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Mass this Sunday: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 7th July 2019

Today's Readings

Isaiah 66:10-14 In the Jerusalem Temple, God promises to comfort the nations, as a mother comforts her child.
Galatians 6:14-18 Paul's only boast is that he shares in the cross of Jesus.
Luke 10:1-12. 17-20 For the returning seventy-two disciples, the good news is that their names are written in heaven.

Mass this week

Saturday 6 th	6:30pm		<i>Intention</i>
Sunday 7 th	9:00am		Fr Terence Wardle RIP
	10:30am		For Our Parishioners
Tuesday 9 th	7:30pm	St Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions, Martyrs	Canon Alfred Cuming RIP
Wednesday 10 th	9:15am	Weekday	The Church and people of China
Thursday 11 th	9:15am	No Mass	The Clergy of Stevenage Deanery
Friday 12 th	9:15am	Weekday	Fr Daniel Higgins RIP

Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:45pm or by appointment

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for the proper administration of justice

Last Week's Offertory This amounted to £555.40 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.

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, please contact Hans Pung (07976 218165 / hans_pung@yahoo.com or Andrew Reeve thereevefamily@hotmail.co.uk Thanks!

Parish Pastoral Council Our next meeting is at 7:30pm in the Presbytery. Anyone is welcome to attend.

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. 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.

Servers Rehearsal There will be a chance for new servers to be introduced to this ministry at 5:30pm on Friday 12th July.

Moved Home Or Changed Telephone Number Or E-Mail Address? Don't forget to inform the Parish Secretary. If you enrolled for Planned Giving, Lawrie Fernee will also need to know. Please advise by email to lfernee@btinternet.com or telephone 01763 243395.

Taybeh Current Project The Parish of Taybeh continues to support the local community. It runs a school, a medical centre, a hostel for pilgrims and youth programs. At the initiative of Father Johnny Abu Khalil, the Parish Priest, they currently have a project to develop a suitable place for parish and school activities to take place. The youth face obvious economic problems in Palestine: few employment opportunities, confinement in the territory with very limited financial resources. Our Parish donation will go to support that development this year. If you want to know more please visit <https://www.lpj.org/taybeh-parish/>

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for July:

The Integrity of 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.

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

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

Change In Mass Schedule Please note there will be no mass this Thursday 11th July

Caritas in Your Community On Saturday 13th July, Caritas will be holding a gathering at the Church of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph, Waltham Cross. The gathering is an opportunity for Hertfordshire-based parish groups and social action projects to learn about Caritas Westminster, network with other organisations and recruit volunteers. If you are an individual, it is an opportunity to learn about projects local to you and find out about Caritas' work across the Diocese. We will also be running the Universal Credit Savvy course on the day. Please join us from 9am-12pm. Contact francesmoore@rcdow.org.uk for more information. Visit tinyurl.com/caritascommunity to book your place.

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

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.

Parish Office Please be advised that the Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday but shall be open instead on Thursday this week (9:30am to 12:30pm)

Cleaning Rota Monday – Natalie Friday – Julian

THE TIME IS NOW (CAFOD Environmental Lobby)

On Wednesday 26th June, Chris Hills went to London from Royston Parish, to support the thousands-strong "mass lobby" calling for "net zero" greenhouse gas emission by 2045.

It was a very uplifting experience, largely because of the commitment and enthusiasm of the participants – especially the huge number of young people and school parties. There were groups from CAFOD, Women's Institute, Islamic Relief, Christian Aid, and many others. The excitement generated by the chants, especially from the younger groups, was particularly inspiring. Impressive too were the variety and design of the banners: "Trees Eat CO2 for Breakfast", "The Time Is **NOW** To Restore Creation", "More Masses, Less Gasses" etc.

Their "Walk of Witness" passed the Houses of Parliament, and packed the areas on both sides of the river between Westminster and Lambeth bridge, where they met our Members of Parliament. It was good to Sir Oliver Heald turn up to meet them – not every MP did so. As expected, he considered the current government policy of a 2050 target adequate, and was doubtless unsurprised that those on the demonstration felt strongly that **far more urgent action** is required. **The campaign goes on!** Our Justice and Peace Group has been associated with CAFOD's environmental campaign for 30 years – they introduced the "Care For The Earth" campaign to the Parish in 1989.

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