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Keeping in touch with Fr. Gordon Adam

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Dear All

As ever, I hope this finds you well.

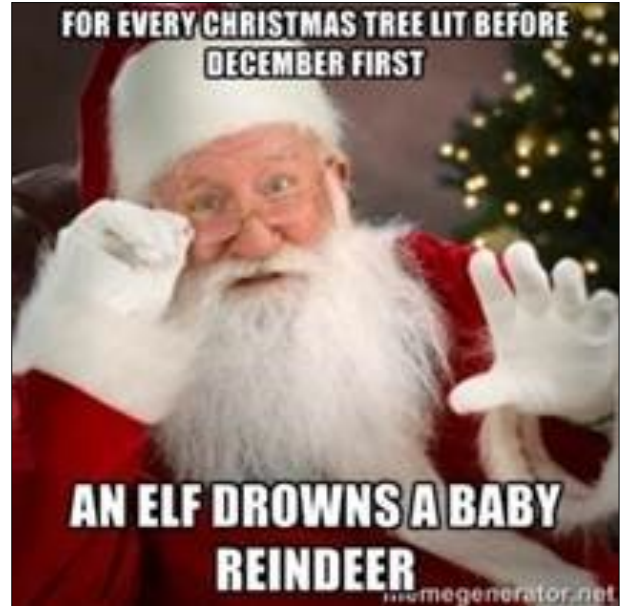
Today marks the centenary of the burial of the "Unknown Soldier" in Westminster Abbey. I have always found the war cemeteries of Northern Europe poignant places to visit, especially wandering around and reading the ages of those buried there. So many lives cut off before proper adulthood had even begun. But at least those buried in these cemeteries have known burial places. So many men who made the ultimate sacrifice lie unknown even today across these fields and their close family never knew the whereabouts of their son's / brother's / uncle's / father's last resting place. May they rest in peace.



It is starting to look as if we will not be allowed public worship until after 2nd December. One conversation I had earlier this week was with somebody who said to me "They won't change their minds. It would be another u-turn". Sadly, I think they are right. One impact of not having public worship is that we have no Sunday collection and once again the parish finances suffer. As in the previous lockdown I will happily provide the parish bank details to anyone who would like to move to giving by standing order. Another way that the parish finances could receive a boost is that (so I am told by our treasurer) quite a lot of people who do give by standing order have not signed a gift aid declaration. If you are a UK taxpayer. Gift Aiding means that we get back from HMRC the tax you have paid on any monies you donate to the parish – 20p for every pound. If you pay tax and have a standing order, but have not signed a Gift Aid declaration let me know and I will send you a proforma declaration. Meantime donations in cash or by cheque can be dropped in to, or posted to us at The Catholic Rectory, North Everard Street, King's Lynn PE30 5HQ.

On the domestic front Queenie was very pleased to be fetched home from the Dogotel on Monday even though she enjoyed her opportunity to run free in the paddock there during her stay. Unfortunately she had somehow managed to tear off one of her dew claws (not the first time she has done something like that). It does not seem to be troubling her one little bit, but a trip to the vet was needed to get antibiotics to make sure the exposed nail bed does not get an infection while it heals. That was an expensive trip to Millhouse Veterinary Hospital on Monday evening!!

But the thing that surprised me most about Monday evening was the number of house windows I saw with Christmas lights and trees – nearly 7 weeks before Christmas and nearly 3 weeks before we even reach the first Sunday of Advent. Has anybody else noticed this? It wasn't just one house, it was several!! By the time Christmas actually arrives they will be so fed up with the decorations they will probably want to take them down before the Queen has addressed the nation.



Finally a reminder that Fr Peter will be giving the first of a new series of talks – “The Thursday Talks” - tomorrow evening at 7.00pm via livestream on our YouTube channel “Our Lady’s Kings Lynn”. During this lockdown period that is also where you can find Mass at 4.00pm Monday to Saturday, and at 11.30am on Sundays.

Carry on taking good care of yourselves and those you live with.

May Our Lady pray for you and May God bless you.

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