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# Keeping in touch with Fr. Gordon Adam

## Wednesday, 6th May 2020

Dear All

As ever, I hope and trust that this finds you well and keeping occupied.

First, I need to share some sorry news with you. Dorothy (Dot) Eagles has died. Further news about when the funeral will take place will come in due course. Meantime please pray for her eternal soul.

Thank you to those who have sent messages of sympathy on the death of my Godfather. George taught me how to serve at the Altar as soon as I was confirmed, and about the same time he was pursuing his own vocation to ordained ministry. He was an important formative influence on me and if any one person is responsible for me daring to say aloud that I thought I might have a vocation to priesthood, it was him. He was also my Father's Best Man. I now know what it is like to be prevented from going to a funeral I really want to attend.

That prompts me to advise of two changes of the time at which I will be saying Mass (Normally 4pm):

- The first is this Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> May. I will say Mass that day at 12pm so that I can be back home Windsor Road in plenty of time to in the virtual street party for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE day. All houses in the street are invited to collect a goody pack from the Live and Let Live who are hosting the party via Facebook. The celebrations kick off at 3pm with a toast to the nation. 3pm was the time of day when, 75 years ago, the Prime Minister Winston Churchill addressed the nation to say that the war was over. At 8pm we are invited to open our front doors and make a joyful noise with the ringing of handbells!
- The second is the following Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> May. My Godfather's funeral takes place in Dundee at 3.30pm. I will therefore say a Mass of requiem for him in the Holy House at the same time as his funeral is taking place in Scotland

I had cause to be talking with Bishop Alan earlier in the day and I asked him if he could remember what he was doing exactly nine years ago today. He could not. So I reminded him that on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2011 he (then an Auxiliary Bishop in Westminster) ordained myself and five other candidates to the Diaconate of the Catholic Church.

We were very fortunate with our live-streaming of Mass etc this afternoon. Just a few minutes after we had finished and as we started to tidy up, the broadband dropped out. It came back within a minute or two, but that would have been enough to mess things up.

Finally, I attach the "Wednesday Word" for this coming Sunday, the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter:  
[http://wednesdayword.org/downloads/parish\\_docs/632-A-05-Easter-2020.pdf](http://wednesdayword.org/downloads/parish_docs/632-A-05-Easter-2020.pdf)

Take care and keep safe.

May Our Lady pray for you and may God Bless you

Fr Gordon.

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