



Catholic Parish of King's Lynn

Church of Our Lady of the Annunciation
London Road, King's Lynn, Norfolk. PE30 5HQ

Holy Family Church
Field Lane, Gaywood, King's Lynn, Norfolk. PE30 4AY

DEACON SHAUN MORRISON'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday — February 02, 2025

Dear Friends,



Today is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. (Candlemas Day)

"The Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory"

The link for the live stream of the **11.30am Mass from Our Lady's** is:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/P7I5zz2WcUQ?si=4V5Q6RLBMqkWsNe->

From the Office of Readings for 2 February - The Presentation of the Lord

A reading from a sermon by St. Sophronius.

Let us accept the clear and eternal light.

In honour of the divine mystery that we celebrate today, let us all hasten to meet Christ. Everyone should be eager to join the procession and to carry a light.

Our lighted candles are a sign of the divine splendour of the one who comes to expel the dark shadows of evil and to make the whole universe radiant with the brilliance of his eternal light. Our candles also show how bright our souls should be when we go to meet Christ.

The Mother of God, the most pure Virgin, carried the true light in her arms and brought him to those who lay in darkness. We too should carry a light for all to see and reflect the radiance of the true light as we hasten to meet him.

The light has come and has shone upon a world enveloped in shadows; the Dayspring from on high has visited us and given light to those who lived in darkness. This, then, is our feast, and we join in procession with lighted candles to reveal the light that has shone upon us and the glory that is yet to come to us through him. So let us hasten all together to meet our God.

The true light has come, the light that enlightens every man who is born into this world. Let all of us, my brethren, be enlightened and made radiant by this light. Let all of us share in its splendour, and be so filled with it that no one remains in the darkness. Let us be shining ourselves as we go together to meet and to receive with the aged Simeon the light whose brilliance is eternal. Rejoicing with Simeon, let us sing a hymn of thanksgiving to God, the Father of the light, who sent the true light to dispel the darkness and to give us all a share in his splendour.

Through Simeon's eyes we too have seen the salvation of God which he prepared for all the nations and revealed as the glory of the new Israel, which is ourselves. As Simeon was released from the bonds of this life when he had seen Christ, so we too were at once freed from our old state of sinfulness.

By faith we too embraced Christ, the

salvation of God the Father, as he came to us from Bethlehem. Gentiles before, we have now become the people of God. Our eyes have seen God incarnate, and because we have seen him present among us and have mentally received him into our arms, we are called the new Israel. Never shall we forget this presence; every year we keep a feast in his honour.

Responsory

- ℟. The glory of the Lord entered the temple by the gate facing east,* and the glory of the Lord filled the temple.
- ℣. Mary and Joseph brought the child Jesus into the temple,* and the glory of the Lord filled the temple.

Monday 3 February is **St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr**

St Blaise

He was bishop of Sebaste and was martyred, probably early in the fourth century. Devotion to him spread throughout the Church during the Middle Ages. He is particularly invoked for disorders of the throat.

Source: <https://universalis.com/europe.england.eastanglia/20250203/today.htm>

BLESSING OF THROATS

The traditional Blessing of St. Blaise will be available after the 12 Noon Mass at Our Lady's on Monday.

Wednesday 5 February is the Memorial of **St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr.**

St Agatha

She was martyred at Catania in Sicily, probably during the persecution of Decius (250-253). Devotion to her was widespread in the Church in the earliest times and she is mentioned in the Roman Canon of the Mass.

Source: <https://universalis.com/europe.england.eastanglia/20250205/today.htm>

Thursday 6 February is the **Memorial of St. Paul Miki and Companions**

St Paul Miki (1564/6 - 1597)

He was born in Japan between 1564 and 1566. He joined the Society of Jesus and preached the gospel to the Japanese people with great success. When a persecution of the Catholics arose he was arrested together with twenty-five others. Mocked and tortured, they were eventually taken to Nagasaki on 5 February 1597, bound to crosses and speared.

Source: <https://universalis.com/europe.england.eastanglia/20250206/today.htm>

Important dates for your diary -

Friday 7 February:

10am-at Holy Family Church: School Mass with Bishop Peter.

7pm-at Our Lady's Church: Holy Hour for Vocations. (Time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament to pray for vocations in our diocese)

Saturday 8 February 2025:

Caritas East Anglia Festival

Please come and celebrate, at the invitation of Rt Revd Peter Collins Bishop of the Diocese of East Anglia, the work of local organisations involved in social outreach. You will learn about the work undertaken locally by the CAP Debt Centre, Companions in Bereavement, the Kings Lynn Foodbank, the Night Shelter and the Purfleet Trust as well as CAFOD, the Catenians, Stella Maris, SVP and the diocesan project on Modern Slavery.

The event is the Caritas East Anglia Festival on Saturday 8 February 2025 at Holy Family

Church, 34 Field Lane, King's Lynn PE30 4AY, from 09:30 to 12:00.

It will begin at 9.30 am with Mass celebrated by Bishop Peter and be followed by refreshments and opportunities to find out about local projects. It will end at 11:45 am with prayer and reflection on the day. ALL WELCOME to attend for part of or the whole event.

The Bishop's Visitation:

Bishop Peter will be making his official Visitation of the parish next weekend.

On Friday he will celebrate Mass with St. Martha's School at 10am in Holy Family Church at which everyone is welcome. Then he will have meetings with the children, staff and governors.

In the late afternoon he will visit Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

On Saturday the Bishop will celebrate Mass in Holy Family Church at 9.30am and then open the Caritas East Anglia Deanery Festival which everyone is encouraged to attend.

On Sunday Bishop Peter will preside and preach at the three Masses. He will stay for the Sunday Vespers and Benediction and hopefully have the opportunity to greet the candidates for Confirmation.

The link to our YouTube channel is:

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

And the link to our Parish Website:

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

God bless

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Deacon Shaun Morrison
