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### Mass this Sunday: Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020

#### Today's Readings

*Isaiah 25:6-10* We exult and rejoice because the Lord in whom we hoped has saved us.

*Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20* The Lord gives us the strength to be ready for anything, anywhere.

*Matthew 22:1-14* The Lord invites us all to his celebratory feast.

#### Mass This Week

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 9:00am

10:30am

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> 9:15am

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

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> 9:15am

ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR Married People

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St Teresa of Avila

Feria

#### Intention

For Our Parishioners

Paul Smith (Intention)

Philomena & Noel Manning (Intention)

Married People

Those unable to attend Mass

Vocations to the Religious Life

Those in hospital

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** by appointment only

**The Sanctuary Lamp** burns in memory of Roger Stables (RIP)

**We hope to have the Church 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 )

#### Keeping Covid Secure

**Please let's look after each other's safety and wellbeing:**

- 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** is open. 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. 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. If you can help at this time when we need everyone to pull together please do volunteer. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1H4qwiorMMd7z9kM7SICs1RbNWwitBs4epVfMWNCNX8/edit?usp=sharing>

**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. Please can the forms be returned by October 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Confirmation Team** We do have an urgent need for more members for our Team of catechists preparing young people for Confirmation next year. To maintain a good balance we do need more younger members of the team. Please let Fr Philip know if you can help.

**The Year of the Word** This special year of celebration of Holy Scripture has been extended. It began on the feast of St Jerome (30th September 2019) and will now continue until the Sunday of the Word of God (Sunday 24th January [3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time])

**RCIA.** The sacraments of initiation will be celebrated at **10:30am on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October.** Please keep Ashley, Toby and their sponsors in your prayers

**School Transfer** Several Catholic schools ask practising Catholics to provide *A Certificate of Catholic Practice*. If you are eligible for this and would request such evidence of your practice, please see Fr Philip after any Sunday Mass to arrange an interview.

**According to Thy Word** The Autumn Faith Sharing booklet has arrived. The first proposed session will be 7pm to 8:30pm on a Wednesday evening 14<sup>th</sup> October. Please let Fr Philip know (philipknights@rcdow.org.uk) if you wish to be part of this and he will send you the Zoom invitation.

**CAFOD** Last Friday marked CAFOD's Family Fast Day to help people facing the worst of the coronavirus crisis. We've all felt the impact of this terrible disease – let's come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world survive, rebuild and heal. Please pray for all those affected and donate online at [cafod.org.uk/give](http://cafod.org.uk/give) or you can give easily via text. Text CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10.

**Fratelli Tutti** The recently published encyclical on 'social fraternity' (being brothers and sisters to each other and all humanity) is available at: [http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco\\_20201003\\_enciclica-fratelli-tutti.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20201003_enciclica-fratelli-tutti.html)

### **October is the month of the Holy Rosary and the month of mission.**

A beautiful way of holding these together is the mission rosary. The five colours of the mission rosary represent the different regions of the world for which we can offer our prayer (*OK the illustration would look better if we had a colour printer!*): Green - for the forests and grasslands of Africa (green is also a sacred colour for the Muslims); Red - calling to mind the fire of faith that brought missionaries to the Americas (US, Canada, Latin America and Native Americans); White - symbolizing Europe, the home of the Holy Father; Blue - for the ocean surrounding the Islands of the Pacific (Australia/Oceania); Yellow - symbolizing the morning light of the East and 'beginning of civilization' for Asia/ Middle East.

The MARYKNOLL Missionaries Have also developed a set of 'mission mysteries' we may meditate upon: The visit of the Magi (Matthew 2:1); Jesus talks with the Samaritan woman (John 4:23); Jesus cures the centurion's servant (Luke 7:9); The conversion of Paul (Acts 9:20); and Jesus sends out His disciples (Luke 9:6).

