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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 and 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.**

EDITORIAL

Dear All,

Five years ago, the Cathedral of Notre Dame de Paris stood in flames. Crowds gathered outside the cathedral, people were praying and singing hymns with tears streaming down their cheeks as they watched the blaze devouring the roofs of the medieval cathedral. Firefighters were rushing into the cathedral to save treasures, ahead of them Father Fournier who rescued the monstrance holding the Holy Sacraments and the Crown of Thorns, one of Notre Dame's most treasured relics, which is said to be a band of rushes from the original crown of thorns placed on Jesus's head during his crucifixion.



Days after the flames had been extinguished, the first who stepped into the cathedral were dazzled by a miracle: Unharmed stood, surrounded by the mess of charred and burnt-out roof timbers, dazzling, the golden cross of the high altar and the white marble pieta of Our Lady.

Peace dominated this devastation. Peace and calm reigned; the cross with its outstretched golden arms and the pieta, also the saints to either side, embodied Jesus' promise 'I will be with you always. Whatever happens, I will be with you. Why are you so afraid?'

*'This picture is of
Pure hope. Pure reassurance. Pure compassion. Pure promise.'*

A picture of pure trust, love, devotion, commitment and faith is the picture of our pilgrimage at Oxburgh Hall, the House that has defended the Catholic faith for over 500 years.



Faith can be so costly and faith can be so sweet. It must be groomed and protected so that no harm can come to it. How joyous the Walsingham pilgrimage is on the old pilgrim way through a valley of wildflowers.



The cross on the front cover is the restored cross of Notre Dame de Paris, reinstalled days after Pentecost 2024.

May you enjoy a beautiful summer, God bless you all, Lotte .

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WE REQUIRE NEW VOLUNTEERS

Looking for NEW PARISHIONERS who have about 3 hours available on Monday or Tuesday mornings, ONCE a month. Please join the team who COUNT & BANK the parish collections, at the Catholic Rectory in Everard Street. Please contact any priest or deacon or Edd Chomicz (echomicz2@yahoo.co.uk or 07741453797) with your contact details. We require new volunteers.

Thank you

BAPTISMS



Donald Keviniscis
Isabelle Keviniscis
Ryan Dang

Olivia Allum
Kripa Mejo Johny

DEATHS



Francis Pottle
Kathleen Hallinan
Lorraine Quigley

Shirley Grylls
Libby Ramsbottom
Miguel Navarro-Escriche

BIRTHDAYS



Christopher Lindley
turned **98** a few days ago this month.

Pauline Mc Sherry
turned **91** last month.

Mike Griffith
celebrated his **90st** birthday in April.

Renee Thomas
was **90** years old in April.

John Cairns
celebrated his **91st** birthday in June.



PRAYER LIST



**Antonas
Betty Dockney
Mark Griffiths
Beryl Green
Ann Hemming
Ann Lindley
Owen McDonagh
Debbie Roper
Renee Thomas
Sylvia Waddilove**

**Pat Athey
Caroline Glazebrook
Mike Griffiths
Sadie Harris
Bob Hodgkinson
Cathy McNeil
Maria De Rosa
Helen Seaman
Lorraine Quigley
Susan Young**

Please pray for the family of Joe Rodriguez who prints this Magazine and is in charge of the Parish website. He has just lost his daughter Lorraine Quigley.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations and prayers for our Lithuanian children who made their First Holy Communion at Our Lady's Church last Sunday.

MARRIAGE CELEBRATION MASS

Josephine and Tony Burton from the Church of Our Lady of the Annunciation pictured with Bishop Peter at the Marriage Celebration Mass in Norwich.

The couple have been married for 5 years.

Congratulation!



OXBURGH HALL PILGRIMAGE



On Sunday June 2nd with many pilgrims from our own parish and Deanery we celebrated with prayer and joy the feast of Corpus Christi at Oxburgh Hall. It was a memorable and splendid pilgrimage. Heartfelt thanks to John Maria and Tracy McG, good friends who accompanied me on this joyful journey.

It was a day of glorious sunshine. How splendid was the Norfolk countryside as we made our way to Oxburgh Hall. On our arrival we enjoyed an excellent shared picnic lunch before entering the beautiful grounds. The Corpus Christi procession began in the chapel. The Blessed Sacrament in a monstrance was carried by our Canon, accompanied by hymns and prayers of all. The Corpus Christi Procession is a centuries old tradition.

Our memorable day drew to a close with an ice cream and journey home through Sandringham where the rhododendrons were in full bloom. Joy comes in a journey in many, many ways. Thank you to all for the memories of Corpus Christi 2024 at Oxburgh Hall.

Pauline Mc Sherry

June 7th. Feast of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

ST. GERMANS



'It just occurred to me that you may not have the story of the recent events in St. Germans.

Pentecost Sunday saw the 720th anniversary of the dedication of St. Germans church in Wiggshall St. Germans. The celebration in, what is now, an Anglican Church was attended by the Duke of Norfolk who came up from Arundel for the occasion, whose Howard family financed the building of the Church and provided the first Parish Priest.

Among the clergy who attended were Fr. Peter and The Archdeacon from Ely. There was also a handful of people from our church. [The chap in white is the Archdeacon.]' *Tony Burton*

FROM ST. MARTHA'S SCHOOL

THE CROWNING OF OUR BLESSED LADY

The 1st of May this year was no ordinary day for St Martha's Mini Vinnies. Like the previous year in honour of our Blessed Lady. It was decided that the children would recite a decade of the Holy Rosary around the grounds of our beautiful garden at Holy Family Church, finishing with the Crowning of Mary with flowers.



The 16 joyful children took up their position in twos as they left the school grounds whilst singing praises "Ave, Ave, Ave Maria."

They processed towards the church garden carrying baskets of flowers, warmly welcomed and greeted by SVP members and visitors.

Once children all had their own Rosary beads we contemplated on the first Glorious mystery, 'The Resurrection of Jesus'. After a short pause for reflection the children took it in turn to pray the Rosary.

Martha was invited to carry the crown. She lead the children towards Our Lady's statue opposite the Narthex whilst singing the hymn, "Bring Flowers of the Rarest - Oh, Mary we crown thee with blossoms today," could be heard.

The children were invited to share their intercessions, this was done from the heart, a beautiful meaningful child-lead Rosary was completed.

We will continue to recite a decade of the Rosary each week during the month of May.

The children were all a credit to our school and great ambassadors to spreading the Good News of the risen Lord. Amen

Dolores McKenna

LOGAN'S CHALLENGE



On Monday May the 6th, Bank Holiday Monday, the Catholic Diocese of East Anglia held its annual pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham.

Logan Cochran, a young Mini Vinnies lad, proudly wearing his Alb and holding a cross, lead Bishop Peter Collins, accompanied by Bishop Emeritus Bishop Alan Hopes, former Bishop of the diocese.

Logan's Parish Priest Fr Peter Rollins, director of the pilgrimage from Our Lady of the Annunciation church, King's Lynn, was a pillar of support, also to Logan, knowing how nervous Logan was and encouraged his participation and walked forth together in faith.

The clergy and parishioners from all over the diocese were echoing the responses along the Holy Mile to the shrine.

Logan didn't look back as he walked forward in the glorious sunshine with ease. Pacing his footsteps in time to beautiful hymns and the recitation of the Holy Rosary overcoming all his fears of "not getting it right".

Logan's parents and sister were so proud of him for taking on this responsible challenge, as was our parish and myself, his Godmother.

I hope Logan will inspire young people to actively participate in church, diocesan pilgrimages and duties in the future.

Such a worthwhile experience and blessing. Thank you, Logan, for saying, "I'll do my best!!"

Dolores McKenna

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL'S BIRTHDAY

On Wednesday the 24th of April, our St. Martha's Mini Vinnies held a party to celebrate St. Vincent de Paul's 79th birthday!! Before the party began, the President Alyssa and Vice President Sara lead us all in the opening prayer.

Then the children were introduced to our guest visitor Mr Jim Smith.

And so it goes: 50 yrs. of his devoted time, compassion, respect, trust, faith, generosity and friendship to mention a few. These are some of the qualities necessary to being a good Vincentian which truly became apparent in the various roles Jim has undertaken and continues to do to this day.

From the very beginning, like St. Vincent de Paul, Jim visited the sick in the hospitals, brought them church newsletters, sandwiches, juice, books and said a prayer if requested.

The children gasped, their faces said it all for they too wanted to be Saints!!



Jim's roles and responsibilities included being President and Treasurer of King's Lynn SVP, which he loved doing and carried out diligently for sure. He attended numerous conferences to inform him of the up-to-date information vital to equip him to be a better SVP member.



There are now over 150 St. Vincent de Paul Societies around the world. Fundraising played a major role too, raising money for charity to help the poor and less fortunate. He chatted about how money is channelled to wherever there is a need. From Gaza, India, Ukraine and Africa, hungry mouths need to be fed.

In 2011 Jim helped the King's Lynn Food Bank as it was setting up by serving the local community with items of food and other necessities.

Important questions were put to Jim, some serious, some a bit more light-hearted. He took it all in his stride to be fair. Questions like, "was it only men when SVP started?" "How old are you?" "Have you ever seen St Vincent de Paul?" "If your dad was born 2 centuries ago how old does that make you? What year were you born?"

PAGE FOR THE ELDERS



In their Nineties

The Elders celebrated the 90th birthdays of Renee and of Mike on the 9th of April in a celebration at Holy Family church.

What a happy gathering it was. We were treated to tea, coffee and snacks, happy conversations and the joy to be in a large group of like-minded guests. 'Do you remember....?' 'When we first' 'I did the same' It was not only reminiscence, it was enjoying conversations and opinions - that was the salt of the conversations. There were so much wit and so much laughter! Only a long and not always easy life can create such wonderful minds.

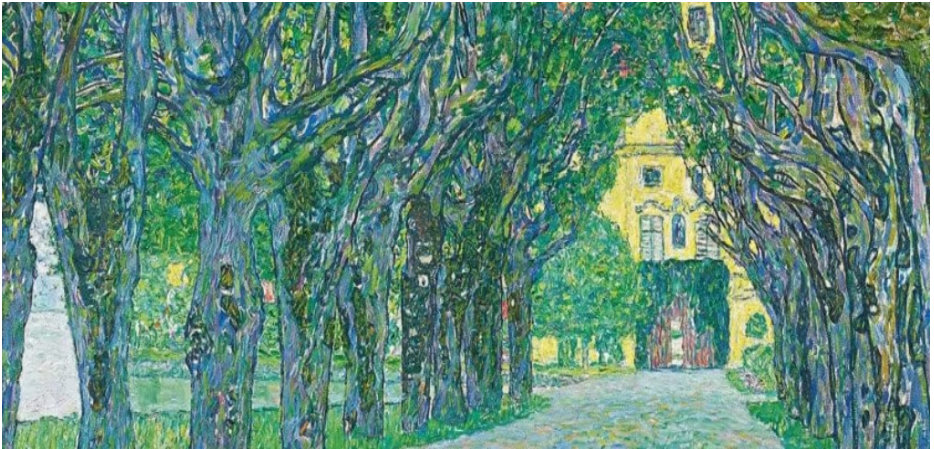
At noon we had Mass and Mike gave the sermon.

Lunch was a buffet of most delicious delicacies, it was almost impossible to decide what to choose. And then came the time to cut the cake. Mike is such a good speaker and Renee, well done! The candles were lit and the cake divided.

Best wishes to Renee and to Mike, God bless you both.

The Elders meet fortnightly on a Tuesday at Holy Family Church from about 10am onwards. The next meetings will be:

**June 18 / July 02 / July 16 / July 30
Newcomers are most welcome.**



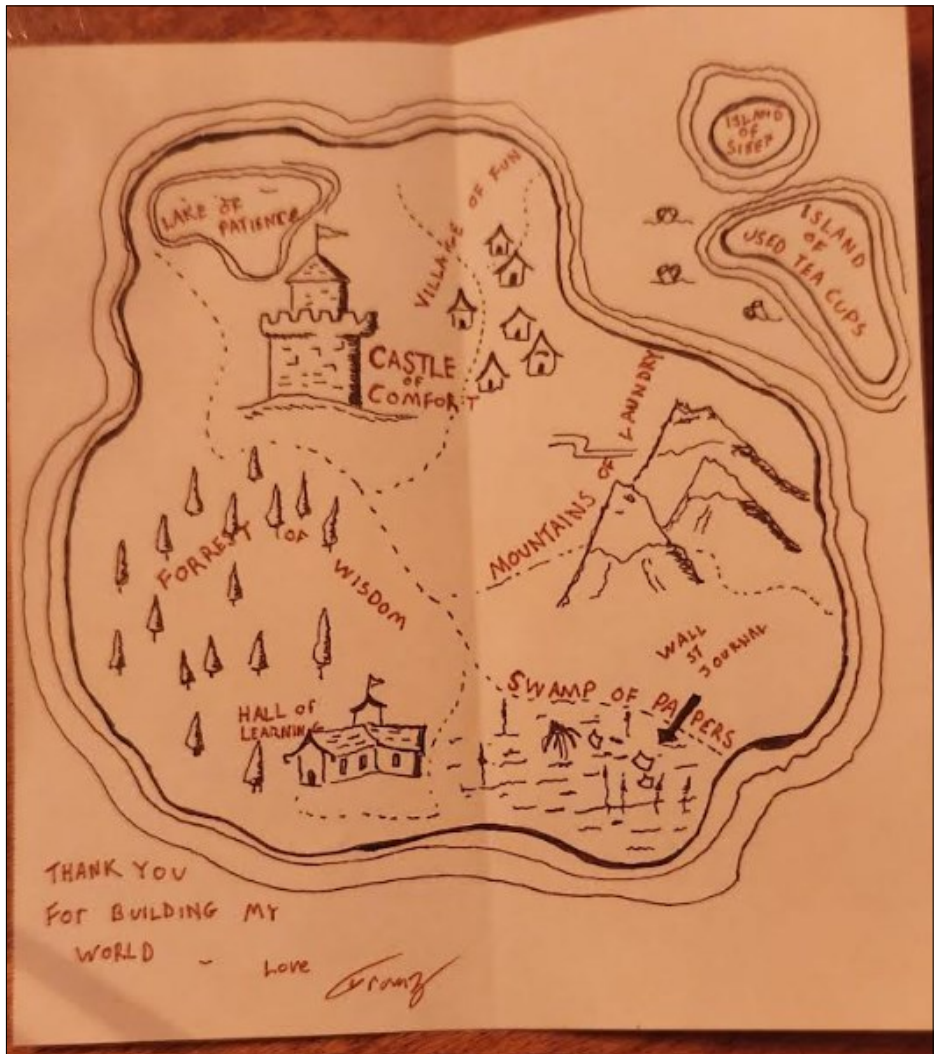


PAGE FOR THE YOUNG



Watercolour of the Cross by Rosie – A child's hand pinpoints the beauty, the promise and the truth of the sacrifice on the Cross.

... AND THE YOUNG WHO HAVE
ALREADY MATURED A BIT



Franz's gift to his mother for Mothering Sunday.

“Hello to Past Pupils.”

“Is there anyone in this parish you haven’t taught?” Words put to me on more than one occasion by Father Gordon. “Yes, Father, a few.”

Well! Probably more than just a few, but, there are certainly many in the parish that I have taught and I remember them all very well.

After 33 years in my teaching career which began in St Mary’s School in Church Lane in 1955, past pupils are many. “Hello Miss,” gives me great pleasure to hear in town, in church, read on an envelope or in an email. Keep writing, you will get a reply.

Recently and much to my surprise and pleasure Nicholas Farr sent me some of his poetry, a talent he discovered and developed when housebound during Covid. Well done and thank you Nick. Your English teacher is proud of you. Stephen, his older brother, is a regular reader at Mass. Keep going boys, you are a credit to St Martha’s. Just today I had a long and interesting letter from Christopher Brophy. More from Chris in this copy of your parish magazine. Thanks Christopher, great to read all your news.

How about a “Past Pupils’ Page” in the Grape Vine?

It’s almost 70 years since some of us first met. It would be just so good to hear from you. Take comfort, at 91 I have mellowed!

Lots of love

“Miss”

Pauline Mc Sherry.

June 1st 2024



ACTIVITIES FOR THE YOUNG

Interested in Astronomy?

<https://www.cambridgeastronomicalassociation.com/>

Sun, 21 Apr | Wisbech

'STEM IN THE FENS' IN WISBECH

Join us every weekend for some STEM-based fun and discovery!



<https://www.cambridgesciencecentre.org/events/stem-in-the-fens-in-wisbech-9>



Vinnie Camps regular, 11-year-old Ed Allen (pictured centre with his friends) says: "I love going to camp – it's my favourite holiday. It's awesome! I've been going for three years now and every year I've completely fallen more in love with it! "It has so many fantastic activities... and loads of competitions which we can win medals for. The helpers are really good and they are like having a big brother or sister to look after you.

"One of the best parts is meals! There are so many choices... and there are always seconds and sometimes thirds!"

<https://svp.org.uk/vinnie-camps>

CHARITY PAGE



I am very pleased to say we are in our new premises!

You are warmly invited to attend the official opening of North Lynn Food Hub at 4 Walpole Road, PE30 2DZ, on Wednesday 19th June at 11 am, followed by refreshments at the Beacon café afterwards.



the purfleet trust

In April we provided:

- 527** drop-ins to our Health & Wellbeing Centre
- 495** meals provided to our clients
- 259** 1-1 sessions with clients
- 19** gym sessions held at our [on-site gym](#)

And much, much more

The Purfleet Pantry's first Birthday!

On Friday we had a brilliant day celebrating **the Purfleet Pantry's 1st birthday!**

Over the past year we've made a huge impact in the community, and this is all thanks to the supportive local community and local businesses. Thank you to everyone involved with the Pantry for making it all possible and all the members who have joined the Pantry community so far.

Hello everyone!

The Foodbank is advertising for a new Operations Coordinator.

I've attached an advert for the position (it's in a few different formats - hopefully you'll find one that suits you!), and I'd be very grateful if you could forward this to the members of your church and encourage them to forward it on to anyone that may be interested.

The closing date is June 3rd, so there's quite a tight turn around. Any help you can give us would be very much appreciated.

God Bless,

Helen Gilbert

helen@kingslynn.foodbank.org.uk

CAP King's Lynn Debt Centre - update

After working as a volunteer debt coach for two and half years, I took on the role of Debt Centre Manager in January 2024. At present, I am the only debt coach and we are planning to recruit a second agent in the Autumn. I have a team of eight volunteers for client visits and events.

Since the start of the debt centre almost eight years ago, the service has cleared £481,978 and 44 households have gone debt-free (including 136 children). Three clients have gone debt-free in the last six months. The most recent client couldn't believe she was finally debt-free when I called to give her the news. I had to explain to her several times how this was possible.

Prayer: Monthly prayer meetings at the King's Centre are generally well attended. I am pleased to announce that CAP money coaches from Downham Market will join us this month.

SVP – Foodbank

The SVP continue collecting money for the foodbank. There is a box in the wall, on the righthand side of the door, when leaving the narthex of Holy Family church. Offerings, large or small, will be gratefully appreciated.

Thank you.

EC

MISSIO

I have recently received confirmation from Missio to inform us that £1277.91 was raised by the parish during 2023 through the Red Boxes, including individuals giving directly. On behalf of missio I would like to thank all those who are part of the scheme, whether by collecting in their **Red Box** or making a Direct Debit.

Kind Regards
Stephen Farr



Frederick Cayley Robinson (1862–1927) Acts of mercy 1st painting

The Wellcome Library's collections of paintings, drawings, prints and photographs were created to document a particular range of subjects in all places and at all times, and the 'Works of Mercy' is one of those subjects. The Library already had a number of pictures on this theme when it acquired in 2009 four large paintings called Acts of Mercy by **Frederick Cayley Robinson** (1862–1927). Cayley Robinson's four paintings were originally commissioned to hang in the entrance hall of the Middlesex Hospital in London, where they inspired thousands of patients and staff members over the years.

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