

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

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Saturday, 30th May 2020.

Good morning,

Wishing you a lovely Saturday. Just back from walking Queenie and Ben in the beautiful sunshine, they have enjoyed their breakfast of chappie and biscuits while I enjoyed toast and a cuppa watching the news headlines.

Today is the optional memoria for **St. Walstan. Priest.**

From <https://universalis.com/europe.england.eastanglia/20200530/today.htm>

Walstan was probably born in the 11th century at **Bawburgh in Norfolk**, and spent his life as a farm labourer in Taverham and Costessey, being renowned for his charity to all in need. Although he was probably a pious working man, biographers gave him the rank of prince, claiming that he fled from his royal background to live with ordinary people.

His shrine at Bawburgh was very popular with the local farm people before it was destroyed during the Reformation. In truth, all that is known about him is his legend, while his cult, albeit local, is undisputed.

East Anglian Ordo

From <https://www.stwalstans.com/st-walstans/>

St Walstan (c.980 – 1016)

Born into a noble family at Bawburgh, Walstan renounced his inheritance at the age of 12 to work as a farm labourer at Taverham. Here, in charity and humility, he gave away his wages, food and clothing to those less fortunate. Once, meeting two men without food or shoes, Walstan gave them his. To teach him a lesson, his employer's wife sent Walstan to load a cart with thorns and brambles – barefoot. He obeyed, and the thorns became like rose petals. The woman and her husband, realising the boy was 'different', fell at his unmarked feet begging forgiveness. They tried to make him their heir: he refused but accepted a gift of two white bull calves and that particular cart. Their farm was north of Taverham church and here, on May 27th 1016, **Walstan was mowing hay with another labourer when an angel appeared and told him that he would be called to Paradise in three days' time. Walstan gave thanks and went to receive the Sacraments.** Next day he laid down his scythe saying he wasn't allowed to work until Monday: he could hear celestial trumpets and bells ringing above him. His comrade heard and saw nothing so Walstan told him to place his foot on his own – and the other was favoured with a vision of Heaven. On Monday May 30th the two were again mowing when Walstan laid down his scythe, saying his hour had come. The Viaticum was brought, but the priest forgot the water for the ablutions; with no time to fetch it, they prayed and a spring appeared. Commending himself to God, Our Lady and the Saints, Walstan made

his last will and testament, praying that any labourer or farmer with a sick animal, and anyone disabled by illness, should call on God in his name – “and not just once” – to find relief. A voice from Heaven confirmed the grant of his request and, as Walstan breathed his last, something like a dove came from his mouth and disappeared into a bright cloud. Laid on his cart, pulled by his two oxen, Walstan’s final journey began: they crossed the River Wensum dry shod, left cart tracks on the surface of the RiverTud, and rested on an escarpment where a second well sprang up. The oxen finally stopped below Bawburgh church hill, where a third well sprang up. Walstan was buried in the church, and formally canonised by the Bishop of North Elmham. It became a place of pilgrimage, but Walstan’s remains and his shrine were destroyed in 1538. Two well sites remain and although ‘unfit for human consumption well water from Bawburgh is still used, as at the consecration of the Catholic Church of Our Lady and St Walstan. Closely documented cures continued, even to modern times. Pilgrimages to each well take place annually, and Walstan himself was declared Patron of Agriculture in the British Food and Farming Year of 1989.



How amazing that the thorns became like rose petals. -”*To teach him a lesson, his employer’s wife sent Walstan to load a cart with thorns and brambles – barefoot. He obeyed, and the thorns became like rose petals*”

The Mass readings for today are:

A reading from the **Acts of the Apostles 28:16-20. 30-31**

A reading from the **holy Gospel according to John 21: 20-25**

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

<http://www.catholicparish-kingslynn.org.uk/>

From the Walk with me booklet for today:

Unity is much more attractive than disunity. Great strides have been made in healing the divisions between Christian churches and denominations over the years but there is still a long way to go. Jesus prayed that his disciples be united as one. Fifty years ago, at the canonisation of the young martyrs of Uganda, Saint Paul VI referred to the young Anglican catechist companions who also shed their blood for Christ. This ecumenism in blood is an eloquent and beautiful witness of our call to strive for Christian unity. Today, we stand with all believers, united in our shared faith that Jesus is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Lord, inspired by the witness of Christian martyrs, may I be bold and courageous witness of my faith-in word and deed.

Pope Francis is to pray the rosary with the Shrines of the world **this afternoon.**

From Vatican News:

"Devoted and with one accord to prayer, together with Mary (cf. Acts 1:14)". On this theme Pope Francis will lead the recitation of the Rosary on **Saturday 30 May, joining the Marian Shrines of the world** which, due to the health emergency, have had to interrupt their normal activities and pilgrimages.

The Pope will once again be close to humanity in prayer, to ask the Virgin Mary for help amid the pandemic. The prayer will be broadcast live to the world from the Grotto of Lourdes in the Vatican Gardens at 5.30pm Rome time.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-05/pope-francis-rosary-shrines-saturday.html>

This will be **4.30pm for us** and you can join in from the Vatican News English YouTube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxIsefyl9g9A5SGWA4FvGIA?view_as=subscriber

Tomorrow is the National Rosary Rally and The Diocese of East Anglia has been asked to pray the Rosary between 2.00pm and 3.00pm and for the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham between 4.00pm and 5.00pm.

For the Parish of King's Lynn at 2.30pm the Rosary will be recited from the Pontifical Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham followed by Vespers at 3pm.

More details and various links will be sent tomorrow including the link for the 11.30am Mass.

You may be interested to know that the Archdiocese of Birmingham announced yesterday the new Rector of St Mary's College, Oscott.

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/new-rector-for-st-marys-college-oscott>

Archbishop Bernard Longley is delighted to announce that Fr Giles Goward has been appointed the new Rector of St Mary's College, Oscott. Fr Giles, a priest of the Archdiocese of Birmingham and currently Pastoral Director at Oscott, will take up his appointment on Sunday 28 June 2020.

He will be responsible for the formation of students for the priesthood from more than 20 dioceses and Religious Orders from across the UK.

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

<https://soundcloud.com/catholicchurch/pentecost-novena-day-nine>

Today at 5pm there is First Vespers and Vigil Mass for Pentecost from Our Lady's, London Road, King's Lynn.

Our YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8V030I7usRZiKoTlrwBAKg>

The YouTube link to the Mass is:

<https://youtu.be/x6tQW5fs8tM>

The Mass readings for the vigil are:

A reading from the book of Genesis 11:1-9

A reading from St Paul to the Romans 8:22-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 7:37-39

With my love, thoughts and prayers,

Shaun

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Daily Mass Readings

Saturday of the 7th Week of Eastertide

First reading - Acts 28:16-20, 30-31

In Rome, Paul proclaimed the kingdom of God without hindrance from anyone

On our arrival in Rome Paul was allowed to stay in lodgings of his own with the soldier who guarded him.

After three days he called together the leading Jews. When they had assembled, he said to them, 'Brothers, although I have done nothing against our people or the customs of our ancestors, I was arrested in Jerusalem and handed over to the Romans. They examined me and would have set me free, since they found me guilty of nothing involving the death penalty; but the Jews lodged an objection, and I was forced to appeal to Caesar, not that I had any accusation to make against my own nation. That is why I have asked to see you and talk to you, for it is on account of the hope of Israel that I wear this chain.'

Paul spent the whole of the two years in his own rented lodging. He welcomed all who came to visit him, proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching the truth about the Lord Jesus Christ with complete freedom and without hindrance from anyone.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 10(11):4-5, 7

The upright shall see your face, O Lord.

The Lord is in his holy temple,
the Lord, whose throne is in heaven.

His eyes look down on the world;
his gaze tests mortal men.

The upright shall see your face, O Lord.

The Lord tests the just and the wicked;
the lover of violence he hates.

The Lord is just and loves justice;
the upright shall see his face.

The upright shall see your face, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ,
you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is,
sitting at God's right hand.

Alleluia!

Gospel - John 21:20-25

This disciple is the one who vouches for these things and we know that his testimony is true

Peter turned and saw the disciple Jesus loved following them – the one who had leaned on his breast at the supper and had said to him, 'Lord, who is it that will betray you?' Seeing him, Peter said to Jesus, 'What about him, Lord?' Jesus answered, 'If I want him to stay behind till I come, what does it matter to you? You are to follow me.' The rumour then went out among the brothers that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus had not said to Peter, 'He will not die', but, 'If I want him to stay behind till I come.'

This disciple is the one who vouches for these things and has written them down, and we know that his testimony is true.

There were many other things that Jesus did; if all were written down, the world itself, I suppose, would not hold all the books that would have to be written.

The Gospel of the Lord.