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Mass this Sunday: Thirty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (B) 11th November 2018

Today's Readings

1 Kings 17:10-16 God rewards the widow who cares for Elijah.

Hebrews 9:24-28 Christ's sacrifice has dealt with sin and death once and for all.

Mark: 12:38-44 Jesus uses the poor widow's generosity to teach us that to be his disciples we are called to give ourselves totally.

Mass this week

Saturday 10th 6:30am

Sunday 11th 9:00am

11:30am

Tuesday 13th 7:30pm Weekday

Wednesday 14th 9:15am Weekday

Thursday 15th 9:15am St Albert the Great

Friday 16th 9:15am St Edmund of Abingdon

Intention

For Our Parishioners

Kate Parker (RIP)

Margaret O'Brien (RIP)

Umberto Sartini and

Louisa Sartini Baldwin (anniv)

Josephine DeBellotte (RIP)

Scientists

St Edmund's College, Ware

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

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for the Holy Souls

NB On Remembrance Sunday, the 10:30am Mass will be postponed until 11:30am

Last Week's Offertory This amounted to £516.18
Many thanks for all your generosity. We also receive approx £750 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.

Next Sunday will be our Enrolment Masses for both the Confirmation programme and for our First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Programme. Our Confirmation Candidates will be welcomed at the 6:30pm Mass next Saturday and our First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Mass will be at the 10:30am Mass.

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion The Introductory Parents meeting will be at 7:30pm on Wednesday 14th in the Sacristy. The First Children's workshop will be on Saturday 17th November, 11:30am -1pm.

Help Needed We have a shortage of sacristans, readers, Eucharistic ministers and cleaners. We could also do with more people joining our team who prepare our weekly intercessions. If you would be interested in joining any of these rotas or would like to know more information, please contact Fr Philip

Confirmation Candidates An email was sent out by Fr Philip this week with details of the Confirmation Programme. If you have not received it, please could you email the parish office so we can ensure we have your correct details. Thank you.

Counters We still wish to have a wider pool of counters, especially those able to help on a Monday morning. Please see Fr Philip if you can help.

Health and Safety We are continuing to 'make credible steps' to comply with our Health and Safety requirements. Thank you to all who helped with the Fire Drill the other weekend. We could still do with more Fire Wardens, so that every Mass is covered sufficiently. There will be a meeting of our Health and Safety sub-committee on Thursday 15th November at 7:30pm in Presbytery. Again, we could do with more volunteers to assist this necessary work.

November Month of the Holy Souls Envelopes are still available at the back of Church for you to include any names of departed relatives, friends or benefactors (and any stipend you wish to offer) to be prayed for at our Altar during November.

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

Christmas Music and Musicians Apologies for thinking about Christmas so early but we do need to plan ahead. We need music and musicians to enhance our worship at all the Christmas Masses. We are beginning to get an idea of who may lead our music at some of the masses but we still need musicians for the 10:30am Mass on Christmas morning. Please let Fr Philip know your availability so that we can work with you to practice a suitable repertoire!

CWL Our next meeting takes place on Monday 12th November at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall. All welcome. We will also be selling raffle tickets for our Christmas Hamper raffle outside church after all Masses next weekend.

Sick & Retired Priests' Collection Thank you for your generosity to the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund collection last weekend. We raised £488.50. It's not too late to make a donation if you wish. Envelopes are available in the back of the church, or by contacting the parish office. Please continue to pray for sick and retired priests. For more information, or to make a donation, visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

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

Advent wreath making workshop Saturday 24th November 2pm – 4pm in the Church Hall. £15.00 per person. All wreath making items provided (please feel free to bring your own greenery and extra decorations). Includes Glass of mulled wine / glass of mulled apple juice. Come and enjoy the fun and fellowship. For more details please sign up on the form at the back of church.

Do you need some ideas for your Christmas cards this year? Come and ***make your Christmas cards with a personal touch***. We are having a card making afternoon on Saturday 1st December 2pm – 4pm in the Parish Hall. **Everyone welcome! Adults and children over 12 (always accompanied by an adult)**. All materials supplied, but feel free to bring anything you wish to use as well. There is no charge, but we do ask for a *donation* for each card made on the day which will go to church funds.

Coin Collection: The school and church will be jointly fundraising to help with the celebrations of the Church Centenary and the school's 50 years. We hope to create a large outline of both the Church and the School, then fill them in with coins; these can be either UK or overseas coins. There is a bucket at the back of church to collect your donations. Thank you!

Free Will Services November is Free Will Month. You can save money, leave a legacy to the parish and reduce your Inheritance Tax liability at the same time. See the poster and leaflets on the noticeboard and table at the back of the church.

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

St Mary's Funding Project St Mary's have put in a bid for a community grant with Aviva, and to be successful in their bid they need your votes! The money will be used to create a sensory outdoor area which will benefit all the children greatly. You can vote up to 10 times – please follow the link <https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/voting/project/view/4-1464>
Voting closes on 20th November so please be quick!

St Luke Gospel: There will be a study day on **St Luke's Gospel** as we begin Year C of our lectionary in December. This will be from 2-5pm on Saturday 8th December in the Sacristy. Everybody is warmly encouraged to participate and special encouragement is given to our readers to reflect on and pray with St Luke's Gospel.

Advent Adoration and Reconciliation On the afternoon of Saturday 15th December there will be an extended period of Eucharistic Adoration during which priests will be available to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation.

Cleaning Rota Monday - Ruby Friday –Janine