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Mass this Sunday: Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 20th October 2019

Today's Readings

Exodus 17:8-13 Moses prays during battle for the Lord to save his people.

2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2 From early childhood, Timothy listened to the scriptures and was inspired by them.

Luke 18:1 -8 Like the persistent widow, who will not give up on justice, we are invited to storm heaven with prayer.

Mass this week

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| Saturday 19 th | 6:30pm | |
| Sunday 20 th | 9:00am | |
| | 10:30am | |
| Tuesday 22 nd | 7:30pm | Weekday |
| Wednesday 23 rd | 9:15am | Weekday |
| Thursday 24 th | 9:15am | Weekday |
| Friday 25 th | 9:15am | Weekday |

Intention

Maura Loftus (RIP)

For Our Parishioners

Francisco Lemos (Intention)

Sister Roza (RIP)

Mary & Robin Anthony (Silver Wedding Anniversary)

Sister Margaret (Intention)

Special Intention (OT)

Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:45pm or by appointment

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for a special intention (MB)

Please note that next weekend the clocks change: The Saturday Vigil will be at 6:30pm BST, the Sunday morning Masses at 9am and 10:30am GMT

Last Week's Offertory This amounted to £552.07
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.

Today is World Mission Sunday World Mission Sunday supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting *Missio*, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help missionaries like Sr Clara share the love of Christ with those most in need. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can. If you are a taxpayer, please use the Gift Aid envelopes. For more information, visit missio.org.uk Thank you.

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.

Baptised and Sent The booklets are available (£3 each).

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.

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.

Food Bank We have received notice that the Royston Foodbank will close at the end of November. Although the current managers had given notice of their retirement, no replacements have been found. The full notice is in the Sacristy. We thank Andy and Viv for their hard work and goodwill over many years.

Finance Committee will meet at 7:30pm on Thursday 24th October in the Presbytery. Anyone is welcome to attend.

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 this week. The First Holy Communion Programme will begin with the first Parents Evening on Wednesday 20th November at 7:30pm, the first workshop for candidates on Saturday 23rd November and the enrolment Mass on Sunday 24th 10:30am (the Feast of Christ the King).

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.**

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 ask for 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.

Fr. Kakuba Kapia – The Kanyike Project, Uganda
Next weekend 26th/27th October, Father Kakuba will be with us once again to give an update on developments in The Kanyike Project which you have been supporting so generously over the years. There will be Gift Aid envelopes available for those who wish to take one. Fr. Kakuba and the people of The Kanyike Project are most grateful for the parish donation of £2000 and very much appreciate the Parish's continued support.

The House of Prayer will next meet on Thursday 24th October, 10 till 12, at 52 Cherry Drive. New members welcome

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 and a Gift Stall. Please come and join us.

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

November Month of the Holy Souls Envelopes are 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.

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 in August – when, in particular the Saturday Evening, numbers were very much down but we were paying a significant amount to get in a supply priest. B) Also numbers have been low recently for the Tuesday evening Mass. There are no immediate proposals to change these but we are seeking input as part of keeping our practice under review.

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

The John Henry Newman Catholic School Sixth Form Open Evening takes place on Thursday 14th November 6:30pm to 8:30pm (headteacher's address at 7:30pm) Information packs and application forms will be available on the evening.

Cleaning Rota Monday – Sutha Friday – Julian



The God who speaks There will be several events for the *Year of the Word*. In our Parish we will have an afternoon of reflection and study on *Reading the Old Testament as Christian Scripture*, on Sunday 8th December at 2pm There will be Solemn Vespers for the launch of the Year of the Word in our cathedral at 3:30pm on Sunday 1st December. There are posters for several other retreats, study days, training for catechists and more on our notice boards.