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### Mass this Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent (B) 4<sup>th</sup> March 2018

*Exodus 20:1-17* The Ten Commandments – indicators of where genuine human fulfilment is to be found.

*1 Corinthians 1:22-25* The Christian paradox: Christ crucified is the power of God and the wisdom of God.

*John 2:13-25* In cleansing the Temple, Jesus declares that he, through his death and resurrection, is to replace the Temple.

### Mass this week

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:30pm

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> 9:00am

10:30am

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> 9:15am

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> 9:15am

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> 9:15am

Lent Weekday

Sts Perpetua & Felicity

St John of God

St Frances of Rome

### Intention

For Our Parishioners

Pat Evans (anniversary)

Dennis O'Brien (RIP)

Kathleen Geoghan (RIP)

Lalla Little (RIP)

Breda McGrath (RIP)

In Thanksgiving (MR)

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

**The Sanctuary Lamp** burns for in memory of Bill Rowley (anniversary)

**Last Week's Offertory** This amounted to 647.81  
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.

**Parish Pastoral Council will meet after the 7:30pm**

**Mass on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>.** Apologies for the late notice.

Amongst items to be discussed include our arrangements for Holy Week and our charitable giving for the year. Anyone is welcome to attend the meeting in the Presbytery.

**Penitential Service Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March** from 7:30pm we will have an evening of adoration with the opportunity for Sacramental Reconciliation.

**Lent Lunches** We and our partners in Churches Together in Royston & District will be running Lent Lunches for the next two Wednesdays in our Parish Hall, from 12 noon to 1.45pm. All proceeds go to support the work of Christian Aid & CAFOD.

**Faith Sharing Groups/Booklets** 15 copies of the diocesan resource on the Holy Eucharist have been ordered. They cost £3 each and will be at the back of Church when we receive them.

**Living between Two (or more) cultures** Fr Philip is engaged in a research project considering mission and intercultural and interreligious dialogue. He would value the help of those within our community who live between two cultures. What would be very good is to gather for an informal conversation to explore what it feels like to live here in Royston or district but to have a cultural background in India, the Phillipines, Africa, Central Europe or wherever. A meeting is proposed at 8pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March. Anyone is welcome and anyone who wants to know more is welcome to ask Fr Philip.

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

**A Call to Young Adults** – Our bishops are inviting Catholic young adults, aged 18 to 30, to hear about how you see your place in the world, how faith impacts your life and how the Church can best accompany you as you work out God's plan for your life. You are invited to attend one of these meetings to make your voice heard. Please register at <http://dowym.com/events/> where you can find details of all events.

**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.

**Cardinal's Lenten Appeal** A few weeks ago, you may have heard the Cardinal's Pastoral Letter, in which he spoke of the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal in support of key areas of work in our Diocese. The Cardinal's Lenten Appeal was set up in 2015 to fund the innovative work of Catholic parishes, schools and charities working within the Diocese, contributing to three fundamental mission areas of the Church: **Marriage and Family Life** – enriching and supporting marriages, the essential building block of society and the Church. **Youth and Evangelisation** – supporting young people, the future of the Church, as they grow in their relationship with God and deepen their Catholic faith. And the **Church's Social Outreach within Civil Society** – putting our faith into action through projects that serve the poor, the lonely and the marginalised, especially at a time of greater division and inequality in society. These mission areas embody how we live out the Gospel and put our Catholic values into action – in service to others through practical programmes. Please take a Cardinal's Lenten Appeal donation leaflet as you leave Mass today. During Lent, and in the spirit of sacrifice, sharing and almsgiving, please consider designating your Lenten sacrifice to the Cardinals Appeal.

**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/tuteladei/minori/en.html>

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

#### **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](mailto:lourdes@rcdow.org.uk), [westminsterstfri@gmail.com](mailto:westminsterstfri@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](mailto:spec@rcdow.org.uk) or call 0203 757 2503.

**World Youth Day 2019** The next World Youth Day takes place in Panama, January 2019. The diocesan Youth Ministry team will be taking a group of young adults to Panama, from ages 18-35 from 20-30 January 2019. Any young people are invited to contact [youth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcdow.org.uk). Financial support options are available.

**Fairtrade** Come on in and close the door. It's Fairtrade Fortnight! From 26 February to 11 March join us in supporting the farmers and workers who grow our food. With Fairtrade we have the power to change the world every day. Fairtrade opens doors and helps close the door on the exploitation facing the people who produce the things we love to eat, drink, and wear. Why not commit to making your snack Fairtrade this Lent. Buying Fairtrade means you are helping to ensure that the person who grew the banana you are eating, or the coffee beans used to make your drink, was paid fairly for their work.

**Sponsored Swim** I am writing to let you know that I shall be participating in a Swimathon, as part of a team, together with other members of staff from St Marys (Louise Cooke, Betty Williamson, Liz Cox, Julia Humphreys and Ella Chapman) on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March in memory of Margaret Murray.

Margaret was a much loved and valued member of our community, and had close links with the Home Start Charity and St Mary's School, so we thought it would be fitting to take part in this sponsored event in her memory, whilst raising money for both the school and Home Start.

We would like to raise as much money as possible and this is where I would like to ask you to sponsor the team. Sponsor forms are available at the back of church, with Anne Varney or in my office.

Alternatively, you can make a donation online at <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/ellachapman1>

On behalf of the team, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for any money that we receive and we will let you know the total amount raised soon. Many Thanks, Sharon O'Toole

**Cleaning Rota** Monday – Jo Friday – Monica & Annalise