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### Mass this Sunday: Third Sunday In Ordinary Time (A) 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020

#### Today's Readings

*Isaiah 8:23 – 9:3* Isaiah looks forward to a day when the people that have walked in darkness will have seen a great light.

*1 Corinthians 1:10-13. 17* Paul appeals for reconciliation between the divided groups in Corinth.

*Matthew 4:12-23* Jesus fulfils the prophecy of Isaiah and begins his public ministry by calling his first disciples to follow him in proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom.

#### Mass This Week

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 9:00am

10:30am

**6:30pm Ecumenical Service Queens Rd Methodist Church**

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm St Thomas Aquinas

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> 9:15am Weekday

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> 9:15am Weekday

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 9:15am St John Bosco

#### Intention

For Our Parishioners

Armida Galvani (RIP)

Mgr Anthony Stark (RIP)

Theologians

Christopher Boyes (Intention)

Mgr John Klyberg RIP

The Salesians

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** 5:45pm or by appointment

**The Sanctuary Lamp** burns for a private intention (M & PB)

**Last Week's Offertory** This amounted to £352.73  
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.

**RCIA** Our next session will be at 9:45am on  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January in the Presbytery. We will be  
looking at styles of worship

**CWL Coffee Morning** We will be having our  
next coffee morning **this** 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> January, this Sunday ) will be a  
Sunday of the Word of God. To mark this we have  
invited 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 6<sup>th</sup> February. Please bring a bible.

**Year of the Word 3: Resources to help us read and pray with the Word of God**

- i. The *Wednesday Word*, we are pleased that our parish school is providing this for our children and their families. There is also a parish version available at <http://www.wednesdayword.org/>
- ii. *Magnificat* Several people use the Magnificat publication to reflect on the readings we meet at Mass. Find the print edition via <https://subscriptions.catholicherald.co.uk/magnificat/magnificat.htm> This is also available as an app on iOS and Android devices.
- iii. *Bible Alive* also provides reflections on our Sunday Mass readings
- iv. The Irish Jesuits provide daily prayer resources at <https://www.sacredspace.ie/> these include reflections on the daily readings at <https://livingspace.sacredspace.ie/>

There are many other resources available but these are all good places to start.

**Year of the Word 4: SCRIPTURE ROAD SHOW**

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL 30th January – 1st February 2020 TENTS OF MEETING. Please see more information on the flyers at the back of Church.

**The House of Prayer** will next meet on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January, 10 till 12, at 52 Cherry Drive.

**Alpha Course** We have decided to work towards beginning the 11 week Alpha Course after Easter (April 22<sup>nd</sup>). 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 an *Alpha* Gathering in London on February 22<sup>nd</sup> which will include workshops on running an Alpha course. It would be very good to be represented there. There is more information at: <https://www.alpha.org/catholic-context/>

**Becket 2020** This year marks the 850<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the martyrdom of St Thomas of Canterbury and the 800<sup>th</sup> year of the establishment of his shrine. Ten representatives from our parish have been invited by the Archbishop of Canterbury and Cardinal Vincent to participate in an Ecumenical Choral Evensong in Canterbury Cathedral on July 5<sup>th</sup>. There is a sign up sheet at the back of church.

**Churches Together in Royston and District Lent Groups** 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](mailto: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.

**Cleaning Rota** Monday – Tessie Friday – Juby



"I hereby declare that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God. This *Sunday of the Word of God* will thus be a fitting part of that time of the year when we are encouraged to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and to pray for Christian unity. This is more than a temporal coincidence: the celebration of the Sunday of The Word of God has ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity."

Pope Francis *Aperuit Illis*