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### Mass this Sunday: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 20th February 2022

#### Today's Readings

1 Samuel 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23 Though the king set out with an army to kill him, David refrained from harming Saul, even when the opportunity presented itself.

1 Corinthians 15:45-49 Human beings have bodies. Yet a physical being may become spiritually minded and bear the image of Christ.

Luke 6:27-38 Those who are truly God's children resemble their heavenly Father in showing indiscriminate kindness, even towards their worst enemies.

#### Mass This Week

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 9:00am

10:30am

**2:30pm**

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>

Friday 25<sup>th</sup>

#### Civic Service

**No Mass**

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#### Intention

In Thanksgiving (MR)

Christiane Parry (RIP)

For Our Parishioners

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for Friends and Family Faithfully Departed

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

#### Royston Town Council Civic Service

The Mayor of Royston, Cllr Mark Hughes, has asked us to host this year's Town Civic Service. We shall be honoured by the presence of the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of the County and other dignitaries. Anyone is welcome to attend the service on Sunday at 2:30pm. It would be helpful if a few able-bodied people could help move some tables after the 10:30am Mass.

**Fr Seamus' funeral** will be at 12 noon on Tuesday 8th March at Our Lady and St Joseph Church in Hanwell. There is a sign up sheet at the back of church to help us get an idea of how many people from our Parish would intend to go: if there enough people we may book a minibus or coach but we would need to have an idea of numbers quickly as there is only very limited time to make arrangements.

**No Weekday Masses** Fr Philip is on retreat next week. Please note there will be no weekday masses and Fr Philip will not be available until after next weekend.

**Return of Children's Liturgy** We would love to start the Children's Liturgy sessions again. These run in the sacristy during the first half of mass. Children get to hear and talk about the Gospel reading for that day, and get involved in an activity, bidding prayers and offertory. If you have young children, please could you fill in this short survey to help us plan: [tinyurl.com/childrens-liturgy-survey](https://tinyurl.com/childrens-liturgy-survey) We are also looking for more volunteers. It's a really lightweight commitment and a great opportunity to give our young children an engaging experience of mass. Please get in touch if you would like to know more (details in the survey). *Children's Liturgy team*

**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. We will also be selling raffle tickets for our forthcoming Easter Raffle. Please come and join us.

**World Day Of Prayer** This year, the World Day of Prayer (formerly known as the Women's World Day of Prayer) Service will take place on Friday, 4th March, at 2.15 pm at our Church here in Royston. The service has been prepared by the Christian women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland and the theme is "I know the plans I have for you". All are welcome - and refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall after the Service.

**Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony** *Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 14th May 2022 at 3pm.* The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2022. If you are celebrating an anniversary and would like to attend, please give the following details to Sharon in the Parish Office: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email). All details must be in no later than 1<sup>st</sup> April.

### **Scripture Festival Follow Up**

5:00pm Thursday 24th February – *Imagine the Word Scripture Circle*

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/266924226547>

Take a little time in your day to reflect on the Word of God and get creative. This fringe event is a prayerful and artistic experience for people who are interested in getting creative or have wanted to try it, but never got around to it. It is the ideal opportunity to allow the Holy Spirit to inspire your imagination through the Scripture passages you will explore.

7:30pm Thursday 24th February – *The Bible and Art*

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-bible-and-art-with-fleur-dorrell-scripture-festival-fringe-tickets-270003657207>

This is for you if you love art and would like to know more about how art down the ages has expressed biblical truths. Fleur Dorrell has been the driving force of The God Who Speaks Campaign nationally and shares an infectious passion for the Scripture expressed in the beauty of art.

**Lent Resources** There are several possibilities for both individual and group activities this Lent

The Agency for Evangelisation in our Diocese has produced downloadable material for small groups. ***Encountering the Spirit: faith sharing resource*** will look at the five Sunday Gospels of Lent and draw on the themes from the Synodal Pathway (recognising and seeing the Spirit at work in ourselves & others; journeying with Christ and listening).

**Churches Together in Britain and Ireland** are offering a group study/prayer course ***Following Christ in the Footsteps of the Saints***. Guided by the story of St Winefride/Gwenffrewi.

<https://ctbi.org.uk/lent-study-2022/>

Sign up sheets for these are at the back of Church.

**Walk With Me** will be available as a small booklet for daily personal use (£1)