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Keeping in touch with Fr. Gordon Adam Friday, 8th May 2020

Dear All

Happy 75th anniversary of VE day. Most of us were born after that happened but we do have a number of people in our Parish who will have their personal memories of the day. If anyone receiving my e-mails has a particular memory, do please e-mail me back with your memories of it, and I'll include them in a Keeping-in-touch e-mail later in the weekend.

I saw the Parish Priest before I said Mass at Noon. He tells me that he has decided to exercise his authority under Canon Law to dispense the Parish from Friday abstinence today – so VE Day anniversary celebrations can quite legitimately include sausage rolls, hot dogs and burgers.

Next, something for our young people. Our confirmation candidates should have been going to Swaffham this weekend for the Ignite Festival as part of their final preparations for Confirmation by Bishop Alan next Thursday. That is not now happening, but the Ignite Team are still running a festival – a stay at home and participate on line festival. Our young people are encouraged to join in via the Ignite team's YouTube channel at

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyV5amJRp-i68V2biA5i6kQ>

I started putting this e-mail together shortly after the Prince of Wales led the nation in two minutes silence from Balmoral. Apart from noting how much later spring arrives that far north – the trees were just starting to break into green – I could not help but wonder what was happening out of shot of the cameras, not least who was monitoring the time and signalling to the piper to stop and start playing. In a world where you keep learning more lessons about live streaming Masses, you start thinking in that way!

I do hope you will be fully joining in with the activities being encouraged for today, not least the national toast at 3pm and all opening our front doors for a national sing song at 9.10pm. If anybody is uncertain of the words for "We'll meet again", they are attached to this e-mail. If you want to rehearse with the legendary Dame Vera Lynn herself, use this link -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HsM_VmN6ytk

In this part of the town we are having a virtual street party this afternoon, hosted on social media by the Live and Let Live.

THANK YOU to the Live and Let Live for what they are doing today – a very valuable contribution to holding our



local community together through these strange days that we are living through. We collected our “goodies” on the way back from Mass including afternoon tea, mini bottles of wine for the toast at 3 (Sponsored by Marston’s brewery – thank you to them) and other things. Included is a suggested text for the toast at 3:

“To those who gave so much we THANK YOU.

To all the unsung heroes, the people who stayed at home to keep to country going, and to all who did not make it home we THANK YOU.

Using this unique event to pay our tributes to the many millions at home and abroad who gave so much to ensure we all enjoy the freedom we have today we THANK YOU”

As part of our virtual street party we have an additional event at 8pm. It is ring bells for peace. We are all going to open our doors, as we did last night to clap the NHS, and ring bells for peace. I understand the church bell will be rung and I have a hand bell of the sort that used to be used to sound the end of break in a school playground. It is out of the cupboard and ready for this evening! There are many (far too many) places in the world where people do not live with the peace, not do they enjoy democracy or the general standard of living we enjoy. Another way to think of peace this evening is peace of mind, and in these current days many people right here in our own town and Parish struggle for peace of mind as lockdown continues and financial difficulties threaten. Dame Vera has something to sing for that as well.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WAaxkAgVkhQ>

Enjoy the day and the celebrations – but above all remember to thank God for the defeat of the pure evil that was Nazism, and for the sacrifice of those who gave their lives for our freedom. Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord. May they rest in peace.

Do your best to enjoy the celebrations! God bless!

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Don't know where
Don't know when
But I know we'll meet again some sunny day
Keep smiling through
Just like you always do
'Till the blue skies drive the dark clouds far away

So will you please say hello
To the folks that I know
Tell them I won't be long
They'll be happy to know
That as you saw me go
I was singing this song

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