

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

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**Monday, 11th May 2020.**

Good morning,

Sending my love, thoughts and prayers to you.

Just back in from walking the dogs, many seagulls are flying around this morning, looking for food in the sunshine-not sure how long the sun will be out though as there are a few grey clouds around and we even had a few drops of rain. It is a bit fresh out there with the breeze.

A reminder that the parish office can be accessed safely via a glass screen. The office will be open on Monday and Friday from 10am – 12 noon giving the opportunity to hand in Mass Intentions or get Mass cards signed or to arrange for candles to be lit or any other matters. Social distancing will be practised and there are hand-washing facilities. Just come to the Rectory front door in North Everard Street. If you wish to speak with one of the priests at any other time please ring for an appointment (01553 772220)

In my research yesterday I was looking at the East Anglia website and came across information on the Bishop's Coat of Arms which I thought may be of interest to you:

<https://www.rcdea.org.uk/right-revd-alan-hopes/>

### **Bishop Alan Stephen Hopes' Coat-of-Arms by grant of the College of Arms**

The red Saltire Cross of Saint Patrick denoting the Bishop's birthday – 17 March.

The Anchor – the symbol of 'Hope' – a play on his Surname.

The division of the shield in silver (white) and gold (yellow) – the Vatican colours.

The 'fleur de lys', symbolising Our Lady – Patroness of East Anglia under the title of Our Lady of Walsingham and three of them denoting each of the counties forming the Diocese: Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire.

The Cross indicates the arms as those of a bishop. The galero with twelve tassels is the heraldic hat of a prelate and the colour green denotes he is a bishop.

The translation of the Bishop's motto: Voluntas Sua Pax Nostra is His Will is Our Peace.



**In the Brentwood diocesan calendar**, they have the optional memorial today of Blessed John Rochester, Priest and Martyr and tomorrow they remember Saint John Houghton, Priest and Martyr.

The Carthusian Martyrs of London were the monks of the London Charterhouse, the monastery of the Carthusian Order in central London, who were put to death by the English state in a period lasting from the 4 May 1535 till the 20 September 1537.

From <https://universalis.com/europe.english.brentwood/20200512/today.htm>:

## **The Carthusian Martyrs**

*Saints John Houghton, Robert Lawrence, Augustine Webster and fifteen Blessed companions*

**John Houghton**, Prior of the London Charterhouse, was recognised as a man of sanctity even before his martyrdom. Under his rule the community was a model of observance and austerity. Henry VIII was well aware that if the Carthusians could be persuaded to accept first the Act of Succession (1533) and then the Act of Supremacy (1534) others would find it easy to follow their example.

Presented with the earlier Act, the Prior and his Procurator Humphrey Middlemore at first refused to swear, and were imprisoned for a month in the Tower. On advice from learned bishops, they agreed to take the oath “as far as the law of God allows”, and so were released.

The following year (1535) the King assumed his title of Supreme Head of the Church in England. The Treasons Act made it treason “maliciously” to deny this title. Prior Houghton began to prepare his community for the inevitable onslaught. He consulted other priors who were visiting London, **Robert Lawrence** of Beauvale, Nottinghamshire, and **Augustine Webster** of Axholme, Lincolnshire. They decided to approach the King’s Minister Thomas Cromwell directly, to ask for a form of the oath which they could accept in conscience. Cromwell’s response was immediately to commit them to the Tower. There they were joined by a Brigittine priest, Richard Reynolds, who was to suffer with them.

Their trial began on 27th April 1535. Cromwell became alarmed that they might be acquitted, threatened the jury with death if they did acquit, and finally went in person to persuade them to bring in the Guilty verdict. On 4th May they were dragged to Tyburn; the Prior was the first to suffer the barbarous execution by hanging, disembowelling and quartering of the body. Lawrence and Webster, undeterred by the dreadful scene, refused to recant and were similarly butchered. They were the first of a long line of martyrs for the Catholic faith in England.

But this was only the beginning of the trials of the London Charterhouse. Within weeks, three more of the Fathers were committed to prison and interrogated. These were **Humphrey Middlemore**, now the Vicar, **William Exmew**, the Procurator, and **Sebastian Newdigate**. These were singled out as being leading members of the Community, and of good birth (Newdigate had been brought up in the King’s household), in the hope of terrorising the others into submission. The three steadfastly refused the Oath, and went to their execution on 19th June 1535.

There followed a year during which the remaining Carthusians were constantly harassed and ill-treated. Then some of them were dispersed to other houses; in particular **John Rochester** and **James Walworth** to Hull, from where they were brought to trial and executed at York (11th May 1537). Now some brothers gave way to the continual pressure, and took the oath. Ten continued to refuse, and on 1st June 1537 were imprisoned in Newgate. There they were left, and all but one died of starvation and ill-usage. They were: **Richard Bere**, **Thomas**

**Johnson and Thomas Green**, priests; **John Davy**, deacon; and Brothers **William Greenwood, Thomas Scryven, Robert Salt, Walter Pierson, Thomas Redyng** and **William Horn**. The last-named lingered in Newgate for nearly three years, and was finally executed on 4th August 1540.

Some of those who had taken the oath had been promised that if they did so their House would be spared; but within a year, on 15th November 1538, all who remained were expelled and the monastery was desecrated. Other priories suffered a similar fate. The return of the London Charterhouse community to Sheen under Queen Mary (1557) was short-lived; they were finally exiled by Elizabeth, and it was not until 1873 that the Carthusians returned to England, to Parkminster in the parish of West Grinstead.

The First reading at Mass today is from the Acts of the Apostles 14: 5-18

From <https://livingspace.sacredspace.ie/e1052r/>

Paul and Barnabas continue their first missionary journey of spreading the Gospel.

On arriving in Lystra, Paul saw a man there, who was crippled from birth, listening to his preaching. Seeing that he was a man of faith, Paul ordered him to stand up, which the man immediately did. He was totally healed of his disability.

The onlookers were utterly astounded and immediately saw the apostles as gods in human form: Barnabas as Zeus and Paul as Hermes (Latin, Mercury), the spokesman of the gods.

The Walk with me booklet says:

*The people of Lystra thought that St Paul was the Greek god, Zeus and St Barnabas, Hermes. St Paul was mortified, horrified even, pointing immediately to God the Father as the true source of the healing.*

Attached are the Mass readings for today plus published on our parish website which is updated every day. <http://www.catholicparish-kingslynn.org.uk/>

I wish you a lovely Monday.

God bless,

Shaun

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### Daily Mass Readings Monday of the 5th Week of Eastertide

#### **First reading - Acts 14:5-18**

#### **We have come with good news to turn you to the living God**

Eventually with the connivance of the authorities a move was made by pagans as well as Jews to make attacks on the apostles and to stone them. When the apostles came to hear of this, they went off for safety to Lycaonia where, in the towns of Lystra and Derbe and in the surrounding country, they preached the Good News.

A man sat there who had never walked in his life, because his feet were crippled from birth; and as he listened to Paul preaching, he managed to catch his eye. Seeing that the man had the faith to be cured, Paul said in a loud voice, 'Get to your feet – stand up', and the cripple jumped up and began to walk.

When the crowd saw what Paul had done they shouted in the language of Lycaonia, 'These people are gods who have come down to us disguised as men.' They addressed Barnabas as Zeus, and since Paul was the principal speaker they called him Hermes. The priests of Zeus-outside-the-Gate, proposing that all the people should offer sacrifice with them, brought garlanded oxen to the gates. When the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard what was happening they tore their clothes, and rushed into the crowd, shouting, 'Friends, what do you think you are doing? We are only human beings like you. We have come with good news to make you turn from these empty idols to the living God who made heaven and earth and the sea and all that these hold. In the past he allowed each nation to go its own way; but even then he did not leave you without evidence of himself in the good things he does for you: he sends you rain from heaven, he makes your crops grow when they should, he gives you food and makes you happy.' Even this speech, however, was scarcely enough to stop the crowd offering them sacrifice.

*The Word of the Lord.*

#### **Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 113B(115):1-4, 15-16**

***Not to us, Lord, but to your name give the glory.***

Not to us, Lord, not to us,  
but to your name give the glory  
for the sake of your love and your truth,  
lest the heathen say: 'Where is their God?'

***Not to us, Lord, but to your name give the glory.***

But our God is in the heavens;  
he does whatever he wills.  
Their idols are silver and gold,  
the work of human hands.

*Not to us, Lord, but to your name give the glory.*

May you be blessed by the Lord,  
the maker of heaven and earth.  
The heavens belong to the Lord  
but the earth he has given to men.

*Not to us, Lord, but to your name give the glory.*

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has risen and shone upon us  
whom he redeemed with his blood.

Alleluia!

## **Gospel - John 14:21-26**

**The Advocate, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything**

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them  
will be one who loves me;  
and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father,  
and I shall love him and show myself to him.’

Judas – this was not Judas Iscariot – said to him, ‘Lord, what is all this about? Do you intend  
to show yourself to us and not to the world?’ Jesus replied:

‘If anyone loves me he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him,  
and we shall come to him and make our home with him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my words.

And my word is not my own:

it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you while still with you;  
but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,  
whom the Father will send in my name,  
will teach you everything  
and remind you of all I have said to you.’

*The Gospel of the Lord.*