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Mass this Sunday: Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 10th November 2019

Today's Readings

2 Maccabees 7:1-2. 9-14 No threats will dissuade the seven brothers and their mother from staying faithful to the God in whom they put their trust.

2 Thessalonians 2:16 – 3:5 Paul prays for himself and his early converts that the Lord will strengthen and protect them.

Luke 20:27-38 Jesus refuses to be trapped by the specious arguments of the Sadducees but stresses the truth of the resurrection that awaits the children of God.

Mass this week and Parish Mission Events

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| Saturday 9 th | 6:30pm | | Teresa Brien (anniversary) |
| Sunday 10 th | 9:00am | | For Our Parishioners |
| | 10:30am | | Margaret O'Brien (RIP) |
| Monday 11 th | 9:15am | St Martin of Tours | The War Dead |
| | 7:30pm | Mission Service: Healing | |
| Tuesday 12 th | 9:15am | St Josaphat | Holy Souls |
| | 9:50am to 11am | Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation | |
| | 7:30pm | Mission Service: Prayer around the Cross | |
| Wednesday 13 th | 9:15am | Weekday | Umberto Sartini (anniversary) and Luisa Sartini Baldwin (RIP) |
| | 7:30pm | Special Family Service | |
| Thursday 14 th | 9:15am | Weekday | Holy Souls |
| | 7:30pm | Mary, The First Disciple | |
| Friday 15 th | 11:00am | Special Mass With The Sacrament of The Sick | The Sick And Infirm |

Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:45pm or by appointment

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for a special intention (P & J K)

Last Week's Offertory This amounted to £431.81
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.

Parish Mission Please pray for our Parish Mission. Please come along to as many of the Parish Mission events as you can. Please invite someone to come with you to any of the mission. There are spare copies of the leaflet at the back of Church. Please note that for this special week, our usual weekly timetable is a little different.

The First Holy Communion Programme will begin with the first Parent's Evening on Wednesday 20th November at 7:30pm, the first workshop for the candidates on Saturday 23rd November and the enrolment Mass on Sunday 24th at 10:30am.

RCIA If there are any 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 enquiry forms as soon as possible. Thank you to those who have already shown an interest. We hope to have an initial meeting before the end of November.

Baptised and Sent In addition to the Faith Sharing Groups already meeting, there will be a group meeting in the Presbytery at 4pm on Fridays.

The House of Prayer will next meet on Thursday 14th November, 10 till 12, at 52 Cherry Drive. New members welcome

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 the year and what future arrangements may be put in place.

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for November: Dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

CWL Meeting As the CWL meeting scheduled for Monday evening clashes with the Healing Service, it has been decided to postpone it until next Monday evening, 18th November, at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall. All welcome.

Sick & Retired Priest's Collection Today's second collection is for the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. Please give generously and help ensure our sick and older priests are financially supported, having given us a lifetime of dedicated service. They have baptised us, welcomed us into the church, and offered comfort and prayer at times of sorrow. Now we have a chance to give back and ensure they have peace of mind during their senior years. The fund is used to cover their essential needs at a time when they may be facing failing health and declining mobility. Your gift could help ensure our sick and retired priests have the housing, care and support they need. Please give generously using the envelopes provided last week (there are few spare envelopes at the back of Church). You can also donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you in advance for your kindness.

Volunteers Needed! As ever, we are reliant on the good nature and willingness to contribute of so many people. **We need counters, welcomers. Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Servers. Please see or e-mail Fr Philip if you can help.**

The God Who Speaks We are now in the Year of the Word. There are several Diocesan events advertised on our noticeboards. Please put in your diaries our Parish Afternoon of Reflection *Reading the Old Testament as Christian Scripture*. This will be on Sunday 8th December from 2pm. This is part of our parish commitment to provide opportunities for recollection for readers, but everyone is warmly invited to take part. Please bring along a Bible.

Leaving a Legacy to the Parish – Free will services In recent years, internal and external improvements to the church and presbytery have been funded largely by legacies generously made by parishioners. Please consider making a legacy. November is "Make a will month". A number of Solicitors will write your will free of charge but request that you make a donation to the nine sponsored national charities, including Christian Aid.

These web sites explain all and allow you to enter your postal code to find the nearest participating practice: <http://www.willaid.org.uk>, <http://www.cancerresearchuk.org/get-involved/donate/leave-a-legacy-gift-in-your-will>. **Our parishioner**, Terry Donellan, of the Walkers Partnership, 01763 241121 offers a **year-round free wills service**, sponsored by Cancer Research. CR pays your fee in the hope that you will leave it something in your will. However, you must be aged at least 55 to qualify

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

Diocesan Youth Events Please note two upcoming events. Westminster Youth Ministry is hosting a *Youth Mass* on Thursday 21 November at 6:30pm, in the crypt of Westminster Cathedral. Also *The Summit: Enfield 22 November*. The Summit is a chance for young people in the diocese to socialise, share a meal together, learn more about their faith and be introduced to a deeper level of prayer and adoration, supported by live contemporary worship music. More details at: <https://dowym.com/events/>

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 – Ruth Friday – Mary & Pat