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Mass this Sunday: Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 3rd October 2021

Today's Readings

Genesis 2:18-24 God's original desire for humans is to find in each of us a bond of love that runs so deeply that we never feel alone.

Hebrews 2:9-11 Jesus was fully human and lived a human life, understanding all human needs.

Mark 10:2-16 Jesus had deep concern for the welfare of wives and children, supporting the institution of marriage for the sake of the whole family's well-being.

Mass This Week

Saturday 2nd 6:30pm

Sunday 3rd 9:00am

10:30am

Tuesday 5th 7:30pm

Weekday

Wednesday 6th 9:15am

Votive Mass of Our Lady of the Rosary

Thursday 7th

No Mass

Friday 8th 9:15am

Weekday

Intention

For Our Parishioners

William & Esther Blake (RIP)

James Gilhooly (anniv)

Our Political Leaders

Julie Hunt (intention)

The Maishman Family

NB Usually the Sunday after Michaelmas (this Sunday) would be our Harvest Sunday, but because of the importance of the Cardinal's Pastoral Letter, we shall observe the Harvest NEXT weekend 9th/10th October

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for a private intention (CO)

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



We will be hearing a lot about 'Synodality' from today and for the next two years. Pope Francis is encouraging the whole church to listen to each other. Cardinal Vincent will speak more about the pathway for our diocese in a pastoral letter this weekend. **In our Parish we will have an open meeting, which will include our AGM, beginning at 2:30pm on Saturday 6th November in Church.** There will be the opportunity to contribute for those who cannot make that time. This is our chance to contribute to a global endeavour of reflecting and sharing, culminating in a Synod of Bishops in 2023. More information can be found at

<https://www.synod.va/en.html> and

www.rcdow.org.uk/synod

Next Steps We will continue to make 'prudent local judgements' based on the data available to us. It is good news that the Covid related numbers locally appear to be stable or even getting better. We will keep things under review and consult further before introducing more changes to our protocols. However, it is our hope to move into our next phase of getting closer to the 'next normal' after the school half term, on the weekend of the Solemnity of All Saints, (October 30th/31st). This will probably include:

- Using hymn books again
- Re-introducing communion in both kinds for those who wish
- Re-introducing rotas for those who take on roles at the Sunday mass
- Re-introducing the collection within Mass
- Re-introducing the Bidding Prayers at the weekday masses

To help us with the process: there will be a session for readers, both old and new, at 6:45pm on Tuesday 5th; a session for Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion at 6:45pm on Tuesday 12th October; we also intend arranging a session for servers. If you are interested in these, please let Fr Philip know.

CAFOD Family Fast Day We will collect for CAFOD after Mass this weekend. Envelopes are available in the Sacristy and Porch. Please use these to distinguish CAFOD contributions from the retiring collection for the parish.

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

1/ The Church's one foundation,
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation,
by water and the Word;
from heav'n he came and sought her
to be his holy bride,
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

2/ Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy Name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with every grace endued.

Red Boxes The time has come to empty your *Missio* 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 Month of the Holy Rosary October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Praying with the rosary is highly recommended to every Catholic be that individually, in families or as a group. The rosary is a powerful tool for spiritual growth as it brings together meditation on the core mysteries of our faith, devotion to our Blessed Lady and intercession for the needs of the church and the world.

There will be a group gathering at 9:15am each Tuesday morning in Church to pray the rosary - everyone invited and welcome.

Offertory Envelopes 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) We will use the 2020-21 envelopes, which the first lockdown prevented us from giving out. 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.

3/ Mid toil, and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace for evermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blessed,
and the great Church victorious
shall be the Church at rest.

4/ Yet she on earth hath union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly
on high may dwell with thee.