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Mass this Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 6th February 2022

Today's Readings

Isaiah 6:1-8 A vision of God's holiness and glory left the prophet Isaiah feeling wretchedly unclean. Nevertheless, Isaiah became God's messenger.

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Paul, to whom the resurrected Jesus appeared, also felt unworthy. By God's grace, he changed from persecuting the Church to becoming an apostle.

Luke 5:1-11 Peter was another who felt unfit to be in the company of Jesus. Assured of God's favour, he was sent out to become a fisher of people.

Mass This Week

Saturday 5 th	6:30pm	
Sunday 6 th	9:00am	
	10:30am	
Tuesday 8 th	7:30pm	St Josephine Bakhita
Wednesday 9 th	9:15am	Weekday
Thursday 10th	10:15am	Funeral Mass
Friday 11 th	9:15am	Our Lady of Lourdes

Intention

For Our Parishioners
Sr Paula Van Roey (RIP)
Sr Marthe Dachel (Int)
Victims of Trafficking
The Sick
Robbie John McAuley (RIP)
Margaret Bates (RIP)

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for Pilgrims to Lourdes

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

Change in Mass Time Please note that there will be no Mass at 9:15am on Thursday. This has been replaced by the funeral Mass of Robbie John McAuley (RIP) at 10:15am

Volunteers We are always looking for more volunteers. We do need one or two more catechists to help prepare families for baptism. We also have a particular need at the moment for Counters, for Fire Wardens and for Readers but there are many other areas of Church life, ministry and mission which would benefit from your active involvement. Please see Fr Philip if you can help in any way.

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.

Holy Fathers Prayer Intentions for February **For religious sisters and consecrated women**

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

Pope Francis' Message for the World Day of the Sick (Friday 11th February *Our Lady of Lourdes*)

may be found at:

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/royston/wp-content/uploads/sites/203/2022/02/The-Holy-Fathers-Message-for-World-Day-of-the-Sick-2022.pdf>

Volunteer for CAFOD We have lots of different ways you can get involved such as:

In the parish - where you will be highlighting CAFOD's work to support communities globally who are living with injustices and in poverty.

In local schools – where you'll deliver assemblies and workshops about CAFOD's work. No experience necessary. Full support, resources and regular training provided. DBS Check & references part of application.

Coordinating volunteers to help us support, encourage and bring together a small group of volunteers. If you'd like to know more, please get in touch with Tony tsheen@cafod.org.uk

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>

Our next steps

Thank you to everyone who has contributed their insights, hopes and concerns into our decision making about how we respond to the current situation with the pandemic/endemic. There are strong arguments in favour of relaxing restrictions and strong arguments to maintain mitigations. After widespread consultation and discussion at our Parish Pastoral Council, we have decided to make some relaxations and to maintain some mitigations at least for the next month. More details are available at:

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/royston/wp-content/uploads/sites/203/2022/02/Next-Steps-Feb-2022.pdf>

Key elements are:

- For Sunday masses, where we are most crowded and have people in an enclosed space for a sustained period of time, we ask that people continue to wear face-coverings.
- For weekday masses, we are happy to leave the wearing of face-coverings to personal choice.
- We will continue our present level of ventilation and cleaning.
- People showing symptoms or positive tests should stay at home. People who have been close contacts of people known to have the infection should only come to church if they have had a negative Lateral Flow Test.
- We will re-fill the Holy Water stoups (but change them weekly), the use of the stoups is optional.
- The choir and musicians may move back downstairs if they wish but we would recommend the use of the clear plastic screens as a barrier to prevent the spread of droplets.
- Readers do not need to wear gloves whilst reading.
- We will continue with the current non-contact sign of peace.
- Holy Communion will remain in one kind only but the communion dialogue will be restored to its proper place. Ministers will sanitise their hands before distribution.
- We will review this by Ash Wednesday (2nd March).