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Car Park The School Governors will close the School

Mass this Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent (B) 18th March 2018

Jeremiah 31:31-34 The Lord plants his new covenant deep within his people's hearts.

Hebrews 5:7-9 Christ becomes the source of eternal salvation through the obedience of his suffering.

John 12:20-33 Jesus is glorified in his act of self-abandonment on our behalf.

Mass this week

Saturday 17th 6:30pm

Sunday 18th 9:00am

10:30am

Link Mass

Tuesday 20th 7:30pm

Lent Weekday

Wednesday 21st 9:15am

Lent Weekday

Thursday 22nd 9:15am

Lent Weekday

Friday 23rd 9:15am

Lent Weekday

Intention

Mary Conroy (anniversary)

For Our Parishioners

Jon Barber (RIP)

Sr Patricia Ryan (intention)

Seamus Little (RIP)

Thomas Cleary (RIP)

Sr Patricia Ryan (intention)

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

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for **Peace in the World**

Last Week's Offertory This amounted to £773.59
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.

Holy Week is coming upon us very fast! There are sign up sheets for **readers and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion** (at the back of Church) and for servers (in the sacristy). It would be very helpful indeed to have some **extra adult servers** to help at the great liturgies of the Triduum. There will be a **rehearsal for servers** for these once a year liturgies at 6pm on Tuesday 27th March. We also need **volunteers to have their feet washed** at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday (please sign up on the sheet at the back of Church if you are willing). Please see Fr Philip if you are willing to be part of the **Procession of oils** on Holy Thursday. It would be good have medical professionals, catechists and teachers involved. The **Great Easter Clean** of the Church will be on **Wednesday 28th March** after the Mass for Wednesday in Holy Week. There is lots of work to do, please come along and help.

Car park next week at the beginning and end of the School Day. Please be aware of this if you normally park there before the 9:15am Mass.

Fr Philip on Retreat Please note that Fr Philip will be on retreat this coming week. Please make Fr Eric Cheetham welcome as he offers our weekday masses for us.

Student Cross Are you able to provide a bed for one or more pilgrim on the evening of Palm Sunday (25th March)? Please sign up on the list at the back of Church as soon as possible. As we go to print with the newsletter we still need at least 12 more beds! The presence of the pilgrims is an important part of our Holy Week.

St Vincent de Paul Society The next meeting of the Royston Conference will be on Monday 19th March at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall.

Lent Lunches This Wednesday will be your last chance to come along and give your support. We hope to see you between 12 noon to 1.45pm. All proceeds go to support the work of Christian Aid & CAFOD.

Parish Centenary Our Church was opened on 25th March 1919. Next year is therefore our Centenary Year. We have already invited Cardinal Vincent Nichols to come and celebrate with us on the Sunday nearest the Centenary Date. We are also thinking of a Parish Mission next year and possibly a significant Parish building project to mark 100 years of our parish church. There will be an initial meeting of a *Centenary Committee*, on Sunday 25th March at 3pm in the Presbytery for any willing to help prepare for this special year.

The House of Prayer meets on Thursday morning, 10 till 12, at 52 Cherry Drive. New members most welcome.

Parish Safeguarding Representative Tim Shepherd has been appointed our new Parish Safeguarding Representative.

Data Protection As you may well be aware new legislation is coming into force this May which will impact on how we gather, retain and manage personal data. If there is anyone in the parish willing to help us write our parish Data Protection Protocol and work through compliance with the new legislation please see Fr Philip as soon as possible.

CWL Coffee Morning The CWL will be serving refreshments in the Parish Hall after the Sunday morning Masses **this** weekend. We will be drawing the winning tickets for our Easter Chocolate Hamper raffle - last chance to buy tickets.- and there will be a cake stall and toiletries stall. Please come and support us.

Planned Giving The boxes of envelopes are being prepared for the new tax year. If you wish to join Planned Giving with a box, or to start a standing order, contact Lawrence Fernee on 01763 243395 or LFerne@btinternet.com.

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal Just a friendly reminder that our Lenten Alms focus this year is for the benefit of the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal, which helps fund outreach programmes in evangelisation of youth; marriage and family life; and the Church's social outreach within civil society. Please pick up a donation leaflet at the back of church, read and pray for its aims, and if you choose to do so, please give in the Lenten spirit of sacrifice.

Holy Fathers Intentions for March:

Evangelisation: Formation in Spiritual Discernment. That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse As requested by the Holy Father, Friday of the Fifth Week of Lent, 23rd March, has been designated by the Bishops' Conference as a Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse. Resources are available at <http://www.protectionofminors.va/content/tuteladeiminori/en.html>

Cardinal's Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony, Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 19th May 2018 at 3pm The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their **5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th anniversaries** (and every year over 60) in 2018. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please contact the Parish Office with your details by the closing date, 24th March.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2018: Volunteer Recruitment

The Diocesan Pilgrimage office is looking to recruit volunteers for medical/practical support of sick pilgrims for the 30th annual Lourdes pilgrimage this summer from 21st to 27th July 2018. Interested applicants are asked to contact the office on 0207 798 9173 or email lourdes@rcdow.org.uk, westminsterstfrai@gmail.com

SPEC Volunteers SPEC are now recruiting volunteers who are 18 years of age or older for the academic year commencing September 2018. SPEC are looking for young people enthusiastic about their faith and willing to share it with others, to spend a year living in community with other people their age; in return they receive formation in the faith, training in youth work, experience living in community. For information, email spec@rcdow.org.uk or call 0203 757 2503.

Sponsored Swim Thank you to everyone that sponsored us for the Swimathon in memory of Margaret Murray. If you have pledged a sponsorship, please could you drop the money into Sharon at the Parish Office. We are delighted to advise that we have raised £1650. If you would still like to make a donation, please see Sharon in the Parish Office or alternatively you can donate online at <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/ellachapman1>
On behalf of the team, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support. We have been completely overwhelmed by your generosity and kind comments.

Clocks Change! Please note that next weekend the Saturday evening Mass for Passion (Palm) Sunday will at 6:30pm GMT, the Morning Masses will be at 9am and 10:30am BST

Cleaning Rota Monday – Tessie Friday – Juby &

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