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Mass this Sunday: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 27th October 2019

Today's Readings

Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14. 16-19 The Lord is quick to answer the prayers of those who serve him wholeheartedly.

2 Timothy 4:6-8. 16-18 Paul is confident that his eternal reward is to come soon.

Luke 18:9-14 The humility of the tax collector is held up by Jesus as an example of true prayer.

Mass this week

Saturday 26 th	6:30pm	
Sunday 27 th	9:00am	
	10:30am	
Tuesday 29 th	7:30pm	Weekday
Wednesday 30 th	9:15am	Weekday
Thursday 31 st	9:15am	Weekday
Friday 1 st	9:15am	All Saints
	7:30pm	
Saturday 2 nd	11:30am	All Souls

(followed by Blessings of The Graves)

Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:45pm or by appointment

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for the intention of Esther Blake

Intention

Mgr Augustine Hoey (RIP)
Allen McRobb (anniversary)
For Our Parishioners
Fr Edward Fowler (RIP)
William Blake (anniversary)
Sister Margaret (Intention)
Our Parish Mission
Our Benefactors
The Faithful Departed

Last Week's Offertory This amounted to £438.07
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.

The evil of the sexual abuse of children and vulnerable adults is a wound we feel deeply in our Church and which soon may again become prominent in the media. Inserted in this week's newsletter is a statement by our Cardinal on Safeguarding in the Church today. In response to what the Cardinal has written let us make two parish commitments:

1. We shall respect the experience of survivors of abuse and seek to provide a safe space for survivors.

If there are people here who have been directly or indirectly affected by this grave evil, then Fr Philip and others are available to sit with them and listen, if they wish to or a ready to.

2. We shall continue to maintain robust safeguarding procedures in our parish.

Fr. Kakuba Kapia – The Kanyike Project, Uganda This weekend 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.

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 and the current lease on the premises used expires. The full notice is in the Sacristy. We thank Andy and Viv for their hard work and goodwill over many years. We are actively considering what steps we can make for the rest of this year and what future arrangements may be put in place.

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). All applications should now be in.

RCIA If there are more adults interested in exploring Catholicism or wanting to prepare for baptism, confirmation and/or reception into the Church, please fill in one of the inquiry forms as soon as possible.

The House of Prayer will next meet on Thursday 31st 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 **this weekend**. There will also be a Cake Stall and a Gift Stall . Please come and join us.

World Mission Sunday Collection Thank you very much for your contribution of £627.95 to last week's World Mission Sunday collection. Your prayers and donations will help missionaries work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Please pray for the work of Missio and all those working to offer the love of Jesus, that we may remain strong in our witness to Christ's love for all peoples. To continue supporting Missio throughout the year, please go to missio.org.uk or call 020 7821 9755

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 (and any stipend you wish to offer) to be prayed for at our Altar during November.

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.

Car Park Closure Due to ground work being carried out next week for the new school building, the **car park will be closed Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday**. We apologise for the disruption caused.

Cleaning Rota Monday – Linda Friday – Vanessa



Our Parish Mission will be from 9th -15th November

We will be facilitated in this time of renewal and mission by two Redemptorist Priests: Fr Peter Morris CSsR and Fr Kieran J Brady CSsR. Do please pray for them and for our Parish Mission.

Members of the Evangelisation Team and anyone else willing to help are invited to a short meeting in the Presbytery at 3:30pm on Sunday 3rd November.

Monday 11th November

9.15am Mass with Mission input
7.30pm A Healing Service^W

Tuesday 12th November

9.15am Mass with Mission input
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from
9.50am—11.00am.

A Priest will be available for Reconciliation during this time. Confessions also available after the evening services.

7.30pm Prayer around the Cross

Wednesday 13th November

9.15am Mass for the Dead
7.30pm Special Family Service
(Children receive a blessed medal at this service)

Thursday 14th November

9.15am Mass with Mission input
7.30pm Mary, the First Disciple

Friday 15th November

11.00am A Special Mass with
The Sacrament of the Sick