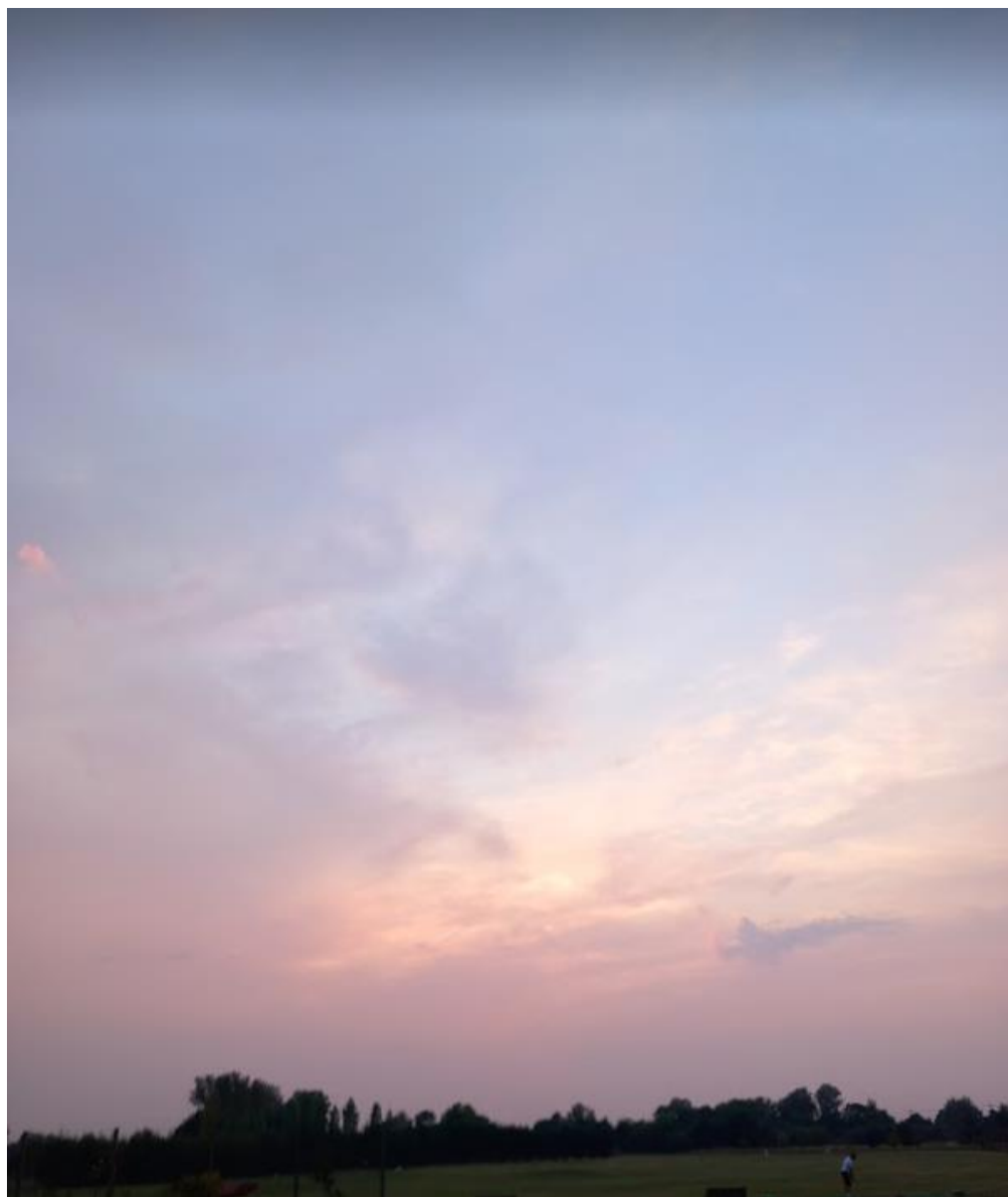


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MASS TIMES

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 You Tube channel is :

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8V03017usRZiKoTirwBAKg>

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,

In our Fenlands, the sky dominates the landscape. Much of the topography is like a horizontal line drawn free hand, making the sky into a divine screen on which there is an endless display of constantly changing clouds, hues of colours, of gusts of air which are forming imaginary shapes that slowly dissolve into patterned veils – it is a screen with no beginning or end, and rests on that bluish line that we call the horizon.

- 1 *The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.*
- 2 *Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.*
- 3 *They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them.*
- 4 *Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.*

Now is the season of golden mornings, the Northern Lights, of shooting stars and the evenings clad in rose. *'Nunc dimittis servum tuum, Domine, secundum verbum tuum in pace: Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word.'*

How naturally come the words of Simeon's canticle to mind when the reddish glow of the evening sun bids good night to the remaining hours of the day. Simeon must have spent countless hours pondering 'the glory of God', by watching the skies, the skies 'that have no speech', yet 'reveal knowledge' and this way he learned, I feel, to trust God and therefore recognized Jesus at once. May you enjoy and treasure these shorter days and find answers to questions in the bosom of these luscious evenings.

God bless you all, Lotte

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Isabelle Klevinskyte
Olivia Allum
Donas Klevinscis
Lucas Kneizys
Grace Joy Ashwell
Elio Minalabag
Amelia Cledera
Domas Janulevicius
Isabella Babiano



DEATHS

Janette Nolan
Annie Lenox
Miguel Navarro-Escriche
Peter Morley
Francis Pottle
Shirley Grylls
Libby Ramsbottom

PETER MORLEY R.I.P.

"Please remember in your prayers Peter Morley who has died, aged 94. Peter was a staunch member of Our Lady's choir for many years. May he rest in peace"

P. McSherry

CLL.R. GEOFFREY WAREHAM R.I.P.

There was a Memorial Mass for Councillor Geoffrey Wareham, former Mayor of King's Lynn, who died recently. Geoffrey, who was a parishioner of St. Dominic's, Downham Market, formally opened our extension and the Wigglesworth Room in 2009.

BIRTHDAYS

Michael McCarthy

Happy Birthday to Michael McCarthy, who will be celebrating his 90th birthday on the 13th of October

Happy Birthday to Miriam Cairns and to Chris and Anne Lindley

PARISH SICK LIST

Antonas
Betty Dockney
Mark Griffiths
Sadie Harris
Ann Lindley
Cathy McNeil
Helen Seaman
Susan Young

Pat Athey
James Donaldson
Mike Griffiths
Ann Hemming
Owen McDonagh
Maria De Rosa
Renee Thomas

Tony Burton
Caroline Glazebrook
Beryl Green
Bob Hodgkinson
Pauline McSherry
Debbie Roper
Sylvia Waddilove

BLESSINGS OF A PRIEST

The blessing of the priest is important and of great power. Whoever accepts the blessing from the hand of a priest of the church in faith and blessing is spiritually benefited by it. St. John Chrysostom calls the priestly blessing "a spiritual weapon that makes the Christian safe from the wiles of the devil." "It is not man who blesses," says the saint, "but God with his hand and tongue."



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025

We have 22 applicants for the next
Holy Communion programme.

PAULINE McSHERRY

GOODWINS HALL CARE HOME, KING'S LYNN

I am quite certain news of my new residence will have reached every corner of our parish. "If you want to see Pauline, join the queue or make an appointment!" so I've been told.

Parish, Family and Friends have been my strength and my support, since leaving home. I simply want to say to all of you "Thank you, a very big thank you for your visits, prayers, cards, letters and love".

A very special thank you to Fr Gordon for his spiritual and constant visits. To my many friends and past clergy just keep coming. I've been a member of the parish since 1947 when I attended the Consecration of Our Lady's Church. Age may be catching up but my memory travels a long way.

Again, thank you and God Bless.

From. Pauline McSherry

With Love.

Look at the lilies of the field

Is there an occasion or an event when flowers are not fitting?

It's well-nigh impossible to answer my opening question.

However, since taking up residence here in Goodwins Hall I have found that beautiful bouquets of blooms do present their problems.

Please, please dear readers if you have come bearing such gifts, remember just how much joy an armful of a florist's finest come with an armful of joy, and for that I can only send in return my appreciation and thanks galore.

So, what is the problem? Well! I'll tell you. Lack of space, suitable containers, shortage of greenery and frequently, too, shortage of a helping hand. Recently Julia, a past pupil of many years ago came with such a bouquet. Flowers as lovely as her curly hair and her charming self. No more problems, I thought, these flowers must go to Holy Family Church in honour of our blessed Lady, and there give joy to many. Who better than my good friend Maria McG could take charge of them? Here are Julia's flowers arranged by Maria and spreading joy throughout our parish.

Thank you to all who inspired me to solve the problem. A very special thank you to you, dear Julia, for happy memories and the joy you have spread throughout the parish. Problems solved! No problem with Maria.

Pauline McSherry
Goodwins Hall



WERE YOU THERE?

IT'S FLOWER FESTIVAL TIME



Miss Pauline McSherry, deputy head of St Martha's R.C. Primary (back right) with pupils, alongside some of the flower festival exhibits. (88/5334).

AT GAYWOOD . . . AND WOLFERTON

IT WAS flower festival time at the Holy Family Church, Gaywood, last week, thanks to St Martha's R.C. Primary School, Lynn.

The entire church was decked out in flowers and artwork. All forms in the school contributed something, be it a floral decoration made at

home or artwork done during the term.

Included in the displays was an impressive section by members of the lunchtime calligraphy club.

Deputy head of the school, Miss Pauline McSherry, was responsible for arranging the event which was also put on two years ago. She said that she is retiring at the end of the term and felt she would like to put on another festival before she goes.

Parents and pupils from St Martha's, plus two other schools, went along to see the display and on the second day a Benediction service was held.

WOLFERTON Church celebrated its flower festival last weekend with colourful arrangements depicting wedding anniversaries.

Villagers created floral designs to match individual themes of anniversaries. These ranged from the first of paper to diamonds of 60 years.

The font was decorated in shades of green for emerald while the chapel had blooms of deep red for ruby. Vivid blue delphiniums symbolised sapphire and delicate blooms were used to portray lace.

Organiser and churchwarden, Mrs May Southgate, from the village

Post Office, said the festival had been a great success.

A raffle was held which had first prize of a tea service donated by the Queen.

Visitors could also enjoy light lunches and teas in rooms filled with scented blossoms.

Craft work of villagers was on sale. Items included tapestry, paintings and knitwear.

The three-day festival ended with Songs of Praise service held on Sunday evening.

During this 11 year-old Jacinda Woolf, from Wolferton, sang a song which she had written herself.

'Miss Pauline McSherry, deputy head of St Martha's R.C. Primary (back right) with pupils, alongside some of the flower festival exhibits.'

A Flower Festival in Holy Family Church

From our classroom window in St Martha's School we watched Holy Family Church grow from its foundations to its completion in 1985.

Thank you to Madeleine Thomas who sent me this cutting from the Lynn News, my guess it was around 1985, soon after Holy Family was opened.

Activities in our new church were many and varied. From school masses to morning assemblies, art exhibitions in the narthex to celebrating special feast days of the liturgy. St Francis of Assisi was always popular. Pupils from nearby Gaywood Primary showed great interest, taking any opportunity to peep inside a catholic church. The answer to that was so obvious, invite them in! Their top forms joined us for morning assembly, hymns and prayers were chosen by pupils from both schools. Parents too were invited. A true ecumenical spirit pervaded from those very early days.

One of our outstanding and memorable events was a flower festival. All displays were the work of pupils, accompanied by their art works and very accomplished calligraphy from our newly formed lunch time "Calligraphy Club".

A very special thanks to Bob Hodkinson for his support and invitation to the Berol Factory where we were given wonderful VIP treatment. Invitations were posted far and wide. From the church kitchen refreshments were served to parents and guests by "Martha's Celebrities". Health-and-safety was not in vogue, all went well.

So many joyful and fond memories have travelled with me down the years since the opening of St Martha's in 1957. Thank you so much Madeleine for helping me recall the good times. All else is forgiven!

Now dear readers, tell me, are you in the picture? I know readers of the GrapeVine would love to hear from you. I, your teacher would be so happy to have news of a class I was so proud of forty years ago. Find a pen!

God Bless you all.

Pauline McSherry.

September 1st 2024

ST MARTHA'S SCHOOL COMMUNITY FUN DAY



FUND RAISING BIG SCREEN EVENT IS BACK !

After unforeseen postponement ... Horses, FISH & CHIPS, Bingo etc.

This event is returning on

Saturday 21st. September,

@ St. Martha's 2.00pm till 5.00pm.

Tickets £10 for entry & food.

Bingo cards / liquid refreshments / tote / raffle = extras.

Tickets available soon through the Knights of St Columba

CHURCHES TOGETHER

The Facebook page for Churches Together in King's Lynn, which is run by Revd Kyla Sorenson, can be found here :
<https://www.facebook.com/ChurchesTogetherKL/>



AGM



5-minute talks on local church projects.

Wednesday 2nd October 2024 at 7.00pm

at the

Cornerstone King's Lynn Baptist Church,
Wisbech Rd., South Lynn, PE30 5JS.

**The AGM of Churches Together
will start at
7.00pm
on
Wednesday 2nd October 2024
at the
Cornerstone Baptist Church.**

The date of the AGM has been changed so please circulate the attached poster and information to your church members.

Soup will be provided at the start of the meeting.

I do hope that you can come along.

Best wishes,

Peter Coates

COULD YOU BE OUR NEW TREASURER?

We are currently looking for a new Treasurer for our Foodbank.

This volunteer role is a vital part in maintaining the charity's integrity and daily running of our foodbank. If you could be interested in finding out more, please email Richard, our Chair of Trustees :

richard@kingslynn.foodbafoodbank.org.uk Tel : 07852 558143

Info@kingslynn.foodbank.org.uk



FOR THE CATECHUMEN



Why do Catholics cross their head, lips, and heart at Mass?

During Mass, we make a little cross on our head, lips, and heart, because these outward gestures made with our bodies are pointing to an inward prayer that is happening in our hearts. When the Gospel is about to be read, the priest says: 'A Reading from the Gospel according to St____.' The congregation then responds, 'Glory to You Oh Lord,' making a small cross with their thumb over their forehead, lips, and chest. Remember, the cross itself is a sign of redemption in and through Jesus Christ. When we make this sign of the cross, in any form, it's an outward act to profess our inward faith in the Trinity. This sign declares that, through our baptism, we belong to God. The reason for making a cross during this period of the Mass is to highlight the importance of the Word of God we are about to hear.

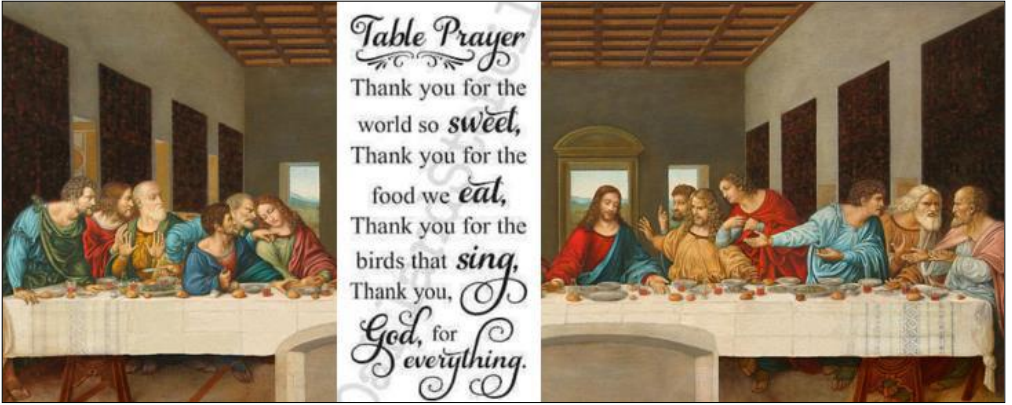
St Paul taught us:

'For the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart' (Hebrews 4:12). In the outward sign of crossing our forehead, lips, and heart, we are asking that the Word of God to pierce our mind, lips, and hearts. We cross our forehead so that the Word of God may be in our thoughts and purify our minds. We cross our lips so that our speech may be holy and incline us to share the Gospel with others. And we cross our hearts to invite God to strengthen our love for Him and others. All of this is so that we might know, proclaim, and love Jesus Christ all the more.

So next time you're at mass and the Gospel is about to be proclaimed pray that 'The word of God be ever in my mind, proclaimed by my lips, and pierce my heart leading me to deeper communion with you, Jesus.'

Catechist At Work

TABLE PRAYER



A PRAYER FOR EVERY MORNING

Dear Lord, be with me today and guide me.
Open my heart and my eyes to my understanding
so that I learn to become sensitive towards
what is right and what is wrong.

Dear Lord, I love you.

Please keep me safe all day long.

I thank you so much
for everything that you have given me.

Amen.



PAGE FOR THE ELDERS

THE ELDERS

The Elders are holding a MacMillan Coffee Morning
on Tuesday 17th September
from 10.30am to 12.00 noon
at Holy Family Church.

Please join us and raise some money for this very worthy cause.
We look forward to seeing you.

LATE RIPENESS

BY CZESLAW MILOSZ

TRANSLATED BY ROBERT HASS AND CZESLAW MILOSZ

Not soon, as late as the approach of my ninetieth year,
I felt a door opening in me and I entered
the clarity of early morning.

One after another my former lives were departing,
like ships, together with their sorrow.

And the countries, cities, gardens, the bays of seas
assigned to my brush came closer,
ready now to be described better than they were before.

I was not separated from people,
grief and pity joined us.
We forget—I kept saying—that we are all children of the King.

For where we come from there is no division
into Yes and No, into is, was, and will be.

We were miserable, we used no more than a hundredth part
of the gift we received for our long journey.

Moments from yesterday and from centuries ago—
a sword blow, the painting of eyelashes before a mirror
of polished metal, a lethal musket shot, a caravel
staving its hull against a reef—they dwell in us,
waiting for a fulfilment.

I knew, always, that I would be a worker in the vineyard,
as are all men and women living at the same time,
whether they are aware of it or not.

SUMMER FUN



Franz and his younger brother Friedrich spent their summer holidays at Cape May. They endeavoured to build a replica of St Peter's Dome in Rome on the sandy beach.

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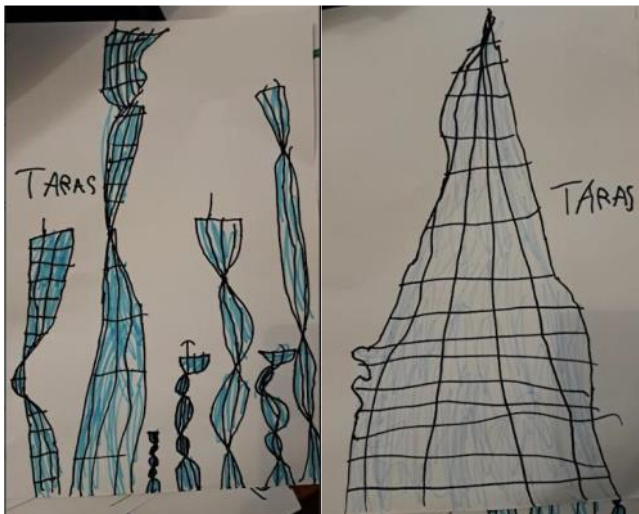
6-year-old Rosie said that she has drawn this picture with a dove because she thinks there should be peace everywhere.



PAGE OF THE YOUNG



And Taras said, "This is my world."



"And this is my Twist City."

'CHARITY SUFFERETH LONG AND IS KIND...'

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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**

'Holy Family Sunday morning Coffee.

Thanks to everyone who have supported us for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat. With the support of Fr. Peter we have been able to gift the S. V. P. food bank £100 for their funds. Special thanks to all who have Helped us over the years. Why not join us for a cuppa and a chat. Since H.F. Church opened in 1985 the 9:30 Mass Sunday morning Coffee has raised over £9,000. For the Church and Church Charities. **Pat Athey'**

THANK YOU

To the donor of **two Marian chasubles** to be used in honour of Our Lady at Holy Family Church.



At our last Quaker Meeting for Church Affairs, we discussed the possible use of the Quaker Meeting House as a "Hot Spot" during the winter. However, we Quakers certainly do not have the personnel to manage such a space.

We are wondering whether any of the members of Churches Together would be interested in using our warm space in the Meeting House, and managing their own volunteers?

In Friendship, Jenny Luck (Clerk) <janmaluck54@gmail.com>

OXBURGH HALL PROCESSION



Oxburgh Hall today, on the 2nd of June, showing the clergy and over 200 parishioners in the Corpus Christi Procession entering the Hall over the moat bridge in bright daylight. The concealed, and never discovered priest hole in the Hall tells of the persecution of the Catholic Church that began during Elizabeth I reign. The Bedingfeld family have remained staunch defenders of the Catholic faith until today. (M McG-Photo)



Anne Bedingfeld (1651/1652–1701) as a Carmelite Nun, Flemish School, late 17th century. She holds a prayer-book in her right-hand which rests on the fingers of her left hand. At the right is a gilt-bronze bust of the Virgin of Sorrows. A small drapery, like a curtain, is on the left. Inscription, top left, reads 'Anne, daughter of Sir Henry Bedingfeld, a nun at Ghent in Flanders'. Caption below states 'Anne Bedingfeld, daughter of 1st Baronet, Carmelite nun at Lierre...' Anne was safe in Lierre; Flanders, a neighbour of France, would soon suffer from the effects of the French Revolution that had cruelly abolished the Catholic Church in France.



RED MOUNT PROCESSION



To the left we see Father Peter outside the Red Mount Chapel on the Annual Procession of Our Lady of Walsingham on Sunday the 18th of August.

The Procession was very well attended, as I read in the Pew Sheet, 'It was a joyful celebration of Our Lady. Many thanks to all who helped-the KSC for stewarding, the young people who carried the statue and the banner, the singers, those who provided and served tea and the King's Lynn Morris who honoured Our Lady with their music and dancing. A memorable event.'

ST JOSEPH'S HOUSE

St Josephs House is near completion.

Thanks to a grant given by the **Lynn Town Guides**, the House has undergone renovation.

The money was accrued from the walks the guides undertook last year.

RADIO MARIA

<https://radiomariaengland.uk/radio-maria/history/>

Listen on DAB+King's Lynn, download the FREE mobile app, "Radio Maria Play," or visit www.RadioMariaEngland.uk.

Radio Maria started as a small enterprise in Italy in 1987 and became a global voice in 1998. It offers opportunities to pray with others on-air, to learn about Catholic events in the country and to listen to speakers.



On Sunday September 1, the Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady in Walsingham hosted the Dowry of Mary Pilgrimage. The event drew a crowd of around 3,500 people, from over 30 nationalities.

MARCH FOR LIFE

The March for Life UK has taken place in London on Saturday 7th September 2024. Hundreds of pro-life campaigners have gathered in central London for the annual March for Life to protest against attempts to further liberalise abortion in the UK.

OxyPrem

OxyPrem is a team of young scientists that has developed **Advanced Algorithms, Reusable High-Precision Sensors Designed for Smallest Patients Protecting Brain and Vital Organ Health in Neonates and Infants Worldwide**. This team has worked tirelessly for five years on developing a device that helps prematurely born babies. Just 5 minutes of inadequate oxygenation are enough to cause permanent brain damage. 46% of survivors of severe prematurity suffer from life-long consequences. **OxyPrem provides precise and accurate brain oxygen monitoring, so that medical teams can react before damage occurs.**

Please read <https://www.oxyprem.com/>



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YEAR OF PRAYER
in preparation for the Jubilee Year 2025

PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Pope Francis' Jubilee Prayer

The Jubilee Year 2025 logo features a central cross with a rainbow arching over it. The text 'JUBILEE 2025' is written in a curve above the cross, and 'PILGRIMS OF HOPE' is written in a curve below it. The Pope Francis' Jubilee Prayer logo is a circular emblem with a shield in the center, topped with a crown, and surrounded by text.

THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless
cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both
humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
Amen.

Francis

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