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Mass this Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter (A) 30th April 2017

Acts 2:14. 22-33 God raised Jesus to life, and all his disciples are witnesses to that.

1 Peter 1:17-21 It is through Christ that we have faith in God, who raised him from the dead.

Luke 24:13-35 The risen Lord walks with his disciples and talks to them on the road.

Mass this week

Saturday 29th 6:30pm

Sunday 30th 9:00am

10:30am

Intention

For Our Parishioners

Eileen Tompkins (Intention)

Danute Zemaitiene & Family (Intention)

NB **No Weekday Masses** this week

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 5:45pm or by appointment.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for **our First Communion Candidates**

Last Week's Offertory This amounted to £730.69
Many thanks for all your generosity. We also receive approx £300 each week in bank standing orders from parishioners.

Text Giving If you wish to support the parish by giving £5 via your mobile 'phone, just text PARISH ROYST to 70800.

Please note change in weekday mass There will be no mass all week. Please note that Fr Philip will be on his Post-Easter break. However, he may also be in Royston for some of the week. So, even were you to see him in the garden or around the town: of your charity please refrain from approaching him with any parish business or work until Sunday 7th May!

Priest Training Fund Collection Next weekend is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for vocations, especially vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. The Fund helps pay for the training seminarians (there are currently 39), further studies of our priests for specialised ministries, and for ongoing enrichment to strengthen priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Please find attached a donation leaflet to

take home, read the information, and bring back next weekend with your donation. Please also pray for vocations; please take home a prayer card for vocations and pray it daily. You can donate anytime at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

Readers Required! We have a shortage of readers at the 10.30am Mass on Sundays. If you are interested in joining the rota or would like to know more information regarding this, please contact Fr Philip.

Easter Triduum Books If you have borrowed any of the books we used for the Easter Triduum, please return them as we shall need them again for next year!

CWL Coffee Morning CWL sections all over the country are holding a coffee morning this Sunday 30th April and we are taking part after both Sunday morning Masses this weekend. We will be having a cake stall and refreshments will be available, as usual. Please come along to the Parish Hall and join us.

The House of Prayer Please note there will be no meeting this week.

SVP Meeting takes place Wednesday 3rd May 7.15pm in the parish hall. All welcome.

Caritas Volunteer Service *Caritas Westminster* has recently launched the Caritas Volunteer Service, a one-stop-shop for volunteering in the Catholic community. The site is a free matching service that enables potential volunteers to search for roles based on a number of factors. If your parish has any projects needing volunteers then please contact Verity Sykes at caritasvol@rcdow.org.uk
CTS Booklets for 'Called to Serve the Sick'
To accompany the 'Called to Serve the Sick' season of prayer, CTS have published two new A6 booklets for hospital ministry:

Migrants' Mass The annual Migrants' Mass in honour of St Joseph the Worker takes place Saturday, 20th May at St Antony of Padua, Forest Gate, E7 9QB. Hosted by the Diocese of Brentwood, the Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Alan Williams SM. Banners assemble at 10.30 on the Priory Lawn; Mass begins at 11 am.

The Calix Society offers a Catholic ministry to alcoholics/addicts in recovery and their families, deepening faith and sharing the healing mercy of God. Calix embodies the Catholic Church's growing emphasis on the New Evangelization. Visitors from all 12-step programmes are welcome. For details, visit www.calixsociety.org.uk or email calixsjw@btinternet.com
They also seek the support of priests, deacons and lay people who have personal or professional experience in the journey of the 12-step programme of recovery. For details, visit www.calixsociety.org.uk or email calixsjw@btinternet.com or telephone 07762 570361.



It is our joy to welcome young people to their first Holy Communion at the 10:30am Masses on each of the Sundays in May.

The young people have worked hard and their parents have supported them very well throughout their preparation. Please hold all these families in your prayers.

Please note that this year we have a very large group of candidates. This will mean that space at the 10:30am Mass will be very limited. If you would normally attend the 10:30am Mass, please, if you are able, come to either the 9am Sunday morning Mass or the Saturday 6:30pm Vigil Mass during this period.

Thank you for your understanding and support

Vocations Promotions Events

We have held three successful events at the Servite Church, Fulham Road, Enfield Parish and Hounslow Parish. All our evenings were well attended and we met some men thinking about the priesthood. The next Vocations evening take place Sunday 14th May at Holy Rood, Watford at 5pm.

Men wanting to know more about the **permanent diaconate** are invited to a two-hour meeting from 10am to 12 noon on:

21st May: Sacred Heart and St Joseph, Ware
No booking needed. Wives welcome. For details, contact Deacon Adrian Cullen on 07961 594725 or Deacon Anthony Clark on 07545 373548.

Mental Health Workshops *Welcome Me as I Am*,

with support from local *MIND* groups and *Caritas Westminster*, will hold four workshops across the diocese this spring, covering a number of topics including: spirituality and mental health, working with common mental health issues, and how to signpost to local support. Each day will be tailored to the needs of the local area. There will also be time to explore how your parish can become a welcoming community. The workshops will be held from 10am to 3pm at the following:

13th May: Vaughan House 17th June: St John Fisher, North Harrow

1st July: Our Lady Queen of Apostles, Welwyn Garden City

For more information and to RSVP please email caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk.

Cleaning Rota Monday – Tessie Friday – Julian