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Mass this Sunday: Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 13th September 2020

Today's Readings

Ecclesiasticus 27:30 – 28:7 The cure for bad memories is to remember the things of God.

Romans 14:7-9 Life and death only have meaning when they are lived for something more than ourselves.

Mathew 18:21-35 There is no limit to forgiveness, because heaven is eternal forgiveness.

Mass This Week

Saturday 12th 6:30pm

Sunday 13th 9:00am

10:30am

Tuesday 15th 7:40pm Our Lady of Sorrows

Please note that this mass is slightly later than usual

Wednesday 16th 9:15am SS Cornelius & Cyprian

Thursday 17th 9:15am St Robert Bellarmine

Friday 18th 9:15am Weekday

Intention

Betty Whybrow (anniversary)

For Our Parishioners

Peter and Suzanne Brazier

The Bereaved

Reconciliation

Theologians

The Housebound

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment only

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for the intentions of the Holy Father

The Church will be open for private prayer for one hour after the morning weekday masses (9:45am-10:45am, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and for Exposition from 5:30pm on Saturday (on the presumption there are sufficient volunteer stewards)

New Government restrictions As things stand the restrictions announced this week should not affect us much in the short term (they would have made last week's First Holy Communion Mass much more difficult but we got that in in time). However, the guidelines from the Bishops Conference we have been following are now legal requirements. Please keep up the good habits. It is so important we work to keep everyone safe, even although this does involve some inconvenience. It is necessary that we ask for peoples contact details and that we limit numbers in Church to the capacity we agreed upon in our risk assessment. It is essential that everyone books in before mass. Do use the online booking-in system; if you find this difficult please ask someone to help you or let Fr

Philip know in good time and he will book you in. To keep everyone safe inside Church:

- use the hand sanitiser provided, on entering the church.
- wear a face covering, over nose and mouth, all the time whilst in Church
- Follow the one way system for entering and leaving the Church
- We continue to operate a 'track and trace' system, so if you wish to attend a weekend Mass, ensure you book in beforehand at <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/royston/events/>
NB Volunteers will also need to book in through this system.
- Do not come to church if you are feeling unwell.

The Parish Office has now re-opened with its usual opening days and times. However, please do not visit in person. Should you wish to contact the parish office, it must be done by telephone or email only. If you have items for inclusion in the newsletter please make sure that they are in by Tuesday night.

Last Week's Offertory Many thanks for all your generosity.

Our Finances remain a major concern. Thank you to the generosity of those who have helped maintain some income during these very difficult times. We are still advised against receiving cash or cheques. Please, if you can, give electronically via your bank or <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/royston/donate/> We have installed contactless giving in the Sacristy.

Volunteers Thank you to all who have helped keep things going over the summer. [A sign up rota](#) is available online for those who can help as cleaners, stewards, sacristans, readers and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. Please note that this is an open document and so please protect yourselves and your private data by not giving your contact details but just your name or even initials. The rota is to be found at <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1H4qwiorMMd7z9kM7SICs1RbNwWitBs4epVfMWNCNX8/edit?usp=sharing>

Red Box Holders The time has come again to empty your red *Missio* mission boxes. If possible, please could you do your donation on line. Alternatively, there are envelopes in the sacristy for you to take home. Please put your name on the envelope, empty the box into it and return it to the red box in the sacristy. It will be much appreciated at this time.

Chrism Mass

The re-arranged Chrism Mass will be celebrated by Cardinal Vincent in the Cathedral this Monday. Our Deanery will be represented by Fr Norbert Fernandez, our dean, and we shall get our 2020 oils on Tuesday.

*14 September 2020, 11:30am - 1:30pm
Westminster Cathedral, Victoria St, Westminster, London SW1P 1LT, UK*

There is very limited space available in the Cathedral for this Mass, on a first come, first served basis. Cathedral doors will open at 11am.

All are welcome to watch the live stream at www.westminstercathedral.org.uk

RCIA We are picking up the processes leading to the baptism, confirmation and first Holy Communion of our adult candidates. The rite of anointing with the oil of catechumens will take place at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday 20th September. The sacraments of initiation will be celebrated at 10:30AM ON Sunday 18th October. Please keep Ashley, Toby and their sponsors in your prayers.

Sacramental Preparation 2021 Over the next few weeks we shall be collecting names and contact details for First Holy Communion, Confirmation and RCIA next year. The forms are in the sacristy.

Home Visits On Saturday we were informed that we can make pastoral visits to people's homes. Clearly this announcement made just before the announcement of new restrictions may change. However, it is right to plan. The Bishops Conference have issued guidelines on how home visits may be done safely. There will be a meeting to train visitors in these procedures at 5pm on Wednesday 16th September. Log in to this at <https://meet.google.com/mkc-fpir-caf> If you are willing to help with this ministry please let Fr Philip know and attend this meeting.

Back To School All children and young people are welcomed back to school as they reopen fully. For many children this is the first time they have been in school since March! Please pray for them, for their teachers and for all involved in our school communities.

