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### Mass this Sunday: First Sunday of Advent (B) 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021

#### Today's Readings

*Jeremiah 33:14-16* The prophet looks forward to a time when honesty and integrity will flourish.

*1 Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2* Paul urges the Christian community to live the life that God wants.

*Luke 21:25-28. 34-36* Jesus tells his disciples that despite the world's troubles and turmoil, liberation is close at hand.

#### Mass This Week

Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	
	10:30am	
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	St Andrew
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	9:15am	Advent Weekday
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9:15am	Advent Weekday
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9:15am	St Francis Xavier

#### Intention

Luke & Margaret Walsh (anniv)  
For those impacted by Covid  
For Our Parishioners  
Missionaries  
Spiritual Directors  
Health Care Workers  
Fred Bristow (anniversary)

**The Sanctuary Lamp** burns for The Bristow Family

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation** may be celebrated during exposition (5:30pm Saturday) or by appointment.

**Re-booting our Parish** As we move step by step forward we are re-introducing and reconstituting our various rotas to help share out the burden of the things that need to be done. We need volunteers for pretty much every possible area of Church life. Among the most pressing needs are:

- Church Cleaning
- Weekly Counters
- Flowers
- Health and Safety and Fire Wardens
- Readers
- Another Baptism Catechist

Please let Fr Philip know if you can help, preferably by e-mail so that he can pass on your contact details to the appropriate co-ordinator.

**Review of our relaxations/restrictions at Mass** The road map discussed at our AGM was to respond to the data, and particular 'triggers'. Our PPC this week

noted, with concern, the steep rise in infections in Royston over the last few weeks. However, although things are beginning to approach our trigger levels in at least one of our three measures, the numbers support us staying where we are, neither introducing further restriction nor relaxing things further at this stage. Among things to continue to be aware of are:

1. People are requested to wear face coverings at Mass
2. Please regularly use the available hand sanitiser, not least before Communion
3. Communion shall continue to be in one kind and in silence
4. If you are feeling unwell, please look after yourself and others by staying away from public gatherings
5. If you have had contact with possibly infected people we would encourage you to use a Lateral Flow Test

**Christmas arrangements** will be in next week's newsletter.

**Royston Foodbank** As Christmas approaches the Food bank will be particularly grateful if we can supply any of the following: mince pies, Christmas puddings, Christmas cakes, stollen, shortbread biscuits, tinned/boxed chocolate biscuits, packeted stuffing, packeted bread sauce, longlife milk, tinned meat, especially tinned ham.

**CWL Coffee Morning** The CWL will be holding a Coffee Morning **this** weekend. They will be serving refreshments in the Parish Hall after all the Sunday morning Masses. Please come and join us but also be respectful of mask wearing when walking about. Raffle tickets for the CWL Christmas draw will be on sale outside church after all Masses **next** weekend. There will be lots of lovely prizes. Please support us.

**Parish Synod** We will continue to use the doors of the Sacristy Cupboards as a 'Listening Wall'. Please feel free to add post-it notes to the various categories: Learning from the Pandemic, Communion, Participation and Mission.

There will be an **Area Listening Event** with Bishop Paul McAleenan on Monday 29th November, 7-9pm, at Garston Parish, Watford WD25 ONE. Booking is required through [catadmin@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:catadmin@rcdow.org.uk).

There are also three **online listening events**: Details of these and other of Diocesan Synod events and other ways of participating may be found at:

<https://rcdow.org.uk/synod/>

### **Five Bible Studies On The Advent Sunday Gospels**

Mauro Iannicelli will break-open the forthcoming Advent Sunday Gospels with in-depth teaching and stimulating questions.

Remaining Wednesdays: 1<sup>st</sup> December/ 8<sup>th</sup> December/ 15<sup>th</sup> December/ 22<sup>nd</sup> December (7-8pm) Free of Charge - LIVE sessions on YouTube.

Info & Registration: <https://comeandsee.org/advent>

**Westminster Year Book 2022 (containing the 2022 Liturgical Calendar)** Copies are now available at the entrance to church, in the Sacristy, priced at £4.50

**Christmas Cracker Making Workshop** Are you looking to add a personal touch to your Christmas table this year?

Then join us in the Parish Hall **at 2.30 pm on Saturday 4th December** for an afternoon of family friendly Christmas crafting fun.

Enjoy a glass of festive fizz and a mince pie as you learn to handcraft a personalised cracker for each of your guests.

Your crafting pack will include materials and trimmings, some 'bad' jokes, paper hats and the all important cracker snaps, so all you need to bring along is some seasonal creativity (stickers, stamps or ribbon to tie in with your chosen colour scheme) and your preferred small gifts to go inside the crackers. By making use of recycled and recyclable materials, the crackers will be simple to recycle after use - except for the trims which can easily be repurposed.

**Price: £15 for 6 crackers and a mince pie with a glass of fizz** Please contact [Roystoncatholic@gmail.com](mailto:Roystoncatholic@gmail.com) to book your place. Children, age 12 and under, free if accompanied by an adult.

### **Advent**

As we begin a new Church Year please take time to prepare yourselves for the coming festivities by using this holy season of Advent well.

Amongst resources to help are:

Our **FaceBook Advent Calendar** and our regular **Instagram** posts **Morning Prayer** will be celebrated at 9am most days and **Evening Prayer** at 5:30pm. There are books available in Church for this or you may participate using the Universalis app.

**Afternoon of Recollection** On Saturday 11th December there will be an extended period of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during which a priest will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

There are many online Advent prayer resources. Among those which you may find useful are:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Advent-prayers>

<https://missiontogether.org.uk/calendar/advent-resources/>

<https://www.catholiccycc.ca/blog/advent-wreath-at-home>

