can be listened to by clicking into the following link:

[Pentecost Novena - DAY TWO by Catholic Church](#)

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Susan Young sent me the following screenshot from the Ascension of the Lord Mass which I enjoyed seeing and I thought you may also appreciate.

Thank you Susan.



With my love, thoughts and prayers,

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### Daily Mass Readings Saturday of the 6th Week of Eastertide

#### **First reading - Acts 18:23-28**

##### **Apollos demonstrated from the scriptures that Jesus was the Christ**

Paul came down to Antioch, where he spent a short time before continuing his journey through the Galatian country and then through Phrygia, encouraging all the followers.

An Alexandrian Jew named Apollos now arrived in Ephesus. He was an eloquent man, with a sound knowledge of the scriptures, and yet, though he had been given instruction in the Way of the Lord and preached with great spiritual earnestness and was accurate in all the details he taught about Jesus, he had only experienced the baptism of John. When Priscilla and Aquila heard him speak boldly in the synagogue, they took an interest in him and gave him further instruction about the Way.

When Apollos thought of crossing over to Achaia, the brothers encouraged him and wrote asking the disciples to welcome him. When he arrived there he was able by God's grace to help the believers considerably by the energetic way he refuted the Jews in public and demonstrated from the scriptures that Jesus was the Christ.

*The Word of the Lord.*

#### **Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 46(47):2-3, 8-10**

***God is king of all the earth.***

All peoples, clap your hands  
cry to God with shouts of joy!  
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,  
great king over all the earth.

***God is king of all the earth.***

God is king of all the earth,  
sing praise with all your skill.  
God is king over the nations;  
God reigns on his holy throne.

***God is king of all the earth.***

The princes of the people are assembled  
with the people of Abraham's God.  
The rulers of the earth belong to God,  
to God who reigns over us.

***God is king of all the earth.***

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I shall ask the Father,  
and he will give you another Advocate  
to be with you for ever.

Alleluia!

## **Gospel - John 16:23-28**

### **The Father loves you for loving me and believing that I came from God**

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘I tell you most solemnly,  
anything you ask for from the Father he will grant in my name.

Until now you have not asked for anything in my name.

Ask and you will receive, and so your joy will be complete.

I have been telling you all this in metaphors,

the hour is coming when I shall no longer speak to you in metaphors;

but tell you about the Father in plain words.

When that day comes you will ask in my name;

and I do not say that I shall pray to the Father for you,

because the Father himself loves you for loving me

and believing that I came from God.

I came from the Father and have come into the world

and now I leave the world to go to the Father.’

*The Gospel of the Lord.*