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Mass this Sunday: Third Sunday in Lent (C) 24th March 2019

Today's Readings

Exodus 3:1-8. 13-15 The Lord reveals himself to Moses as the one who will always be with his people.

1 Corinthians 10:1-6. 10-12 We are asked to learn from the lessons of the past.

Luke 13:1-9 Tragic events are not signs of God's punishment for us but spurs for us to change our ways.

Mass this week

Saturday 23rd 6:30pm

Sunday 24th 9:00am

10:30am

Tuesday 26th 7:30pm Lent Feria

Wednesday 27th 9:15am Lent Feria

Thursday 28th 9:15am Lent Feria

Friday 29th 9:15am Lent Feria

Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:45pm or by appointment

The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Alice Bristow

Intention

Martha Sullivan (RIP)

Edmund Cleary (RIP)

For Our Parishioners

Alice Bristow (anniversary)

Timothy Cloghessy (RIP)

For The Sisters of Providence

Thomas Cleary (RIP)

Last Week's Offertory This amounted to £532.74 about £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.

Cyclone Idai Following the disastrous impact of Cyclone Idai in Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi, there will be a special collection for CAFOD's emergency appeal after the Masses this weekend.

RCIA Our next session will be at 6:30pm on Wednesday 27th March in the Presbytery.

CAFOD Lent Fast Day Appeal Thank you so much for supporting CAFOD's Family Fast Day. Our parish raised a fantastic £537.19. Your support will bring us closer to a world where no one is beyond reach of the love and care they need to flourish. Thank you for fasting in solidarity and please keep our brothers and sisters in your prayers throughout Lent.

Churches Together in Royston and District will be holding their next meeting in our Sacristy at 7:30pm (for 7:45pm start) this Wednesday, 27th March. If anyone is willing to help by offering hospitality, tea, coffee and biscuits, please let Fr Philip know.

"Music for a Spring Evening" with Soprano Hannah Long and Pianist & Organist Jason Lambert. Come and enjoy a recital of opera, song and lighter music, including works by Mozart, Puccini, Gounod and Novello and Organ solos by Widor and Mendelssohn.

Friday 29 March 7.30pm in church. Tickets £10 including refreshments (£5 children) available from Anita (07882 173865 / anitaclayson@hotmail.co.uk) All proceeds will go to the Church's Centenary Fund.

CWL Coffee Morning And Easter Hamper Raffle

The CWL will be serving refreshments in the Parish Hall after the Sunday morning Masses **next** weekend. There will also be a cake stall and gift stall. We will be selling raffle tickets for our Easter Hamper Raffle at the coffee morning and also selling tickets outside church after the Sunday morning Masses, together with knitted Easter bunnies and Easter baskets filled with mini chocolate eggs.

Centenary Celebrations Thank you to all who have contributed to this special weekend. Thank you too for understanding the necessary disruptions to our normal weekend procedures and the extra seating we have squeezed into Church. The celebrations do not end today but we have more events throughout the year. The next meeting of our Centenary Committee will be in the Presbytery at 7:30pm on Wednesday 3rd April.

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 in the Sacristy to collect your donations. Thank you

Planned Giving 2018-19 Weekly Offertory envelopes have been prepared for the new tax year. Please collect yours from the Finance Committee member as you leave the church, otherwise from the Sacristan in the Martyrs' Chapel. To join the Planned Giving scheme, please contact the Parish Secretary, indicating whether or not you are a Tax payer. Donations by standing order are preferred and a form can also be obtained from the Parish Office. However, envelopes can be issued if you wish. If you currently donate by weekly envelope, you are most welcome to change to a Standing Order, which can be on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis. Further details, Standing Order and Gift Aid forms and envelopes can also be obtained from Lawrence Fernee on 01763 243395 or LFERNEE@BTInternet.com.

Cleaning Rota Monday – Ruby Friday – Janine

Red Boxes The time has come to empty your red

Missio mission boxes. Envelopes are available to pick up at the back of Church. Thank you for your continued support.

Mission Appeal 31st March 2019 The Missionaries of Africa (aka The White Fathers) are an international team of priests, brothers and lay associates from Africa, Britain and many countries around the world. Any ministry which has a real relationship with Africa, no matter in what part of the world it may be, is considered by the Missionaries of Africa to be within the scope of the apostolate. Through parish work, building up small Christian communities, working with the media, involvement in justice and peace, agriculture, seminary training, education and social welfare, the Missionaries of Africa aim to work in partnership with the Church in Africa, and above all else to help build up the leadership of the Churches. Next week there will be an appeal and a retiring collection to support The White Fathers in their work. Your generosity will be most appreciated.

The Priory Singers directed by Richard Price are presenting a programme of choral music and readings for Passiontide on Sunday April 7th at 3pm in our Church. Admission is free but there will be a retiring collection for Church Funds.



Praying for the Candidates for the Easter Sacraments The whole diocese has been asked to pray for the Elect and Candidates as they begin their final preparation for the celebration of the Sacraments:

God of love and power,
it is your will to establish everything in Christ
and to draw us into his all-embracing love.
Guide these chosen brothers and sisters of ours,
Strengthen them in their vocation,
Build them into the kingdom of your Son,
And seal them with the Spirit of your promise.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Stations of the Cross, every Friday in Lent after the Morning Mass (~ 9:45am). Volunteers willing to lead us in the Stations are invited to sign up on the list at the back of Church.

Lent Lunches We will again host in our Hall, with our ecumenical partners, Simple Lent lunches on the Wednesdays of Lent. Monies raised going to CAFOD and Christian Aid

Reconciliation The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at 5:45pm each Saturday or by appointment. There will also be a **Penitential Service** at 7:30pm on Thursday 4th April.

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2019 This weekend please take a Cardinal's Lenten Appeal donation leaflet (available from the table in the Sacristy) as you leave Mass. The Appeal contributes to three mission areas of the Church: Marriage and Family Life, Youth and Evangelisation, and Service in Society. This year, the Cardinal has launched a new programme focusing on the food poverty affecting people in every part of the Diocese, much of it hidden. Funds will support foodbanks, schools and other initiatives to relieve poverty, helping people back on their feet and able to live independently. The Cardinal is also calling everyone to consider volunteering. Visit CardinalsLentenAppeal.org.uk for more details. Thank you for your generosity.