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Mass this Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 23rd January 2022

Today's Readings

Nehemiah 8:2-6. 8-10 After their return to their homeland from exile, the people of Israel are moved to tears by the public reading of God's word.

1 Corinthians 12:12-30 St Paul teaches that we together are Christ's body, made up of many different parts.

Luke 1:1-1-4; 4:14-21

The beginning of Luke's Gospel: Jesus proclaims God's word and sets out his mission statement.

Mass This Week

Saturday 22nd 6:30pm

Sunday 23rd 9:00am

10:30am

3:00pm

Tuesday 25th 7:30pm

Wednesday 26th 9:15am

Thursday 27th 9:15am

Friday 28th 9:15am

Ecumenical Service

Conversion of St Paul

Sts Timothy & Titus

Weekday

St Thomas Aquinas

Intention

Ewan Lamont (Intention)

Sr Joan Yates (RIP)

For Our Parishioners

Fr Desmond Baker (RIP)

Peggy Gilham (RIP)

Health Care Workers

Theologians

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for Christian Unity

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

Relaxations/Precautions We shall continue at our present level and review if there is a change in Government statutes or Bishops' Conference advice. Our current protocols are on our parish website: <http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/royston/>

Scripture Festival 3rd – 5th February 2022 We are invited to our God Who Speaks Festival at St Albans Cathedral from 3rd to 5th February 2022. 10:00am to 4:00pm each day. Please check for details at

<http://rcdow.org.uk/scripturefestival/>

See also on Facebook:

@TheGodWhoSpeaksScriptureFestival and

Instagram: @ScriptureFestival

If there are enough people interested, we may organise a Parish Trip to St Albans on Saturday 5th February. Please tell or email Fr Philip if you would want to join the pilgrimage.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2022

We have seen his star in the East

The unexpected re-appearance of the Crib figures in Church is part of our participation in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18th -25th January). This will become clearer at the ecumenical service for 2022 which will be held our Church on Sunday 23rd at 3pm. Refreshments will be served after the service.

Prayer resources for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2022 are available at:
<https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2022/>

Serving the Gospel today requires a commitment to the human being, especially the poorest, the weakest and those marginalised. It requires from the churches transparency and accountability in dealing with the world, and with each other. This means churches need to cooperate to provide relief to the afflicted, to welcome the displaced, to relieve the burdened, and to build a just and honest society. This is a call for churches to work together so that young people can build a good future according to God's heart, a future in which all humanity can experience life, peace and justice.

CWL Coffee Morning We will be holding our regular coffee morning after the Sunday Masses next weekend. We will be serving refreshments in the Parish Hall and there will also be a Cake Stall and a Gift Stall . Please come and join us.

Parish Committees

Our **Finance Committee** will meet at 5:45pm on the 26th January

Our **Parish Pastoral Council** will meet at 7:30pm on 2nd February.

The PPC has a key role in 'big picture' planning. We shall be monitoring our plans for responding to the pandemic and we shall be getting an overview of our plans for the rest of 2022, including what we may do in Lent and what Charities we will be supporting this year.

Holy Fathers Prayer Intentions for January

For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

Servers We have had some interest shown in learning how to serve at mass and will arrange another training session. If any children who have received their first Holy Communion or adults would like to join our serving teams, please let Fr Philip know.

Printer Ink As some of you may have twigged, a major irritation and frustration for Fr Philip recently was a misbehaving printer. After considerable wasting of time and energy trying to fix the problem, following the troubleshooting advice on the company webpage and YouTube videos etc., and exchanging emails - the manufacturers eventually offered to service the old printer for a cost of £118 – so Fr Philip has bought a new printer for £75. However, this does mean I have some ink cartridges which fitted the old machine but not the new. If anyone has a use for Epson 27 (Clock) cartridges please let Fr Philip know and he will be happy to give away his excess stock to a good home!

Accompaniment for the separated and divorced

Beginning Experience Weekend - a residential weekend to help you to heal will be held from 8th to 10th April 2022 at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. Contact Freda 01322-838415; Maura 07795-498445 or email

besouthofengland@gmail.com

Restored Lives 8-week online course from 24th January <https://www.restoredlives.org/go-on-a-course>

RL provide workshops to support for teenagers & young adults: 13-18 yrs Wednesday 2nd March 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm; 18 – 30 yrs Wednesday 2nd March 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm, go to

<https://www.restoredlives.org/yourdirection>

Diocese of Westminster network Meeting for all who work with older people.

Thursday 3rd February 2022, 11:00 - 12:30 - online

The event is for anybody who journeys alongside older people, perhaps by organising events or running projects. It is an opportunity to share ideas, discuss issues, and meet others who are engaged in the same mission.

Please contact Rosa Lewis for more information rosalewis@rcdow.org.uk

