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Mass this Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent (C) 19th December 2021

Today's Readings

Micah 5:1-4 In Bethlehem, the prophet declares, the saviour will be born.

Hebrews 10:5-10 Christ came into the world to do God's will.

Luke 1:39-45 Filled with the Holy Spirit, Elizabeth declares Mary to be of all women "the most blessed".

Mass This Week

Saturday 18 th	6:30pm	
Sunday 19 th	9:00am	
	10:30am	
Tuesday 21 st	7:30pm	Advent Weekday
Wednesday 22 nd	9:15am	Advent Weekday
Thursday 23 rd	9:15am	Advent Weekday
Friday 24 th	5:00pm	Children's Vigil Mass
	10:00pm	Mass of Christmas Night

Intention

Margaret Ginty (anniversary)
For Mothers
For Our Parishioners
For our volunteers
Christine Blundell (RIP)
For travellers
For families
For those in isolation

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for a private intention

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

Relaxations/Precautions We are committed to being open and we are committed to care for all who attend mass in our Church building. We will be following the guidelines issued by the Bishops' Conference (the full statement is in the Sacristy). Key points are:

- If you are unwell or have tested positive, please know our sympathy for you but also please stay at home;
- If you are a close contact of someone who has tested positive, or you have symptoms, however mild, please only come to Church if you have had a negative Lateral Flow Test;
- We will wear face-coverings inside the Church building, including for congregational singing;

- Please continue to prioritise hand hygiene and use the sanitiser in Church.

Synod Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the synodal pathway in the parish, through the online or area listening events. A draft of our response to the Diocese is now available on the Parish website

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/royston/wp-content/uploads/sites/203/2021/12/Royston-Synodal-Return-3.pdf>

If you would like to add further comments, please either add post-it notes to the paper copy in the Sacristy or e-mail royston@rcdow.org.uk and your comments will be forwarded to our Parish Synod Representative.

Christmas Thank you to everyone who has offered to help with the Christmas Masses. This really is a time when we need so many more people than usual, but of course, several people are away and some are isolating. We still need more musical help for the 10:30am Mass on Christmas Day, musicians able to give us a lead on the melody of carols (? Flute, Violin or Viola or singers). We would like a full team of servers at all the masses. WE have the ongoing need for stewards, readers, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist etc..

We urgently need volunteers to enable the Christmas Masses to happen. If you can help please sign up at:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1p5ovh2DkBNyjkWp1B6xU-](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1p5ovh2DkBNyjkWp1B6xU-aeWbh9_N6gxOIDC_l8ZBQc/edit?usp=sharing)

[aeWbh9_N6gxOIDC_l8ZBQc/edit?usp=sharing](https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/royston/events/)

Thank you for using the online booking-in system.

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/royston/events/>

If your plans change and you are no longer going to use your booking, please let Fr Philip know by e-mail, so we can let someone else have your seat. Please also let Fr Philip know by e-mail if you wish to cancel a booking. If you find it difficult to book in online, please see Fr Philip after any Sunday Mass.

Friday 24th December

Children's Vigil Mass: 5pm Mass (Carol Singing from 4:30pm) **Please note this fully booked**

Mass of the Night: 10pm Mass (Carol Singing from 9:30pm)

Saturday 25th December

Mass of the Dawn 9am

Mass of the Day 10:30am

Sunday 26th December

Mass of the Holy Family **10am**

Wednesday 29th December: Solemnity of St

Thomas of Canterbury Mass 12 noon

Saturday 1st January Solemnity of Mary Mother of God 12 noon

Sunday 2nd January normal weekend masses.

Thursday 6th January Epiphany 7:30pm

Please note that there will not be any other weekday masses between Christmas and the Epiphany apart from those noted here.

CWL The CWL would like to thank everyone that supported their Christmas raffle. A total of £105 was raised and all winners have now been notified.

Royston Foodbank are requesting: 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.

Safe in Faith Counselling Network Launched to help those experiencing domestic abuse.

Safe in Faith is creating a network of professionals such as counsellors and psychotherapists, who come from a Faith background and want to develop their skills to offer counselling that can reflect a survivor's spiritual beliefs. Alongside this is a programme of training for clergy and religious sisters within the Catholic Church. Eventually there will be a directory of counsellors and pastoral workers who can support victims of domestic abuse.

Read the full story on the Caritas website here <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/launch-of-new-safe-in-faith-counselling-network-1279.php>

If you know someone who might be interested in joining the network or receiving training please contact safeinfaith@rcdow.org.uk

There are useful links on this page for anyone experiencing domestic abuse and needing help <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/useful-links.php>

And a useful booklet on responding to domestic abuse from the National Board of Catholic Women

here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1U29ZeNc1EO_EB55APf_Ja60uF2adMtp/view

'The New Testament for the Perplexed' – series of 5 online talks by Fr John Deehan Thursday 13th, 20th, 27th January, 3rd and 10th February, 7.00pm. Please book by Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-god-who-speaks-the-new-testament-for-the-perplexed-tickets-221344626737> or contact Anna at annadupelycz@rcdow.org.uk

Holy Fathers Prayer Intentions for December

For Catechists Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.