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Mass this Sunday: Second Sunday In Ordinary Time (A) 19th January 2020

Today's Readings

Isaiah 49:3. 5-6 In this, the second of the "Servant Songs", a mysterious servant is called upon to be a light to the nations.

1 Corinthians 1:1-3 At the start of his first letter to the Corinthians, Paul sends greetings to "the holy people of Jesus Christ".

John 1:29-34 John the Baptist points to Jesus as the one who "existed before me" and who is to "baptise with the Holy Spirit".

Mass This Week

Saturday 18th 6:30pm

Sunday 19th 9:00am
10:30am
3pm

Monday 20th 12:45pm

Tuesday 21st 7:30pm

Wednesday 22nd 9:15am

Thursday 23rd 12 noon

2:30pm

Friday 24th 9:15am

Civic Service (North Herts)

Memorial Mass

St Agnes

St Vincent

Funeral Mass

Funeral Mass

St Francis De Sales

Intention

Zanda & Paul Bolton
(45th Wedding Anniversary)

For Our Parishioners

Alejandro Arcangeles (RIP)

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Fr Michael Hollings RIP

Colin Shubert (Intention)

Myrtle Davis RIP

Desmond Downey RIP

Christian Unity

Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:45pm or by appointment

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for Christian Unity

Last Week's Offertory This amounted to £579.69
Many thanks for all your generosity. **Text Giving** If
you wish to support the parish by giving £5 via your
mobile 'phone, just text PARISH ROYST to 70800.

Prayer for Peace In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer this
Sunday has a special focus on prayer for peace. The
Holy Father's Message for today may be found at:
http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/papa-francesco_20191208_messaggio-53giornatamondialepace2020.html (And yes, most of the rest of the world
keeps a focus on peace on January 1st – in England and
Wales we are given the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time!)

Civic Service We shall be hosting a Civic Service for
North Hertfordshire at 3pm on Sunday 19th January.
All are welcome.

Alpha Course We had a productive meeting last week
and have decided to work towards beginning the 11
week Alpha Course after Easter (April 22nd). We have a
good nucleus of a team. We still need people to help
(to move furniture, to prepare food, to acts 'hosts'
and to be prayerful supporters). If you are interested
please let Fr Philip know. Full training and resources
will be provided! There is more information at:
<https://www.alpha.org/catholic-context/>

RCIA Our next session will be at 9:45am on Wednesday 22nd January in the Presbytery. We will be looking at Catholics and the Bible.

CWL Coffee Morning We will be having our next coffee morning next weekend after the Sunday morning masses. We will also be having a Gift Stall and Cake Stall. If any parishioners have any new or nearly new items they would like to donate to our gift stall please bring them along to the parish hall next Sunday. Many thanks. 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.

Parish Social There is an open invitation for people to gather for refreshment and good company at the *Old Bull* on Friday 31st January from 7:30pm.

Year of the Word 1: Pope Francis has announced that from now on each year the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (this year the 26th January, next Sunday) will be a Sunday of the Word of God. To mark this we shall invite all readers in the Church to renew their commitment to the ministry of the Word. If there are any more people willing to volunteer to help with this valued ministry please see Fr Philip.

Year of the Word 2: St Matthew's Gospel. We will have a parish evening of reflection of St Matthew's Gospel 7:30pm Thursday 6th February. Please bring a bible.

The House of Prayer will next meet on Thursday 23rd January, 10 till 12, at 52 Cherry Drive.

Churches Together in Royston and District Lent Groups We are hoping to have Bible Study groups, looking at the Book of Nehemiah this Lent (beginning the week of 24th February). We will provide guides for this. We want to have five hosts for these groups drawn from across the communities in our area. This may be in your own home, or your church community may provide suitable rooms. If you are willing to host please contact Fr Philip on philipknights@rcdow.org.uk; please indicate when would be a convenient time or day for you (e.g. 2pm on Wednesdays or 7pm on Fridays or whatever suits you). Please let us know by Monday 27th January.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is from 18th-25th January. The materials for the 2020 Week have been prepared by the Christian churches in Malta and Gozo (Christians Together in Malta) See <https://ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer> There will be an **Ecumenical Service** for the communities of Royston and District at 6:30pm on Sunday 26th February in the Methodist Church, Queens Road.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for January Prayer intention for evangelisation - Promotion of World Peace. We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

Cleaning Rota Monday – Jo Friday – Janine



Peace Day

Whoever responds to the Gospel's calls refuses to consider anyone an enemy. Praying in silence and love, they find enough freedom even to forgive those who are distorting their intentions.

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