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Mass this Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent (A) 8th December 2019

Today's Readings

Isaiah 11:1-10 The spirit of the Lord will rest on the offspring of Jesse, and he will judge the wretched with integrity.

Romans 15:4-9 Christ came to bring salvation to all, pagans as well as Jews.

Matthew 3:1-12 John the Baptist calls us to prepare the way for the Lord through baptism and repentance.

Mass This Week

Saturday 7th 6:30pm

Sunday 8th 9:00am

10:30am

Monday 9th 9:15am

7:30pm

Tuesday 10th

Wednesday 11th 9:15am

Thursday 12th 9:15am

Friday 13th 9:15am

***Immaculate Conception
of The Blessed Virgin Mary***

No Mass

Advent Weekday

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St Lucy

Intention

Brian Nangle (RIP)

For Our Parishioners

Margaret & Peter Murray (anniv)

Angelo & Teresa Villa (anniv)

Mothers

Voters

Fr Laurence Kingseller RIP

Fr Jeremiah Daly RIP

Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:45pm or by appointment

The Sanctuary Lamp burns In Thanksgiving (VS)

Advent Evening Prayer: 5:30pm Tuesday – Friday throughout Advent.

Last Week's Offertory This amounted to £431.15
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.

Immaculate Conception Please note that there will be mass for the Solemnity in Church on **Monday 9th December at 9:15am and 7:30pm.**

There will be no mass on Tuesday 10th December

RCIA our next session will be at 10am on Wednesday 11th December, starting in the presbytery. There will be a very short catch up session (9:45am) for those who could not be at the first session.

Advent Adoration and Reconciliation Saturday 14th December From 2pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with the opportunity for Sacramental Reconciliation

The God Who Speaks 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.

Election Prayers Prayers for the country and the general Election will be offered by members of Churches Together in Royston and District from 6pm on Wednesday 11th December in the Methodist Church, 'Blue Room' (no political bias intended!)

Parish Pastoral Council our next meeting will be on Wednesday 11th December at 7:30pm *in the Sacristy*. The main item of discussion will be to reflect on the Parish Mission and our next steps. All are welcome to participate.

Volunteers Needed! We still need counters, welcomers, readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Servers. This will be even more so than usual over Christmas. Please see or e-mail Fr Philip if you can help.

The House of Prayer will next meet on Thursday 12th December, 10 till 12, at 52 Cherry Drive.

CWL Christmas Raffle We will be having our final coffee morning of the year **this** weekend after the Sunday morning masses when our Christmas Raffle will be drawn. Raffle tickets are also being sold outside church after all Masses. There are lots of prizes, including a Christmas Hamper, wine, chocolates, toiletries, etc. There will also be a Gift Stall. Please come and support us.

Rosaries there are some lovely rosaries (handmade by one of our artistic parishioners) available in the Sacristy, suggested donation of £10.

The Holy Father's Intention for December

The Future of the Very Young: That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

St Mary's School Nativity Everyone is invited to the school's "outside" Nativity with real animals and outside sets/staging on Wednesday 18th December at 7pm. More details to follow next week.

Action By Christians Against Torture We are invited, as usual at this time, to send a message of hope and solidarity to people subject to unjust imprisonment (including risk of, or actual infliction, of torture). Our Justice & Peace group have undertaken to provide details of a number of cases to which ACAT are drawing our attention. We invite all parishioners to take details of one (or more) of these cases, and to respond with a greeting of hope to the prisoner concerned, or to their family. Please note that Christmas greetings ('religious' or otherwise) may not always be appropriate. Each of the case notes contains guidance on this important point.

Would you like to make your own stunning Christmas flower arrangement for your own Christmas table or to give to a loved one, friend or neighbour? If so please come to an afternoon run by our own Church flower arrangers. All instruction and equipment will be provided (containers, oasis, wire, greenery and flowers), together with a glass of prosecco (non-alcoholic alternatives will be provided). No experience necessary. Please bring any baubles (small), ribbons, candles or other decorative bits you would like. Children in year 7 and above are welcome but must be accompanied and supervised by an adult. Last years event was relaxing and very friendly and really fun. **Sunday 15th December 2 to 4pm, The Parish Hall.** £15 per person, includes a glass of prosecco and tea or coffee. There is a sign up sheet at the back of Church. For more information please contact Wanda (details on the sign up sheet at the back of Church)

Cleaning Rota Monday – Sutha Friday – Sharon



Prayer for The Year of The Word

Living God,
You walk alongside us
And speak to us throughout the Scriptures.
Your Son, Jesus Christ, listens to our hopes and fears
And shows us how to live for one another.
Send us the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds
So that we may be your witnesses throughout the world.

Amen

V. Your word is our path and your truth is our light.

R. This day and every day.

Our Lady of the Annunciation

Pray for us

St Matthew

Pray for us

St Jerome

Pray for us