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Mass this Sunday: Baptism of the Lord (C) 9th January 2022

Today's Readings

Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11 The prophet consoles God's people who are in exile in Babylon.

Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 The writer tells us that God has saved us by the cleansing water of rebirth.

Luke 3:15-16. 21-22 At his baptism, Jesus hears the voice of God his Father: "You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you."

Mass This Week

Saturday 8 th	6:30pm	
Sunday 9 th	9:00am	
	10:30am	
Tuesday 11 th	7:30pm	Weekday
Wednesday 12 th	9:15am	Weekday
Thursday 13 th	9:15am	Weekday
Friday 14 th	9:15am	Weekday

Intention

Rose Lardner (RIP)
For Our Parishioners
Ian McNaughton (Int)
Sr Maximina Apolo (RIP)
Michael Aylward (RIP)
Health and Social Care Workers
First Holy Communion Candidates

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for The Homeless

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 e-mail royston@rcdow.org.uk and your comments will be forwarded to our Parish Synod Representative.

CWL Our next meeting will take place on Monday 10th January 2022 at 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall. We would welcome anybody interested in finding out more about CWL to come along to this meeting.
Tea, coffee and biscuits provided!

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2022 runs from 18th -25th January and there will be an Ecumenical service, devised by the Christians of the Middle East. This act of worship is based on the words, 'We saw His Star in the East'. Christians there are only too used to conflict and battle, and are aware that the world shares many of their difficulties. We all yearn for a light to lead the way to the Saviour who was the Light which overcame darkness. We hope that as many people of possible will join us at the Church of St Thomas of Canterbury for an ecumenical service at 3pm on Sunday 23rd January. Refreshments will be served after the service.

Gidea park Study Day: The Evolution fo the mass

On Saturday 15th January 2022 Professor John Morrill will lead a Study Day on 'The Evolution of the Mass', tracing the development of the Eucharistic liturgy from the earliest centuries to the present day. He will explore in particular the teaching of Trent and Vatican II, and the latest papal instructions on the celebration of Mass. To access this free live stream event simply go to www.whatgoodnews.org

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.

The Year of Grace: 2022

One of the customs revived in the 2010 revision of the Roman Missal was the *Solemn Announcement of Easter and the Moveable Feasts*. It may be good to put into print here, not just the major Moveable Feasts but also a few other dates of things on the Calendar for the coming six months.

January

18th-25th Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

February

2nd The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)

March

2nd Ash Wednesday

19th St Joseph, Patron of the Diocese

25th The Annunciation (Anniversary of the opening of our Parish)

April

10th Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

14th-16th Paschal Triduum

17th Easter Day

May

1st, 8th, 15th First Holy Communion Celebrations

26th The Ascension of the Lord

June

5th Pentecost Sunday

19th Corpus et Sanguis Christi

24th The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (Diocese consecrated to Sacred Heart 1873)

29th SS Peter and Paul