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Mass this Sunday: Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 19th September 2021

Today's Readings

Wisdom 2:12. 17-20 Wrongdoers are reluctant to trust people who focus on doing what is right and sometimes try to catch them out.

James 3:16 – 4:3 Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Mark 9:30-37 Jesus says that anyone who welcomes a little child in his name welcomes Christ himself; and anyone who welcomes Christ welcomes not him but the Father who sent him.

Mass This Week

Saturday 18 th	6:30pm
Sunday 19 th	9:00am
	10:30am

Intention

Jonathon Barber (anniversary)
For Our Parishioners
Johanna Dunn (RIP)

Fr Philip will be on retreat 20th -24th September. Given how very difficult it is to get supply priests at the present time, please be advised that there will not be any weekday masses here this week.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Johanna Dunn (RIP)

Sacrament of Reconciliation During Exposition (from 5:30pm Saturday) or by appointment

Ecumenical/Community Service 19th September 4pm in the Priory Park. This will be an opportunity to join with our partners to acknowledge what has happened this last 18 months and commit ourselves to the future. Please bring something to sit upon and be prepared for the outdoor weather!

It would be good if a few people could help Fr Philip carry some things down and act as welcomers. Please let me know if you can help.

Baptism Catechist We thank Anne Varney for her stalwart work preparing families for baptisms. Anne is stepping down and we are setting up a new team to take on this important role. Please let Fr Philip know if you can help. We will have a meeting to prepare people for what is involved at 3:30pm on Wednesday 29th September at the presbytery (in the garden if the weather permits)

Volunteer focus As we began last week, we shall try to highlight one in which we want to thank those who are already helping and also to point our need for more people. More areas we would like to have help with may be found at <https://tinyurl.com/bc9afwf8>. This week we would emphasise our *Health and Safety volunteers*, including our *Fire Wardens*.

We should have people make regular checks that everything is as it should be, and we will develop simple checklists so that once a week or so people can glance round and sign off that we are doing what we should. Ideally a team of four would mean that any one individual would only need to spend about 15 minutes a month on this. We should also have two Fire Wardens at each Sunday Mass. We will arrange a refresher course to enable everyone to be up to speed as to what this will involve.

Sacramental Programmes Please can all forms be in by next weekend!

Offertory Envelopes Now that a collection is being taken at Mass, we shall soon issue boxes of envelopes to those who used them in the past.

If you switched to donating by Standing Order during the pandemic, please continue in this way.

If you did not, please consider doing so, to reduce our cash-handling. The Parish bank details are shown on the Donate page of our web site

www.roystoncatholicchurch.co.uk

We still have the 2020-21 envelopes, which the first lockdown prevented us from giving out, and will use those for the remainder of this fiscal year. We must also order envelopes for 2022-23 very soon.

As soon as you can, please let Lawrie Fernee know if you wish to be given envelopes or whether your box should be cancelled. Tel: 01763 243395, e-mail:

RoystonGA@rcdow.org.uk

The Saint John Henry Newman School warmly invites parents of Year 6 pupils to an Open Evening on Thursday 30th September, from 5.30 – 8.30 pm. Prospectuses and Application Forms will be available on the evening and there will be three opportunities to attend the Headteacher's address at 6.00pm, 6.45pm and 7:30pm. There will be opportunities for parents to view the School the following week.

The last tour will be at 7:00p.m. and the school will close to visitors once the final Headteacher's address starts at 7:30p.m.

We will sing the first two verses of this hymn at the beginning of mass as our Introit and the last three verses at the Offertory.

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown?
Will you let my name be known?
Will you let my life be grown in you,
and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare,
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you
and you in me?

Red Boxes The time has come to empty your *Mission* mission boxes. Envelopes are available on the table as you enter the Church. We would be grateful if you could arrange to pick up and return your envelopes as soon as possible. Many thanks for your continued generosity.

The Bible Timeline Course Understand the Bible from start to finish, the Old and New Testament, with this **FREE OF CHARGE**, worldwide-famous course delivered online LIVE by Mauro Iannicelli. Starts **Wed 29th September 2021**. Eight Wednesday sessions (7pm-8:40pm). Info & Registration: www.comeandsee.org

Reading for Harvest Home our neighbours in St Faith's Kelshall have invited any who like to join with them to a day of activities on Saturday October 2nd. See the poster at the back of Church for more details

Season of Creation September 1st – October 4th is marked in many Christian traditions now as a *Season of Creation*. This year Pope Francis, the Ecumenical Patriarch and the Archbishop of Canterbury have issued an unprecedented joint statement. This may be found at <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/pont-messages/2021/documents/20210901-messaggio-protezionedelcreato.html>

The Road to Carbon Neutrality Our Diocese is committed to do its utmost to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030. Over the next year we shall need to think carefully about this will impact on our parish. Some resources are available at <https://rcdow.org.uk/news/carbon-neutrality/>

Will you let the blindéd see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen?
And admit to what I mean in you,
and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell that fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound in you,
and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go,
where your love and footsteps show,
thus I'll move and live and grow in you,
and you in me.