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Mass this Sunday: Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 13th October 2019

Today's Readings

2 Kings 5:14-17 The foreigner Naaman acknowledges the Lord who has healed him.

2 Timothy 2:8-13 We are all called to the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Luke 17:11-19 It is the foreigner who comes back to give praise to God for healing him.

Mass this week

Saturday 12th 6:30pm

Sunday 13th 9:00am

10:30am

Tuesday 15th

Wednesday 16th 9:15am

Thursday 17th 9:15am

Friday 18th 9:15am

No Mass

Weekday

Ignatius of Antioch

St Luke

Intention

For Our Parishioners

Mary Daly (anniversary)

Frances Little (anniversary)

Maura Loftus (RIP)

Vince Harrison (RIP)

Michael & Anne Roche (Intention)

Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:45pm or by appointment

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for our Parish Mission

Last Week's Offertory This amounted to £474.56
Many thanks for all your generosity. We also receive 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.

Please note there will be no Mass this Tuesday evening.

Volunteers Needed! As ever, we are reliant on the good nature and willingness to contribute of so many people. **We need for counters, welcomers. Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Servers. Please see or e-mail Fr Philip if you can help.** There will be a short induction for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at 9:45am on October 17th. If you are interested in this ministry please see Fr Philip, other sessions can be arranged.

Evangelisation Team We are hoping to arrange a meeting of the Evangelisation Team in the next week or two, before our Parish Mission. It would be very good to have one or two new members. Please see Fr Philip if you would like to know more.

Parish Quiz Night All are warmly invited to our Parish Quiz Night in aid of the Centenary fund, on Saturday 19 October. Doors open 7.15 for a 7.45 start. Tickets £5 per person, on sale after Mass or from the Parish Office. Teams of 6. Drinks will be available to purchase. Please bring your own snacks.

Sacramental Programmes Please return any forms enrolling on our First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion programme and our Adult (RCIA) programme. We do need to order resources and so need to know numbers as soon as possible.

Baptised and Sent The booklets are available (£3 each). There is a sign up sheet at the back of Church for small faith sharing groups.

Parish Mission The Redemptorists will be leading us in our parish Mission in November. There will be a preparatory weekend on 2nd/3rd November and the mission itself will be from the 9th to the 15th November. **Is there anyone in the parish able to put up one of the missionisers for the week?** Please let Fr Philip know if you can help. More information on the Mission to come in the next few weeks.

Fr Seamus has sent us a message, he 'thanks you all for the lovely card and thinking of him on his Golden Jubilee. He values your friendship and you remain in his prayers.'

Secondary Transfer Applications for Secondary schools for September 2020 must be in by October 31st. Most Catholic schools will require evidence that families are regularly attending Mass. If you are eligible for a *Certificate of Catholic Practice* please see Fr Philip after any Sunday Mass and we can arrange a short interview.

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for October:
A Missionary "Spring" in the Church That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the Church.

Catholic Women's League The next CWL meeting takes place on Monday 14th October at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall. All welcome.

The House of Prayer will next meet on Thursday 17th October, 10 till 12, at 52 Cherry Drive. New members welcome

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

Mass Times The topic of Mass times came up at our recent Parish Pastoral Council meeting. A) Whether it was right to continue to have three Sunday Masses during the Summer holiday period – when, in particular the Saturday Evening, numbers were very much down but we are paying a significant amount to get in a supply priest. B) Also numbers have been low recently for the Tuesday evening Mass. It is good to have a weekday mass available for those who are not available at 9:15am but if Tuesday evening does not suit people when might be a better time? There are no immediate proposals to change these but we are seeking input as part of keeping our practice under review.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Collection Thank you for supporting CAFOD's Family Fast Day with us. Our parish raised £427.95 which means more poor families around the world will receive life-changing support. Thank you for your generosity.

Light Party Churches Together are once again running the Light Party, at the Coombes Community Centre, as a Christian alternative to Halloween on 31st October 5:30pm-7pm. As always, the party cannot happen without a band of willing volunteers. Please find the sign-up sheet on the notice board in the sacristy for anyone willing to help or contact Helen Tobiss (lightparty@ct-royston.org.uk) or 01763 243774

Cleaning Rota Monday – Tessie Friday – Sharon



The Canonisation Mass of John Henry Newman will be in Rome this Sunday (10am Rome Time – 9am GMT) John Henry Newman will be the first English person who has lived since the 17th century officially recognised as a saint by the Roman Catholic Church. Before Newman's beatification, Pope Benedict XV said:

Cardinal Newman is a modern man, who took on all of the problems of modernity, he experienced the problem of agnosticism, the impossibility of knowing God, of believing; a man who throughout his life was on a journey, a journey to let himself be transformed by the truth, in a search of great sincerity and great willingness, to learn more, to find and to accept the path to true life...

He is a man of great culture who participates in our sceptical culture of today, in the question: "Can we understand something certain about the truth of man, of the human being, or not?" ...

He is a man of great spirituality, a great humanism, a man of prayer, of a deep relationship with God and a relationship with himself, and therefore also of a deep relationship with the other men of his and our time