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Mass this Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B) 29th July 2018

Today's Readings

2 Kings 4:42-44 Elisha trusts that the Lord will provide for the people.

Ephesians 4:1-6 Paul exhorts us to live out our baptismal calling in a true Christian spirit.

John 6:1-15 Jesus feeds the five thousand and all are satisfied.

Mass this week

		<i>Intention</i>
Saturday 28 th	6:30am	Fr Ralph Gardner RIP
Sunday 29 th	9:00am	Jeffrey Marshall (anniv)
	10:30am	For Our Parishioners
Tuesday 31 st	7:30pm	Spiritual Directors
Wednesday 1 st	9:15am	Victor McGuirk (anniv)
Thursday 2 nd	9:15am	Travellers
Friday 3 rd	9:15am	Sr Bridget Hannaway (RIP)
	11:00am	Wilfred D'Costa RIP
	Funeral Mass	

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

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for families during the summer holidays

Last Week's Offertory This amounted to £570.26
Many thanks for all your generosity. We also receive approx £325 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.

Car Park Lighting Permission has been granted for the car park lighting system to be installed. This will begin on 6th August and will take approximately 3 weeks. Unfortunately, for most of this time there will be considerable disruption to the car park facilities, with only a limited amount of parking available at times. Please bear with us while the works are being carried out. We welcome the work going ahead and we can stoically endure the temporary inconvenience that doing the work will mean.

Parish Office and Newsletter. Please note that the Parish Office will be closed for the Month of August and that the news in the newsletters for August will be for the entire month. If you need to give a notice for that please make sure it is in by Tuesday 31st July, else you shall have to wait until September!

The Diocese is producing a six-week **faith-sharing resource for the Autumn Season**. This has been produced with the World Meeting of Families in Dublin in mind, and is an important contribution to our ongoing reception of the Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia*. The cost of each booklet will be £3. If you are interested in being part of a small group or having a copy of the booklet for your personal reflection, please sign up on the list at the back of Church. The order must be in on 15th August: so do please sign up as soon as possible.

Eucharistic Ministers We shall commission or re-commission our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at the Masses next week.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham Please sign up this week if possible, so that we can know numbers for the coach.

Health and Safety Thank you to those who expressed an interest in assisting with our health and safety compliance. We will meet at 7:30pm in the Presbytery on Wednesday August 1st. Anyone is welcome to come along and help.

St Vincent de Paul Society The next meeting of the Royston Conference will be on **Monday 30th July** at 7:30pm in the parish hall.

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

Rosary We meet at 9:15am on Tuesday mornings in the church for a group recitation of the Rosary. All welcome. However, we will not be meeting during the month of August.

Parish Registration Thank you to all of you who filled in our new Parish Registration form and gave consent to us to hold and process your personal data. If you have not yet done so, please fill in the new form. All previous registration forms will be shredded!

Fundraising Ideas Do you have expertise which you would be willing to use to host a workshop or fundraising event? For example, a particular craft (textiles, woodwork etc). Perhaps you have specific knowledge that could be used to teach others the basics of a given topic (e.g. gardening, information technology). We are looking at ways to raise funds for our Parish whilst increasing a sense of friendship and community. Ideas are always welcome. Please speak to Anita ([07882 173865](tel:07882173865)) or Phyllis ([07971 289294](tel:07971289294)).

Walsingham Pilgrimage for the Sanctity of Life -
Sunday 7th October, Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.
Tickets: Adults £17.50, Children & Students £8.00. For more information www.prolifepilgrimage.org. To book contact Emanuela 01582 655246/ 07749 881 060 / emanuela.coy@outlook.com

Foodbank Please remember that food donations are gratefully received during the holiday period, especially by those families entitled to receive free school meals in term time. Many thanks.

Will you connect the poor with the powerful?

CAFOD is looking for Catholics in this area to share their faith with their MP. Write 3-4 times a year on a topical issue to support those living in poverty around the world. No experience needed as information will be provided. Online or by post. See

www.cafod.org.uk/mpc or contact Tony on 0208-449-6970 or westminster@cafod.org.uk for further information.

"Love is civic and political, and it makes itself felt in every action that seeks to build a better world." – Pope Francis

Holy Fathers Prayer Intentions for August:

Universal – The Treasure of Families

That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

Cleaning Rota Monday – Pat Friday – Helen

May your summer be a time of rest, relaxation and joy. In his apostolic exhortation *Gaudete et Exsultate* (On the Call to Holiness in Today's World), Pope Francis, as is typical from him, reminds us to value Christian joy as we answer the divine call to holiness.

126. Christian joy is usually accompanied by a sense of humour. We see this clearly, for example, in Saint Thomas More, Saint Vincent de Paul and Saint Philip Neri. Ill humour is no sign of holiness. "Remove vexation from your mind" (Eccl 11:10). We receive so much from the Lord "for our enjoyment" (1 Tim 6:17), that sadness can be a sign of ingratitude. We can get so caught up in ourselves that we are unable to recognize God's gifts.

127. With the love of a father, God tells us: "My son, treat yourself well... Do not deprive yourself of a happy day" (Sir 14:11.14). He wants us to be positive, grateful and uncomplicated: "In the day of prosperity, be joyful... God created human beings straightforward, but they have devised many schemes" (Eccl 7:14.29). Whatever the case, we should remain resilient and imitate Saint Paul: "I have learned to be content with what I have" (Phil 4:11). Saint Francis of Assisi lived by this; he could be overwhelmed with gratitude before a piece of hard bread, or joyfully praise God simply for the breeze that caressed his face.