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MASS TIMES

Saturday

Vigil Mass at 6.00pm

Church of Our Lady of the Annunciation

Sunday

Mass at 9.30am


Holy Family Church

Mass at 11.30am

Church of Our Lady of the Annunciation

Vespers & Benediction at 4.00pm

Church of Our Lady of the Annunciation



CONFESSIONS

Saturday

10.30am - Holy Family Church

5.00pm - Church of Our Lady of the Annunciation

ALL OTHER SERVICES CAN BE FOUND ON THE PARISH WEBSITE

The link to our YouTube channel is:

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

Mass readings are daily uploaded on the Parish Website:

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

The parish newsletter for the week can also be found on the website.



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EDITORIAL

Dear All,

'Gloria in Excelsis Deo...' is the recurring headline of Christmas. We can't come closer to Jesus as in these days of celebrating the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ. In our heart and soul, we are swept upwards in amazement, we sing our beautiful carols and love the lines '*Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, **God with us.***' '*And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them (the shepherds) and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.*' 'And going into the house, the three wise men saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him.' This is what it means 'God with us'. God now lives with us, is with us, shares with us everything.

Our Lord and Saviour was born in a time of unrest and trouble. We live in a time of unrest and trouble; we are upset by what happens not only in the Holy Land, but everywhere and around us. Yet, God is with us. 'He leadeth us to still waters...'

The drawing of six-year-old Rosie Waters in the Page for the Young translates this confidence beautifully. She shows the Holy Family in a stable with a roof that peaks so high up into the sky that it is parting the heavenly night sky; and the star-studded sky, full of the glory of the angels' songs drapes gently, is moving down and enveloping the stable caressingly. Is it surprising then that the poor shepherds as well as the wise men with their precious gifts depicted outside the stable are hurrying to it to see the glory of God in the form of a baby?

This is the beauty of Christmas.

My love and my wishes for a happy new year are with you.

Lotte

BAPTISMS

20th August	Amiras Alois Uruikis
10th August	Amelia Ana Uruikis
25th August	Marya Kamilé
27th August	Eleanor Santos
26th September	Jewel Czarem Celis
26th September	Arjin Akia Hugo
1st October	Edward Cillian James Bunting
1st October	Nika Kulikauskaite
1st October	Mykolas Lyginas
22nd October	Maucin Mefzaoui
22nd October	Elodie Claire Gautien-Stroudley
5th November	Mary Adesua Akunna Emalumbe
19th November	Shiloh Chimbiebube Obiechina
26th November	Adam Lovic
3rd December	Max Gabriel Cruzada
10th December	Christian Ross Fonte

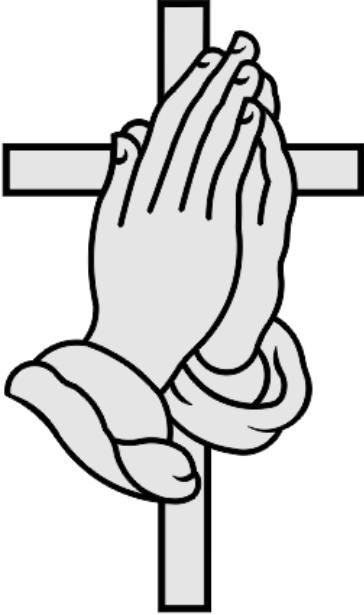


DEATHS

29th January	Patrick Harnett
7th February	John Flanagan
1st March	Brenda Delderfield
12th March	Vaidas Misiunas
26th March	Diana Underdown
31st March	Karolina Lipodatenko
15th April	Martin McDonagh
15th May	Vida Siaudvytiene
22nd May	Dzintars Kjakste
1st June	Raymond Callaghan
12th June	Brian Campbell
3rd July	Edward Holland
25th August	Peter Gilboy
12th September	Margaret Sage
1st October	Dennis Barter
15th October	Eileen Griffiths
29th October	Veronica Lewis
6th November	Imelda Hodkinson
22nd November	Agnes Byatt



PRAYER LIST



Pat Athey
Betty Dockney
Caroline Glazebrook
Mark Griffiths
Beryl Green
Ann Hemming
Ann Lindley
Cathy McNeil
Owen McDonagh
Maria De Rosa
Debbie Roper
Helen Seaman
Renee Thomas
Lorraine Quigley
Sylvia Waddilove
Susan Young

Lord, You still perform miracles today, and I praise You for Your promises of healing and restoration. Today, I claim those promises for my friend. You have the power to change lives through faith, prayer, and Your healing hand. I want to assist You in starting that work in my friend's life. I ask You to surround my friend with peace and strength and give them the faith to believe that everything is possible through You, the Holy Spirit. Amen

BIRTHDAYS

Mike and Eileen (R.I.P.)
were both 90 last April.

So was Pauline.

Chris Lindley was 97 on 8th June,
same birth date as John who was 90.

Anne had a birthday earlier this month
and she was either 92 or 93.



**May the souls of
the faithful departed
rest in peace.**



November, end of the Liturgical Year and a time when we especially remember and pray for those whose earthly lives have ended, most especially our own loved ones.

We remember too our parish friends who have lost close family members. In their dark moments of grief and loneliness, may our prayers give them solace.

I have fond memories of **Dennis Barter**, memories that go back over many years. Dennis made his final 'step on the road to home' on 1st October. Just a few weeks before his death, Dennis was at mass at Our Lady's; what a joy it was to join the queue in the aisle and say, "Hello Dennis! Great to see you!" And indeed, it was just great to see Dennis again. Now rest in peace dear friend.

90th Birthday celebrations for Mike and **Eileen Griffiths** are now fond memories. How happy was Eileen and how nice she looked as she welcomed family and friends to her party. Eileen died on 15th October 2023. May she rest in eternal peace.

And now, sadly, it's farewell to dear **Imelda Hodkinson**. Her smile and memories of a friendship which I greatly treasure will never fade. You'll be missed, dear Imelda, by your wonderful family and by many friends who knew and loved you. You'll never be forgotten. Now rest in peace dear Imelda.

With Brian, Peter and Eddie may all our friends rest in peace.

P. McSherry.



***'Those we love, don't go away, they walk beside us every day,
unseen, unheard, but always near,
still loved, still missed, but very dear.'***

Obituary for Eileen Griffith

Breathe

Hello and welcome. Today we are here to celebrate the long and wonderful life of our dear nan, Eileen.

Eileen Margaret Stephenson, she was born on 22nd May 1933 in Sunderland to parents Agnes and William. Nan was one of 7 children and was sister to Anne, Mary, Fred, Mike and Carol.

Nan moved to Birmingham at the age of 3, she went to St Dunstan's Roman Catholic School.

She wasn't the greatest fan of school what she was good at while she was there was protecting her younger brother Mike, she was always there to fight his battles. Nan had quite the reputation as someone not to be messed with.

Nan met Grandad at a Catholic dance at the Bilsley Hotel, Birmingham, where grandad had the pleasure of asking her to dance. Nan was a beautiful young lady and grandad couldn't believe his luck, only to be disappointed at the end of the night when he offered to walk her home. Nan declined his offer because she had already been asked by someone else. This did not stop grandad in his pursuit for his beautiful Eileen.

Nan and Grandad married at St Dunstan's Roman Catholic Church on 2nd April 1956 and wow didn't she just look stunning. Grandad, you didn't scrub up too bad either.

Birmingham is where their married life began and over the years three children followed. They had a daughter Kim and two sons Mark and Simon. Homelife was always busy with school and work but nan and grandad were hard working, always on the go and very supportive to their needs ensuring everything always came together.

Today we can all look at what they have achieved and aim to try carry on their kind and loving legacy.

Over the years the family has grown and there are 4 generations here today to celebrate the beautiful lady that nan was.

Mother in law to Julie and Tim, who nan supported just as much as her own children.

Seven grandchildren Emma, Danielle, David, Laura, Maddy, Matthew and Charlie who have all been blessed with the best nan who anyone could wish for.

Six great-grandchildren Bethany, Ashton, Abigail Ruby, Harrison and Rosie. Who all adored her nanny GG as she always welcomed them with her amazing smile and precious cuddles.

Nan started her working life at Rackhams Department Store in Birmingham, became a technician in the laboratory at ICI in Kings Norton and her final job was being a dinner lady at St Martha's Roman Catholic Primary School.

I am told by my own children's friends' parents that they remember her from their own school days and tell me what a lovely caring lady she was to them.

The Griffiths family relocated many times due to grandad's work. Wherever they went one thing was consistent in that they created friendships and entertained well with nan's natural ability to feed people and grandad's natural ability to entertain.

The big move came in 1977 and although they didn't stay in Ingoldisthorpe long they very much rooted themselves in West Norfolk. This is where nan felt her happiest and most content with all the beautiful sites she could visit such as the Norfolk coastline, Sandringham and Walsingham.

Sandringham was a special place for us all. Over the years we would meet up multiple times throughout the summer and nan would have prepared a vast array of sandwiches. Her egg mayonnaise and tuna were legendary and have always been our favourites. Grandad would have many blankets, pop up chairs, a table and a dining set as he always liked to sit at the table to eat, a picnic was no different.



Miriam and John have found a new home in Gloucester.

Goodbye to Miriam and John Cairns -

It's not so long since Miriam said to me, "The time has come to make a move. Ask St Joseph to help us find a new home."

"Sure Miriam, I'll do that, but with the help of St Joseph, you could well find yourself in a stable or on a flight into Egypt."

Now, John and Miriam are in Gloucester near their family. Their departure on 10th November was hasty, no time to say farewell.

Miriam and John came to Lynn around 1995, Miriam to take up a post in the QE Hospital. John soon followed; his busy retirement began.

I can only express my memories as a friend. I did not belong to a Bridge Club. I tried to learn the game but was absolutely useless. 'Snap' was just about my level! I would not have been an asset to any choir, particularly the Male Voice Choir. John's singing voice was a pleasure to hear.

John and I, with our good friend Jim Smith, were members of Fakenham Race Course and enjoyed many race meetings together. Win or lose, rain or sunshine, they were great days out.

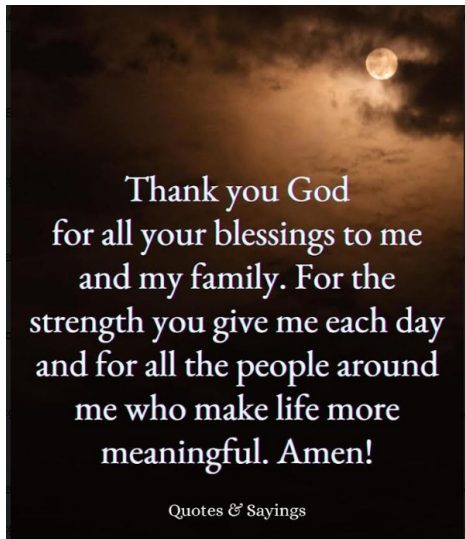
As parishioners Miriam and John gave their all. From the lectern, it was a joy to hear them read. John's contributions to the local paper and our parish magazine were always worth reading.

Miriam and John, I am certain your many friends join me in wishing you well in your new home. No stairs to climb, no bannisters to slide down! Thank you, dear friends, for happy memories. May your home be filled with God's blessings.

We're sad to see you go.

God bless you both.

Pauline McSherry



From Maria Mc Govern. Thank you very much.

Refuse Collector

I don't know his name but he is on the team of refuse collectors who empty my bins every Wednesday. I'm always given a wave and a cheery smile as he passes the kitchen window. It's a grand start to the day. Today I was later than usual and missed his friendly greeting. My kindly team member was concerned and alerted my neighbour. All was well. I was just late getting up. To a busy young man who cares for others I am truly appreciative and sincerely grateful. Thank you for all you do. It's people like you who make the world a better place.

Pauline Mc Sherry

A Winner in our Parish

A parishioner who wishes to remain anonymous, attended 'Great Yarmouth Eastern Festival Race Meeting' on Ladies Day. She may not have backed a winner but she was indeed a winner. She returned home with a generous cheque and the very deserving title "Best Ready Lady of the Day" She certainly was, just take my word for it ! I've seen the photos.

Pauline Mc Sherry



Licensing of new vicar for St John's Church

St John's Church is delighted to invite you to the Licensing ceremony of
The Revd Canon Karlene Kerr.

Please find attached your invitation for Wednesday 10th January 2024.



Gloria in Excelsis Deo



"Gloria in excelsis Deo" (Latin for "Glory to God in the highest") is a Christian hymn known also as the **Greater Doxology** and the **Angelic Hymn** / Hymn of the Angels.

The hymn begins with the words that the angels sang when announcing the birth of Christ to shepherds in Luke 2:14 (in Latin)



PAGE FOR THE ELDERLY



The Wisdom of the Old

The Old Testament teaches us much about wisdom. Wisdom ripens with age. Solomon teaches us about wisdom. However, the ripeness of wisdom, guided by the Holy Spirit, appears in Luke 2,25. There Simeon encounters Mary and Josef in the Temple. 'Simeon took the child Jesus in his arms and praised God, saying, "Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace, as you have promised, I have seen your salvation..." '

2 songs of Thérèse

(Song) Tune: Edelweiss

Abandonment

There's a tree known to me, /in my soul's garden I claim it. / And the fruit from its root, abandonment I now name it. /This is God's meat that tastes strong and sweet/ I refuse it never. / I can say, day by day/ I feast on this banquet forever.

Early days strewed my ways/ with many sufferings and trials. / Now I'm free as you see/ Beneath it all my heart smiles. /For I have learned to forget my pain/ it's in vain to tempt me. / For I know that to grow/ suffering will not exempt me.

Heav'n is mine, love divine/ I to abandonment cleaving. / God's dear will, good or ill, / I find so sweet in receiving. / I learned to let Jesus carry me/ make me free to love him, / Joy and pain are the same/ under his wings for my covering.



Rosie Waters. Year 1. St Martha's Catholic Primary School. King's Lynn.

9th Kings Lynn RC Scout Group

Many parishioners will have seen our Scout Group at the Remembrance Day, laying a wreath at the War Memorial on behalf of the Catholic Parish.

Our Group has carried out this honour many times since the group was founded over 30 years ago.

I am pleased to say that we have an active, well supported and well-run Group. We opened our newest section, Squirrels, for 4–6-year-olds earlier this year, and like the Beavers, Cubs and Scout Sections, we have a waiting list due to our numbers. The group currently has approx. 70 young people across all age ranges and is supported by a group of 12 adult volunteers.

We have had good camps for the Cubs and Scouts at Gilwell Park this summer, and all sections have enjoyed plenty of other activities. The Scouts have recently held a chilly Christmas Camp at the end of November and our Squirrels, Beavers and Cubs will all be heading to Norwich for some festive activity days at Eaton Vale Scout and guide Activity Centre.

We do have waiting lists in place for our sections Squirrels (4-6yrs), Beavers (6-8yrs), Cubs (8-10.5yrs) and Scouts (10.5-14yrs); the biggest problem we currently have that causes the waiting list to grow is the need for more adult volunteers.

Please use the email below if you think you may be able to help out. Even if you have no experience of Scouting, but have the right attitude towards helping young people, then all the training will be supplied.

Thank you.

Simon Allerton,
(Group Scout Leader)

Please visit our web form: <http://bit.ly/join-9thkl>

Or for further information please email: gsl.9thkl@gmail.com

FOR THE TEENAGERS

25-year old Keegan McNamara loves computers but not their designs. “Computers should be heirlooms,” McNamara says. “They should be something that you pass down to your kids. They should be something that you encode a family history on, and not just something you trade in for the newest model in a few years.”



*Keegan McNamara's **Mythic I** computer in his shop in Ojai, California.*

From: The Free Press <bariweiss@substack.com>

Read his story.

You may be inspired to re-design something else, too.

CHARITY PAGE

Churches Together in King's Lynn Peace and Justice Forum 2024

Join us for the Peace and Justice Forum, a FREE event organised by Churches Together in King's Lynn. Ahead of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, this forum is an opportunity to explore issues of social justice that really matter, issues that church leaders of all denominations are experiencing on a daily basis.

It's open to anyone who is interested in social justice from a Christian perspective. Delegates will have the opportunity to reflect on difficult questions and consider how together we can effect action.

Our presenter is Rev Steve Tinning, the Baptist Union's Public Issues Enabler. He divides his working week between the Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT) and the Baptist Union of Great Britain. At heart, Steve is an activist, with practical theology and community-organising theory working as the foundations of a ministry of justice and compassion.

Programme for 13th January 2024

- 10:00am Welcome / House Keeping
- 10.05am Intro to JPIT
- 10.10am HOPE: A society where the poorest and most marginalised are at the centre, Poverty and the Cost-of-Living Crisis
- 10.50am HOPE: A planet where our environment is renewed, Climate Change and the Church
- 11.20am Break and conversations
- 11.45am HOPE: A world which actively works for Peace, Ukraine & Russia / Israel & Gaza
- 12.15pm HOPE: A society that welcomes the stranger, Asylum, Refugees and the Hostile Environment
- 1.00pm Lunch
- 2.00pm Interview with James Wild, MP for North West Norfolk
Or Interview with Andrew Frere Smith, development worker for "Together Norfolk"
- 3.00pm Close

Hosted at Cornerstone Baptist Church, Wisbech Road, King's Lynn.

Light lunch and tea/ coffee will be provided.

Booking essential via Eventbrite

Any questions please email peter@pjstanhoe.co.uk

King's Lynn food bank manager Helen Gilbert concerned by increase in children using charity

“Shocking and heart-breaking” statistics have highlighted the immense challenges West Norfolk families are facing to put food on the table this year.

Lynn’s food bank is currently spending £1,000 every week to top up its supplies ahead of an expected spike in demand in December.

The St Margaret’s Lane charity has already fed 20.4% more people this year than it had at this stage in 2022.

The food bank is currently short on the likes of tinned fruit, meat and fish, and would be delighted if anybody can provide festive items such as trifle or sage and onion stuffing.

Piloting scheme

Revd. David Hagan-Palmer <revdavepalmer@gmail.com>

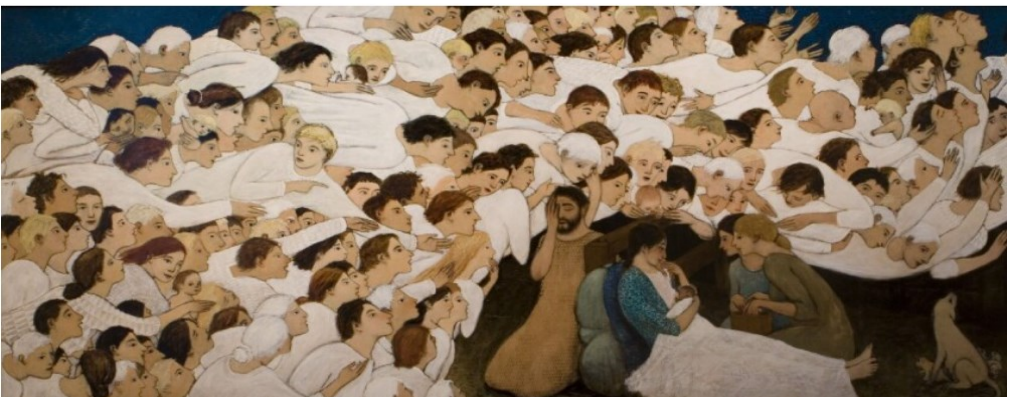
I have been asked by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk to send round the following email for any faith communities that might be interested in taking part in the pilot.

We are excited to announce the pilot for the Faith Security Training project. This is a new course aimed at raising awareness of security risks and how to respond to them. It has been developed by the Home Office, in consultation with experts from security and policing partners, that will be a free learning resource for faith communities.

We would really appreciate if you could promote this training to relevant stakeholders, such as members of faith communities and places of worship.

Website: www.achurchnearlyou.com/St-Margaret-Old-Catton

Email: oldcattonchurch@gmail.com



Brian Kershisnik, “Nativity.” The painting depicts a host of angels flowing past Mary, Joseph and the newly born baby Jesus.

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We wish you a very happy New Year



Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem.