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Mass this Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent (C) 5th December 2021

Today's Readings

Baruch 5:1-9 The prophet Baruch echoes the message of Isaiah that God will enable us to walk safely on level ground.
Philippians 1:4-6. 8-11 Paul wants us to prepare for the Day of Christ. His prayer for us is that we will always recognise what is best.

Luke 3:1-6 John the Baptist is the one who fulfils the prophecy about preparing a way for the Lord and shows us what needs to be done.

Mass This Week

Saturday 4th 6:30pm

Sunday 5th 9:00am

10:30am

Tuesday 7th 7:30pm

St Ambrose

Wednesday 8th 9:15am

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Thursday 9th 9:15am

Advent Weekday

Friday 10th 9:15am

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Intention

For Our Parishioners

Ware Carmel

Migrants

Theologians

For Those Who Prayed &

Supported the Brackenridge Family

The Housebound

Those Using our Local Foodbank

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for a private intention

The Sacrament of Reconciliation may be celebrated during exposition (usually 5:30pm Saturday, next Saturday 3-6pm) or by appointment.

Review of our relaxations at Mass We are continuing to listen carefully to the advice received from several quarters and respond to both our local situation and national regulations or guidelines. We will stay where we are at the moment

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

Re-booting our Parish 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.

Advent 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 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.catholicyc.ca/blog/advent-wreath-at-home>

<https://comeandsee.org/advent>

The Year of St Joseph officially ends on December 8th. The Diocese have provided a Novena of Prayer *On the Road to Bethlehem*, to mark the conclusion of the Year and to help us in our Advent Pilgrimage. This is available on our Parish Website at: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/royston/wp-content/uploads/sites/203/2021/12/Novena-to-St-Joseph-December-2021.pdf>

CWL Coffee Morning The CWL will be selling tickets for the Christmas raffle after all Masses **next weekend**. There will be a coffee morning on **12th December** after both morning masses, serving coffee, tea and mince pies. The raffle will be drawn in the hall after the 10:30am Mass. There are also many lovely presents to buy on the gift stall.

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 Caritas Westminster has launched a new project designed to provide survivors of domestic abuse, who are part of a faith community, with safe, faith-based support and counselling that is tailored to their needs. For more information, please contact safeinfaith@rcdow.org.uk.

The National Board of Catholic Women, have produced a resource called '[Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse](#)' to raise awareness within the Catholic community, of domestic abuse and the impact upon victims and their children.

Christmas Voices from the Holy Land- Online

Zoom sessions 8-9pm Thursday 9th, 16th, 23rd

December and Tuesday 4th January 2022

Register at <mailto:annadupelycz@rcdow.org.uk> to receive the Zoom link.

Paper copies at £9.99 may be ordered from

<https://www.friendsoftheholylnd.org.uk/shop/advent-book-2021>

Digital copies at £7.99 from

https://issuu.com/fhloffice/docs/cv_complete_digital?fr=sM2EzYTQzNjYxMDE

'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

GREETINGS CARD APPEAL

Caritas Baghita House, in Westminster, is a centre for the emergency placement of women escaping from trafficking and its physical and emotional abuses. It helps the most vulnerable and traumatised people by providing accommodation, medical help, legal/financial assistance and mentoring. The house is owned by Westminster Diocese, and managed by Caritas Westminster. Its partners include the Metropolitan Police Anti-Trafficking Unit, local parishes and the Adoratrices Sisters.

Since opening in 2015 the house has welcomed 123 guests ranging from 15 – 70 years in age, and 11 babies, hailing from 39 different countries. They are provided with the support necessary to build a new future. One guest, who had been living in a state of virtual slavery, said 'one night both my body and mind felt completely broken. A police officer stopped and spoke to me; it was the first kindness I had been shown in a long time. Within an hour of being taken off the streets the police took me to Baghita House, and I entered a different world. For the first time in ten years, I felt safe.'

Please send a message or greetings card expressing support to :

Ms Finola Ryan, Caritas Development Team, Vaughan House,
46 Francis Street,
London SW1P 1QN

Please also include Baghita House and their guests in your prayers.