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Mass this Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (C) 23rd June 2019

Today's Readings

Genesis 14:18-20 Melchizedek, priest and king, offers bread and wine to God in thanksgiving for the blessing of peace.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 St Paul hands on to God's holy people at Corinth Jesus' words of blessing at the Last Supper.

Luke 9:11-17 Jesus takes, blesses and breaks the five loaves and two fish to feed the people with an abundance of food.

Mass this week

Intention

Saturday 22 nd	6:30pm		Those who suffer persecution
Sunday 23 rd	9:00am		Antonietta & Tony Esposito (anniv)
	10:30am		For Our Parishioners
Tuesday 25 th	7:30pm	No Mass	
Wednesday 26 th	9:15am	Weekday	The Deceased Members of the Villa & Stables Families
Thursday 27 th	9:15am	St Cyril of Alexandria	In Thanksgiving for Prayers & Support
Friday 28 th	9:15am	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	In Honour of The Sacred Heart

Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:45pm or by appointment

Last Week's Offertory This amounted to £376.68 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.

Choral Evensong We will welcome our friends and neighbours from St John's to our Church on Sunday **23rd June at 5:30pm**. They will celebrate Choral Evensong for their Patronal Festival here. We are all warmly invited to participate in this. It is good that we can offer them some hospitality whilst work continues on repairing and restoring their Church.

CWL Coffee Morning The CWL will be serving refreshments in the Parish Hall after the Sunday morning Masses **next** weekend. There will also be a cake stall. This will be our last coffee morning before the summer break - please come and support us.

Sunday July 14th Parish AGM and Barbecue

Parish AGM: from 11:40am If groups in the parish could please prepare A3 presentations on their work over the last year and their plans for the year to come, then these can be displayed in the Hall. There are THREE vacancies on the Parish Pastoral Council. We also need a new representative for Churches Together in Royston and District, who is *ex officio* on the PPC. Nomination forms are at the back of Church or in the Sacristy. These will be elected at the AGM

Parish BBQ: from 12:30pm The plan is for the parish to sell (at reasonable cost!) simple grilled food and drinks but it would be appreciated if people could bring to share salads and desserts. Volunteers are needed to help cook etc and maybe to organise games and other family friendly activities.

If you are willing to help please see Fr Philip, Anita McHugh or Wanda Koslowska.

Pilgrimage to Canterbury Please sign up as soon as possible! We shall leave at 8:45am and return (hopefully) by 6:30pm. We shall celebrate Mass in the Cathedral, there will be time to explore Canterbury, as well as attend Evensong. The cost will be £25 for adults, £15 for children, which includes both transport and entry to the Cathedral. There is a sign up sheet at the back of Church. Please sign up as soon as possible.

Children’s Liturgy Help Needed Due to natural turnover, we have a need for more volunteers (leaders and helpers) for our Children’s Liturgy ministry at the 10:30am Sunday Masses. **Could you help?** You’d be part of an enthusiastic and dedicated group delivering the programme, which makes a real difference to our children’s spiritual growth. The commitment would be about once per half-term, and all training and support is provided. If you could help us by participating in this important ministry, please get in touch with Hans Pung (07976 218165 / hans_pung@yahoo.com) or Andrew Reeve (thereevefamily@hotmail.co.uk). Thanks!

Taybeh History Taybeh is one of the most ancient places in Palestine, dating back to the Bronze Age and is mentioned in the Old Testament as Ofra. In the New testament Taybeh is known as biblical Ephraim where Jesus chose to stay shortly before his crucifixion. A tradition says Jesus told the villagers a parable relating to the pomegranate, whose sweet seeds are protected by a bitter membrane: to reach the sweetness of his Resurrection Jesus had to go through the bitterness of death. The pomegranate appears as a motif in religious art in Taybeh. Today Taybeh survives by having a micro brewery, a stone cutter school and a cooperative manufacturing and selling olive oil and dove shaped peace lamps

Holy Father’s Prayer Intentions for June:

Universal – Justice That those who administer justice may work with integrity and that the injustice which prevails in the world may not have the last word.

Volunteer Year at Spec, the Diocesan Youth Retreat Centre The volunteer missionary would live on site in Pinner in the residential community, receive formation and accompaniment in their faith and serve as a retreat facilitator, working with the employed retreat leaders. In particular, any sixth formers who may like to find out more are welcome to attend a day retreat to see what goes on and meet the community. For more information please see www.dowym.com/spec/volunteer/ or contact spec@rcdow.org.uk

The House of Prayer will next meet on **Thursday 27th June**, 10 till 12, at 52 Cherry Drive. New members most welcome.

Change in Mass Schedule Please note there will be no evening mass this Tuesday 25th June

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

Volunteer Counters We still need more volunteer counters. The counting is normally done on Monday morning but if counters are available for other times we might be able to plan around that. Please see Fr Philip if you can help

Key Holders If you hold a key to the Sacristy, please could you let Sharon in the Parish Office know as we are compiling an up to date list of key holders. Many thanks.

Cleaning Rota Monday – Pat Friday – Monica & Annalise



*Hit semeth whizth & hit is reed
Hit is quyk & semeth deed
Hit is flessch & semeth breed
and veray god in his godhed..*

This is a very short medieval poem on the properties of the Eucharist, which presents its paradoxes almost in the form of a riddle. It could be translated:

*It seemeth white and it is red;
It is alive and seemeth dead;
It is flesh and seemeth bread;
And is true God in his Godhead.*