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Mass this Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 16th February 2020

Today's Readings

Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20 We are taught to keep the commandments, for behaving faithfully is within our power.

1 Corinthians 2:6-10 Paul warns believers against basing their faith on human wisdom instead of God's wisdom.

Matthew 5:17-37 Jesus did not reject the Jewish scriptures but brought them back to basics: love of God and of neighbour. Our lives should reflect this love.

Mass This Week

Saturday 15 th	6:30pm	
Sunday 16 th	9:00am	
	10:30am	
Tuesday 18 th	7:30pm	Weekday
Wednesday 19 th	9:15am	Weekday
Thursday 20 th	9:15am	Weekday
Friday 21 st	9:15am	St Peter Damian

Intention

Peter Brackenridge (RIP)
Canon Patrick Davies RIP
For Our Parishioners
Special Intention (OT)
Fr Ronald Aylward RIP
Fr Joseph Scholes RIP
Moral Theologians

Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:45pm or by appointment

The Sanctuary Lamp burns In Thanksgiving (DS)

Last Week's Offertory This amounted to £372.20
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.

The House of Prayer will next meet on Thursday 20th February, 10 till 12, at 52 Cherry Drive.

Lent will be with us soon! If you have palm crosses that you are willing to have burnt to make ashes for Ash Wednesday (26th Feb) please add them to the basket at the back of Church. There will be Mass with the imposition of Ashes in Church at 9:15am and 7:30pm. There will also be a service including ashing in school at 11am.

CWL Coffee Morning The CWL will be serving refreshments in the Parish Hall after the Sunday morning Masses **next** weekend. There will be a cake stall and gift stall, and tickets will be on sale for our Easter Hamper raffle. Please come and support us.

Becket 2020 This year marks the 850th anniversary of the martyrdom of St Thomas of Canterbury and the 800th 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 5th. There is a sign up sheet at the back of church.

World Day Of Prayer This year, the Women's World Day of Prayer (now called the World Day of Prayer) Service will take place on Friday, 6th March, at 2.15pm at our Church here in Royston. The service has been prepared by the Christian women of Zimbabwe and the theme is "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk". All are welcome - and refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall after the Service.

Alpha Course We 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 act 'hosts' and to be prayerful supporters). If you are interested please let Fr Philip know. There is more information at:
<https://www.alpha.org/catholic-context/>

Year of the Word: 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.catholiceraid.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/>

RCIA Our next session will be at 10am on Wednesday 26th February in the Presbytery.

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 30th May 2019 at 3pm. The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2020. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give the parish office the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email). **Information required by 20th March**

Student Cross: we would like to ask people to open their doors and homes to our visitors for the night of Sunday 5th April. The pilgrims generally arrive around 5pm on the Sunday and have to be back at the church on Monday morning between 7.45am and 8am. Last year we had about 25 pilgrims so would expect a similar number again. Please could you email marion.kett@btinternet.com or telephone on 07511 009472 if you are able to help. As a parish we are extremely welcoming and the pilgrims do really appreciate all our hospitality, especially the hot food, bath and a proper bed!!.

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). Please sign up on the lists at the back of Church for the most convenient session for you.

Cleaning Rota Monday – Ruby Friday – Julian



In our second reading this Sunday, St Paul continues to urge the Corinthians to accept the wisdom of God. Amongst the pagan religions of the time were several 'Mystery Religions': esoteric cults that promised to initiate devotees into secret truths not shared with the uninitiated. The Apostle uses the language of 'mystery' but insists that the truths revealed by God are an open secret, accessible to all people. God makes himself known by the Holy Spirit and through Jesus Christ.