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Mass this Sunday: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 27th June 2021

Today's Readings

Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24 God's love is overflowing and so God created an abundance of life. Death came into the world, not through God, but through the devil's hand.

2 Corinthians 8:7. 9. 13-15 The community of Christians has enjoyed the generosity of Jesus and they should reflect this in the mercy they show others. But in helping others, they should not ignore their own needs.

Mark 5:21-43 During his ministry, Jesus is surrounded by people all the time. But he turns to those in greatest need. His miracles are signs of God's mercy available to us all.

Mass This Week

			<i>Intention</i>
Saturday 26 th	6:30pm		For Our Parishioners
Sunday 27 th	9:00am		Tigray
	10:30am		Ron & Yvonne Thurnham (anniv)
Tuesday 29 th	7:30pm	SS PETER & PAUL	Pope Francis
Wednesday 30 th	9:15am	Weekday	Cesaria & Dominic Erario (anniv)
Thursday 1 st	9:15am	DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL	Our Diocese
Friday 2 nd	9:15am	Weekday	Social Friendship

PLEASE BOOK IN FOR ALL THE SUNDAY MASSES AT parish.rcdow.org.uk/royston/events

Volunteers Your willingness to help has been key in enabling us to open and worship together safely. If you can help please volunteer at <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1iQtla2N9UxRBqDiABO2uL-Sei4XX8uj9HkGfRN2cd5c/edit?usp=sharing> or sign up on the paper copy in the Sacristy

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for Madagascar

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment only

The Parish Office is open. However, we are **NOT** yet open to visitors please contact by phone or email.

Counters As we gradually move to more normal times we do need to begin again the important regular rota of counters. If you are willing to help please let the Parish Office know.

Prayers of the Faithful We are now permitted to have bidding prayers at Mass. It is always a good thing when the Prayers of the faithful are prepared by the faithful! If you would be willing to be on a rota to help with this please let Fr Philip or the Parish office know.

Ordinations On 12th June 2021, Bishop Paul McAleenan celebrated the diaconate ordination Mass of four seminarians in Westminster Cathedral: Daniel Daley, Matteo Di Giuseppe and Michael Guthrie for the Diocese of Westminster, and John Fitt Mbu Ashu CM (Congregation of the Mission).

This week on June 26th there will be the Ordinations to the Priesthood of: William Johnstone, Jakub Jozsko, Timothy Mangatal and Marco Salvagnini. These will serve in the Welwyn Garden City Parishes, St John the Evangelist, Islington and The Blessed Sacrament, Copenhagen Street, Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St George, Enfield and Our Lady of Victories, Kensington.

On the 24th of July there will be ordinations to the Permanent Diaconate: Brendan Day to SS Alban and Stephen, St Albans and Jayson Wingrove to Our Lady of the Visitation, Greenford. Please keep them in your prayers.

Thomas Becket: Murder and the Making of a Saint

The important exhibition on our Parish Patron is now open at the British Museum. The Museum is not allowing group bookings. However, Fr Philip and Jane have booked tickets for 11am on Saturday 3rd July (going into London on the 9:16am train), if anyone should happen to be going to the same place at the same time ...

More details on the exhibition can be found at:

<https://www.britishmuseum.org/exhibitions/thomas-becket-murder-and-making-saint>

CAFOD As coronavirus brings devastation across India, CAFOD is working with experienced local Church agency, Caritas India, to provide vital support to poor

and marginalised communities. Donations to CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal will help Caritas India distribute PPE kits to frontline health workers, promote COVID & vaccine awareness campaigns, and set up safely run isolation & quarantine centres. You can donate online here: cafod.org.uk/give. Please keep praying for the people of India and all those affected by the pandemic.

Faith & Reason: A Catholic Integration will run from Thursday 5th to Sunday 8th August at Stonyhurst. The 3-day course will be led by two excellent and experienced lecturers and tutors, who have taught at the Maryvale Institute for many years and worked with many dioceses and seminaries around the UK and abroad. The course will offer lectures and discussion around common themes related to the rationality of the Catholic Faith, dealing with many frequently-asked questions, for example around the relationship of faith and science. We are offering residential options as well as non-residential, for those more local and wishing to drive in daily. The course will go ahead assuming the lifting of Covid restrictions in July. Any bookings will be fully refunded in the event of an inevitable cancellation. More information and registration is at: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/faith-and-reason/>

Holy Fathers Prayer Intentions for June:

The Beauty of Marriage Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

The Solemnity of SS PETER and PAUL is this coming Tuesday and we will celebrate it at our 7:30pm Mass. The day honours the martyrdom of the two great saints, sometime between AD 64 and 68. Legend has it that this is the day that they were both martyred in Rome by Emperor Nero. (Although we should be honest and say that it is not a matter of Church teaching that they died on the same day – certainly they were both martyred in Rome during the same bout of persecution but in all likelihood some time, maybe some years, apart.) Because of his Roman citizenship, Saint Paul was beheaded. St. Peter was reportedly crucified upside down because he said he was not worthy to be sacrificed in the same manner as Christ.

The day is a solemnity or a feast day of the highest rank. This honour is reserved for only the most important events, like events in the lives of Jesus or Mary. Therefore, this emphasizes just how important the two saints are to the Catholic faith. Together, the two saints are the founders of the See of Rome, through their preaching, ministry and martyrdom there.

In a sermon in the year 395, St. Augustine of Hippo said of Saints Peter and Paul:

“Both apostles share the same feast day, for these two were one; and even though they suffered on different days, they were as one. Peter went first, and Paul followed. And so we celebrate this day made holy for us by the apostles’ blood. Let us embrace what they believed, their life, their labours, their sufferings, their preaching, and their confession of faith.”