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Mass this Sunday: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 27th February 2022

Today's Readings

Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7 What we say reveals who we truly are.

1 Corinthians 15:54-58 Physical death does not have the last word, thanks to the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 6:39-45 Jesus warns us against thinking that we might be better people than we actually are.

Mass This Week

Saturday 26th 6:30pm

Sunday 27th 9:00am

10:30am

Tuesday 1st March 7:30pm St David

Wednesday 2nd

ASH WEDNESDAY

9:15am Mass with the Imposition of Ashes

7:30pm Mass with the Imposition of Ashes

Thursday 3rd 9:15am

Friday 4th 9:15am

2:15pm

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World Day of Prayer Service

Intention

For Our Parishioners

Fr Seamus McGeoghan (RIP)

Patsy Sparkey (RIP)

The Church & People of Wales

Our Keeping of Lent

Penitents

Eoin Minnock RIP (10th Anniversary)

Jo Lydon (Intention)

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for The Continued Fight Against Covid

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

Fr Seamus' funeral will be at 12 noon on Tuesday 8th March at Our Lady and St Joseph Church in Hanwell. There are 6 spaces left on the coach. If you require a seat, please add your name to the sign up sheet at the back of church.

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 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 **this** 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 this coming 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.

If anyone coming to the Service can provide a cake, that would be much appreciated.

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 1st April.



Lent is very near!

Ash Wednesday 2nd March
Mass with the imposition of Ashes 9:15am
and 7:30pm

11th March CAFOD Lent Fast Day
12th/13th March Spiritan Mission Appeal

7th April Parish Penitential Service 7:30pm

Please note that we also have the usual weekday masses and Morning and Evening Prayer will be offered in Church most weekdays at 9am and 5:30pm.

Lent may also be a good season to spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament from 5:30pm each Saturday.

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)