

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

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## Keeping in touch with Fr. Gordon Adam Thursday, 30th July 2020

Dear All

I do hope you are well and keeping yourselves occupied. There are a few important things to draw your attention to:

### **Sunday Mass**

I noticed last Sunday that some people who had given notice of their intention to attend a particular Mass did not then do so. This made me wonder if people are thinking that they need to have received a confirmation back from either Fr Peter or myself, and not coming if they do not receive one. Please note that asking you to give notice of your intentions is NOT booking a place at a particular Mass. It simply allows us to spot if any particular Mass is likely to turn out to have too many people to be safe and to think about contingency arrangements if required. This is more likely to happen at Our Lady's where we now have the Wrigglesworth Room set up to accommodate a "parallel Mass" if required.

So, it is time once again to ask you to let us know of your intentions for Mass on the Sunday coming (6pm Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August, and 9.30 and 11.30 Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August) Please tell us your intentions by e-mail

to : [parishpriest763@gmail.com](mailto:parishpriest763@gmail.com)

copied to : [gordonadam1962@btinternet.com](mailto:gordonadam1962@btinternet.com)

Please do NOT expect an individual response. If the numbers look like additional provisions for the numbers planning to come to Mass are required there will be a further general e-mail to advise accordingly.

### **First Holy Communions**

It is clear that there is no prospect of having a huge First Holy Communion Mass in St Nicholas Chapel in the way that had been planned for 26<sup>th</sup> April when 45 children accompanied by their families and friends, as well as a good number of parishioners would have packed the place to the rafters for a very long time. First Holy Communions will now take place over the weekend of Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September and Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September, with the children being allocated in "batches" to one of the Masses. The Masses will be at Holy Family and each child will have 5 tickets (one being for themselves). The children will be allocated places at the 10am Mass on Saturday, the 9.30 am Mass on Sunday or at two additional Masses at 2pm and 4pm on Sunday afternoon. That way we have a goodly amount of space for "general parishioners" to attend as well. We will also need to see all the children on the Saturday before (12<sup>th</sup> September) for one final class / rehearsal time to prepare them for the actual event.

Letters will be going to all the children in the next week giving detailed notice of allocations. If any family really cannot possibly make that weekend, there is likely to be an opportunity to "mop up" the following Saturday.

## Confirmation Class

After my request last week for the young people in our Confirmation Class to be in touch with a contact e-mail address, I have only heard from one person. I am sure our confirmands have not all changed their minds, so please be in touch by e-mail

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We are hoping to have an alternative date soon, and hoping that it will still be in 2020.

## Live Streaming

We know that many of you have been frustrated by our difficulties with a reliable broadband connection for the live stream on Sunday mornings, and we share that frustration. You will be pleased to know that on Thursday next week we are expecting BT to visit in the morning and install a new dedicated line which should make things much more reliable. This new line also comes with a 4G dongle for back up. For those of you who now have no idea what I am talking about, that means that if there is any problem with the BT land line service, it will automatically switch to using the mobile phone network.

Once that is up and running we will then have the company that installed the cameras back to make some final adjustments. Lots of you have commented on the “random” shots that the system keeps providing. While we do have a gremlin that seems to be especially fond of going to the fixed view of the font, it might not be clear to some that when we press the button to change which camera view we are using, the system deliberately goes to one of eight “interim” views (such as St Therese) before going to the next view that we have selected. I have noted that our Cathedral (using the exact same system installed by the same company) only uses one interim view when changing camera position (the “wide” view of the building). We are now thinking that we might have our system set to do the same so that every time you see the wide view of the Church (from over the entrance door) you will know that we have chosen to switch camera view and the experience at your end would probably be smoother. Do please be in touch to let me know what you think.

## Life in general

Things seem to be a bit all over the place with what is required for self-isolation if you develop Covid symptoms, quarantine arrangements for travellers, and with who thinks what in relation to what is safe or not safe to do. So I thought you might like some advice which might just give you a smile!

Take care of yourselves and those you live with!

May Our Lady pray for you and may God bless you

Fr Gordon



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