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Mass this Sunday: Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 7th November 2021

Today's Readings

1 Kings 17:10-16 The starving prophet Elijah begs a poor widow for food and she shares her last meal with him.

Hebrews 9:24-28 Jesus' offering of himself surpasses any sacrifice a Temple high priest might have made for the sins of his people.

Mark 12:38-44 Jesus observes how some people take advantage of others. He watches a widow donate her last pennies to the lucrative Temple cult.

Mass This Week

Saturday 6th 6:30pm

Sunday 7th 9:00am

10:30am

Tuesday 9th 9:15am

Dedication of The Lateran Basilica

Wednesday 10th 9:15am

St Leo The Great

Thursday 11th 9:15am

St Martin of Tours

Friday 12th 9:15am

St Josaphat

Intention

Tommy Lynch (RIP)

Our First Holy Communion families

For Our Parishioners

Pope Francis

Julie Hunt (Intention)

The Armed Forces

Belarus

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for a private intention (CO)

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

Change in Mass time Please note that the mass on Tuesday will be at 9:15am not the usual 7:30pm. Morning prayer will be slightly earlier at 8:55am.

First Holy Communion our next parents' evening will be at 7:30pm on Wednesday 10th November. Our children's workshop will on Saturday 13th at 11:30am and next Sunday (14th November) the 10:30am will be our link mass for the First Holy Communion programme.

November Month of Holy Souls

Requiem for those who have died during the

pandemic The Mass at 7:30pm on Tuesday 16th November will be a mass for those who have died during the pandemic, both those we have known and the many many thousands throughout the world we have not known personally. This is also an opportunity for those whose plans for funerals may not have been what they wished during this difficult time.

Bishop Paul McAleenan will preside at a Deanery Mass for the deceased.

St Joseph's Bedwell, Stevenage, on Tuesday 9th November at 11am. Fr Philip can give a lift to this, but won't be able to give a lift back.

Synod Listening events

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.

There are also three online listening events:

15 November 2021, 7:00pm - 9:00pm

register in advance for this meeting at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9112442923>

20 November 2021, 10:00am - 12:00pm

register in advance for this meeting at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9112442923>

24 November 2021, 7:00pm - 9:00pm

register in advance for this meeting at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9112442923>

More details of Diocesan events at:

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

Baptism Catechist We are still seeking a Catechist to help with baptism preparation. Please let Fr Philip know if you can help.

RCIA We will soon be starting our journey of faith with adults seeking to explore catholic believing and belonging and preparing for baptism and/or confirmation and/or reception into the catholic Church. If you or someone you know wishes to be part of this please fill in the enquiry form available in the Sacristy as soon as possible.

With a Father's Love The booklets for faith sharing groups for the *Year of St Joseph* have arrived and are in the sacristy The pdf of the booklet is available at <https://rcdow.org.uk/evangelisation/mission-and-discipleship/small-communities/>

One group is meeting in the Presbytery 7pm on Thursdays.

The SVP are distributing 11,500 Vinnie Packs containing cold weather essentials to the homeless this winter. Please could you consider sponsoring packs at a suggested donation of £3.70 per pack? Donations can be sent to Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ with cheques made out to SVP or by bank transfer to Nat West sort code 60-60-04, account no. 4608 8237 . Thank you so much for your support.

CWL Meeting The CWL Meeting scheduled for Monday 8th November has had to be cancelled and will now take place on Monday 15th November at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall. All welcome.

Sick and Retired Priests Fund Our second collection today will be in support of the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund.

Most priests offer their resignation as a parish priest at the age of 75, but many continue to serve their communities, working in our parishes, schools, hospitals and chaplaincies. We must ensure no priest is worried about meeting essential costs during their senior years and, as such, Cardinal Nichols and the Diocese of Westminster are committed to ensuring that no retired or sick priest is left without support.

By giving a gift to the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you will help ensure all of our sick and retired priests are cared for at their time of need, after years of service to God and their parishioners. The fund will be used to meet essential costs, like making a flat accessible to a disabled priest. It could ensure a priest has regular visits from a carer after undergoing surgery.

Rest assured, the Diocese works closely with the NHS, local councils and social services, but there will nevertheless be gaps in funding and we need to ensure our priests have peace of mind in their senior years.

Donation envelopes are available in the sacristy or you can scan the 'QR Code' to donate online. Please be generous and remember our clergy, in active ministry, retired or ill, in your prayers. Thank you.

Royston Foodbank Please be reminded that non perishable food donations are greatly received. We have been advised that the foodbank are in particular need of long life milk, tinned puddings, custard (both tins and packets), jams, biscuits (sweet), tinned pasta (no dried pasta), 'fruit' squash, pasta sauces, tinned meat, Colman's packet mixes for casseroles. They would also appreciate personal hygiene items: toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, toilet rolls, and sanitary protection. Thank you.

Carbon Neutrality The Trustees of the Diocese have committed that we should do our utmost to be Carbon Neutral as a Diocese by 2030. There are background documents, resources and a video from the Cardinal on this at:

<https://rcdow.org.uk/news/carbon-neutrality/>

The implementation of this will be a significant item for our new PPC and Finance Committee over the next year.