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**Planned Giving** Thanks again for your generous

**Mass this Sunday: Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B) 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018**

**Today's Readings**

*Wisdom 2:12. 17-20* Jesus is foreshadowed as the one who will challenge the godless with his virtue.

*James 3:16 – 4:3* Proper prayer will unshackle us from our base desires, allowing us to grow in holiness as peacemakers.

*Mark 9:30-37* Jesus, predicting his passion and death, instructs his followers that true discipleship lies in humble service.

**Mass this week**

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:30am

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 9:00am

10:30am

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> 9:15am

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 9:15am

**NO MASS**

**Ss Cosmas and Damian**

St Vincent de Paul

Weekday

*Intention*

Sarah Gourd (Intention)

For Our Parishioners

Sr Bridget (RIP)

**Health Care Workers**

**Our SVP Conference**

**Catechists**

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

**The Sanctuary Lamp** burns In Thanksgiving (SR)

**Last Week's Offertory** This amounted to £423.11  
Many thanks for all your generosity. We also receive approx £600 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.

**Change in Mass Times** Please note that there will be no mass on Tuesday evening this week and the mass on Wednesday will be at 7:30pm

**Season of Creation/Harvest** If anyone wishes to join Fr Philip in a walk around Fowlmere Nature Reserve on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September, please add your name to the list at the back of Church.

**Parish Pastoral Council** The next meeting of the parish Pastoral Council will be at 8pm on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 8pm in the Presbytery following the evening Mass. The main items of business will be planning our parish activities for the forthcoming year, including our Christmas activities (sorry, but now is the time of year we have to start thinking about that!) Anyone is welcome to attend and contribute.

pledges. If you have not yet returned your form, a standing order, please would you do so now so that the administration work may be finished off. If you have any questions, please contact Lawrie Fernee at [lfernee@btinternet.com](mailto:lfernee@btinternet.com) or 01763 243395.

**Counters and Banking** We do have an **URGENT** need for more volunteers to count the Sunday collection and to take it to the bank. If you are able to help with either or both of these please let Fr Philip know as soon as possible.

**Sacramental Programmes**

*Please can we have all names in for the forthcoming Sacramental Programmes by Sunday October 7th*  
Forms are available at the back of Church for:

- First Reconciliation and First Communion (usually year 3 at school)
- Confirmation (Usually year 9 or 10)
- RCIA Adults wishing to be baptised, confirmed or received into the church, or for those who are interested in renewing their faith.

**Catechists** Thank you to those who have already volunteered. We would also welcome more people

willing to accompany people on their journey of faith, especially our Confirmation candidates.

**Confirmation 2019** We have heard from Bishop Paul McAleen and he will come to our Parish for the Confirmations in 2019 for the 6:30pm Mass on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June, the first Mass of the great feast of Pentecost, a very suitable day to pray for the strength that comes from the Holy Spirit. For now:

1. Would any participants who have yet to do so please go to the poll at:

<https://doodle.com/poll/fth57ave6i389st7> and register when they may be available for our sessions preparing for Confirmation next year

2. Would those willing to be catechists joining our Confirmation Candidates, please see Fr Philip or e-mail him, [URGENTLY](#) in order to arrange a planning meeting. Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30pm in the Presbytery is a possible date, but please let Fr Philip know if this is possible or not.

**Certificate of Catholic Practice** If you are applying for a school place this Autumn and the school request proof that you are a practising Catholic who attends mass regularly and are eligible for this Certificate please see Fr Philip after any Sunday Mass to arrange an appointment. Please note that the deadline for applications to The John Henry Newman School is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018.

**St Vincent de Paul Society** The next meeting of the Royston Conference will be on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September** at 7:30pm in the parish hall. Next Sunday will include the commissioning and re-commissioning of SVP members and a collection for their work.

**Rosary** We meet at 9:15am on Tuesday mornings in the Church for a group recitation of the Rosary. All welcome.

**The House of Prayer** meets on Thursday mornings after mass in the Sacristy. New members most welcome.

**Missio Red Boxes** There are envelopes at the back of Church for those who have the Missio APF- Mill Hill Red Boxes at home. Please empty your boxes into these and return them to the large red box in the Sacristy. Many thanks for your support to Missio.

**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)).

**Post Synod events** Following on from the successful series of events in the lead up to the Synod on Youth in October, the first post-synod event with Cardinal Vincent reflecting on the Synod in Rome, will take place at Archbishop's House on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October, 7 to 8.30pm. Free to attend for young adults aged 18-35. For bookings, email [youth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcdow.org.uk) or visit [dowym.com](http://dowym.com).

#### **World Youth Day Panama Jan 2019: Bursary**

**Available** The diocesan Youth Ministry team will be taking a group of young adults from ages 18-35. If any young people in the parish are interested in joining the pilgrimage, they are invited to contact [youth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcdow.org.uk). Bursaries of up to 50% of the cost are available. Spaces are limited. Hence, interested youth are requested to contact Youth Ministry as soon as possible.

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

**Macmillan Coffee Morning** St Mary's School will be holding a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Trust on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September** between 9.15am and 11am. Everyone is welcome to come along.

**The John Henry Newman School** warmly invites parents of Year 6 pupils to an Open Evening on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September, from 5:30 – 8:30 pm. Prospectuses and Application Forms will be available on the evening and the Headteacher, Mr Mathew, will start his talk at 7:30 pm. The last tour of the school on the Open Evening will be at 7:00 pm. There will be opportunities for parents to view the School the following week.

**Light Party Churches Together** are once again running the Light Party at the Coombes Community Centre, as a Christian alternative to Halloween. The event has grown year on year and many children look forward to the fun evening of games, craft, food and music. As always the party cannot happen without a band of willing volunteers. They would also be grateful for any donations of individually wrapped sweets for the children's goody bags. Please find the sign-up sheet on the notice board in the sacristy for anyone willing to help. They would like to know the final list of volunteers by 28<sup>th</sup> October

**Cleaning Rota** Monday – Ruth Friday – Sharon