

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

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Monday, 6th April 2020.

Monday in Holy Week

Good morning,

It is a complete joy that the live stream of Palm Sunday Mass at Our Lady's was well received. It was beautiful to be connected together by the wonder of modern technology.

In case you find useful, I attach a copy of the readings for Mass for Monday of Holy Week, which have been sent to me by Joe Rodriguez. They can also be seen on the Parish Website:

www.catholicparish-kingslynn.org.uk/ which is constantly being updated.

Thank you to Peter Martin and Joe Rodriguez for all their hard work on the website. They even now have the recordings and live streaming of Masses from Our Lady's added to the website which is great.

Roger Platt whose technology skills have been behind the live streaming of the Mass from Our Lady's and who is working hard behind the scenes, has asked me to see if anyone has:

A DSLR camera or digital camcorder with mini HDMI out. If so, then apparently with the addition of a video card from Amazon we could perhaps get proper HD broadcasting going. If so please let me know and I will pass on the message to Roger.

Hope you understand the tech language!

For today I am using my handy little book-*A Blessed Lent-meditations on the Readings & Prayers of the Mass by Fr Philip G. Bochanski. (Published by Catholic Truth Society)*

Fr Philip Bochanski is a Catholic priest and a member of the Philadelphia Congregation of the Oratory of Saint Philip Neri.

For Monday of Holy Week Fr Philip writes:

Our readings for the next few days will focus on the figure of Judas-what he was like, what his personality was-as if the Gospels and the Church are trying to give us some context in which to understand his actions. Perhaps it is more difficult, though, to comprehend the actions of Jesus.

Surely, he knew what Judas was like. Why did he not distance himself from him, ask him to depart?

One reason we could suggest, of course, is that the betrayal of Jesus was all part of the plan, and there is a mysterious way in which surely this is true. We also have to remember that Jesus is the Lord who defends the humble, who does not quench the smouldering wick or break the bruised reed. Right to the very moment that he betrayed Jesus, Judas always had the freedom

to reject the temptation and to what was right. Even afterwards, he had the chance, like Peter and the rest of Twelve, to turn back and receive forgiveness from the Risen Lord.

*But we know what happened, and to a large extent we know why: Judas, who had seen Christ's miracles, would not let his own blindness be healed. He would not trust in the Lord's mercy, would not follow Jesus out of his confining attitudes. **This is why the prayer over the people asks God today not only for strength to do good, but above all for purity of mind.** If we would serve Christ, like Mary of Bethany did, **we must hold nothing back, but let him change our minds and our perspective.** Then we can approach the Lord-in the sacraments, in his Word, in the poor. Then we can perceive the meaning of his Passion, Death and Resurrection, and celebrate with festive joy the redemption he won for us by the events of the first Holy Week.*

The Prayer over the People for today said at the end of Mass:

May your protection, O Lord, we pray, defend the humble and keep ever safe those who trust in your mercy, that they may celebrate the paschal festivities not only with bodily observance but **above all with purity of mind.** Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

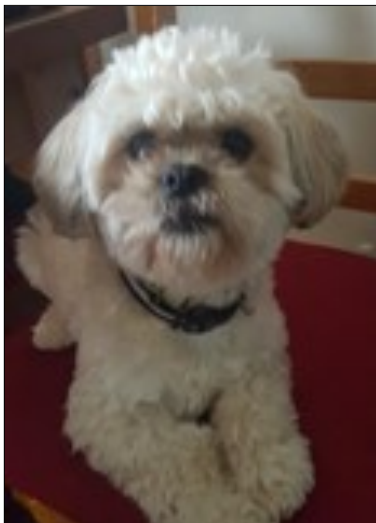
Pat Carney has kindly sent me a photo of the quiet garden at Holy Family, which is looking great.



We keep in our prayers today, our Prime Minister Boris Johnson who is now in hospital, and for all healthcare workers. May our Lady of Walsingham pray for us.

I was touched by the Queen's broadcast last evening.

God bless Shaun



- ** As I know many of you are enjoying pictures of pets and animals, today's picture is of my brother's dog 'Scrappy'

- ** Someone is waiting for a picture of a horse; afraid I have not yet met a horse on my walks, watch this space.....
an interesting challenge!

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First Reading - Isaiah 42:1-7

Here is my chosen one in whom my soul delights

Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom my soul delights.
I have endowed him with my spirit
that he may bring true justice to the nations.
He does not cry out or shout aloud,
or make his voice heard in the streets.
He does not break the crushed reed,
nor quench the wavering flame.
Faithfully he brings true justice;
he will neither waver, nor be crushed
until true justice is established on earth,
for the islands are awaiting his law.
Thus says God, the Lord,
he who created the heavens and spread them out,
who gave shape to the earth and what comes from it,
who gave breath to its people
and life to the creatures that move in it:
'I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right;
I have taken you by the hand and formed you;
I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations,
'to open the eyes of the blind,
to free captives from prison,
and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.'



Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 26 (27): 1-3, 13-14

The Lord is my light and my help.

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink?

The Lord is my light and my help.

When evil-doers draw near
to devour my flesh,
it is they, my enemies and foes,

We can walk with God when he makes us new, whole people. Only God can make us whole. When we are right with God then we can start being right with people. We become right with God, or honest to God, when we become Christians. We ask God to excuse us and we promise to become his servants. Then we are whole people on the inside to God and on the outside to people.

who stumble and fall.

The Lord is my light and my help.

Though an army encamp against me
my heart would not fear.

Though war break out against me
even then would I trust.

The Lord is my light and my help.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.

Hope in the Lord!

The Lord is my light and my help.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

Hail to you, our King!

You alone have had compassion on our sins.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

Gospel - John 12: 1-11

'She had to keep this scent for the day of my burial'

Six days before the Passover, Jesus went to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom he had raised from the dead. They gave a dinner for him there; Martha waited on them and Lazarus was among those at table. Mary brought in a pound of very costly ointment, pure nard, and with it anointed the feet of Jesus, wiping them with her hair; the house was full of the scent of the ointment. Then Judas Iscariot – one of his disciples, the man who was to betray him – said, 'Why wasn't this ointment sold for three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor?' He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he was in charge of the common fund and used to help himself to the contributions. So Jesus said, 'Leave her alone; she had to keep this scent for the day of my burial. You have the poor with you always, you will not always have me.'

Meanwhile a large number of Jews heard that he was there and came not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazarus whom he had raised from the dead. Then the chief priests decided to kill Lazarus as well, since it was on his account that many of the Jews were leaving them and believing in Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord.

What would happen to you if you did not believe in the Lord? But because you do believe in the Lord you are ready to wait for his answers. You may wait a long time, but be brave and strong. One day, God will answer you, if you believe in him.

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