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Mass this Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 9th February 2020

Today's Readings

Isaiah 58:7-10 God will hear your prayer, and your light will shine, when you consider the needs of the lowly.

1 Corinthians 2:1-5 For Paul, proclaiming Christ and witnessing to the power of the Spirit are the essence of his teaching.

Matthew 5:13-16 Good works, done in the name of Christ, are to be unashamedly put on display for all to see.

Mass This Week

Saturday 8 th	6:30pm	
Sunday 9 th	9:00am	
	10:30am	
Tuesday 11 th	7:30pm	Our Lady of Lourdes
Wednesday 12 th	9:15am	Weekday
Thursday 13 th	9:15am	Weekday
	11:00am	Funeral Mass
Friday 14 th	9:15am	Weekday

Intention

For Our Parishioners
Mrs Duignan (RIP)
Sr Fanny Tascon (RIP)
In Thanksgiving
Peter Brackenridge (RIP)
John Morrison (RIP)
Norman Butler RIP
Peter Brackenridge (RIP) & Family

Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:45pm or by appointment

The Sanctuary Lamp burns In Thanksgiving (IS)

Last Week's Offertory This amounted to £419.37
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 12th February in the Presbytery.

The House of Prayer will next meet on Thursday 13th
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.

CWL Meeting The next CWL Meeting takes place on
Monday 10th February at 7.30 pm in the Parish
Hall. All welcome.

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.

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 acts '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.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.

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

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). 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.

Cleaning Rota Monday – Linda Friday – Sharon



In our Sunday readings we have two cycles: one is based upon a sequential reading of the Gospel (for most of this year, Matthew's Gospel) and the first reading and the psalm are chosen to fit with the Gospel passage; the other cycle is based on the epistles. For the next few weeks we shall be following through St Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. The Church in Corinth seem rather full of themselves and riven by divisions. The Corinthians seem to be influenced by a Greek philosophical appreciation of wisdom as the fruit of human reason and intellect expressed in rhetoric – persuasive public speaking. The Apostle Paul had to show them that Divine Wisdom is found in Christ crucified and faith is dependent on the power of God.