



Parish Priest: Fr Philip Knights
6, Melbourn Road
Royston
Herts SG 8 7DB

philipknights@rcdow.org.uk

01763 243117

<http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/royston/>

<https://www.Instagram.com/roystoncatholic>

Parish Secretary: Sharon O' Toole

The Parish Office is open:

Tues 9:30am - 12:30pm

Wed 9:30am - 12:30pm

Fri 9:30am - 12:30pm

royston@rcdow.org.uk

facebook @roystoncatholic

Mass this Sunday: Second Sunday in Lent (C) 13th March 2022

Today's Readings

Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18 God offers the promise of a future full of hope to Abram, who shows himself to be a person of faith.

Philippians 3:17 – 4:1 We are called to remain faithful in our following of Christ.

Luke 9:28-36 On the mountain, Jesus is revealed to his disciples in his glory.

Mass This Week

Saturday 12th 6:30pm

Sunday 13th 9:00am

10:30am

Tuesday 15th 7:30pm Lent Feria

Wednesday 16th 9:15am Lent Feria

Thursday 17th **7:30pm** **St Patrick**

Friday 18th 9:15am Lent Feria

Intention

For Our Parishioners

Clea Harmer (Intention)

The Spiritans

Candidates for the Sacraments

Ukraine

The Church and People of Ireland

Salvatore Alesi (RIP)

The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Antonietta & Tony Esposito (RIP)

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

Please note: Morning Prayer will be at 9am and Evening Prayer at 5:30pm most weekdays.

Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Friday in Lent at 9:45am

Mission Appeal This weekend it is our pleasure to welcome Fr Ifeanyi Chibuzo who is making a Mission Appeal on behalf of his congregation, the Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers)

St Patrick's Day Please note the mass will be at 7:30pm

Lent Penitential Service we will have an opportunity to celebrate God's mercy and compassion together at our Parish Penitential Service Thursday 7th April 7:30pm

Lent Lunches are running in the Parish Hall from 12 noon to 1pm, for the next 3 Wednesdays. All the Churches in the town, and some of the surrounding villages are taking part. Lunch consists of home-made soup, bread, cheese, and a piece of fruit, followed by tea or coffee. The suggested donation is £4pp, and funds raised will go to CAFOD and Christian Aid.

Synod The latest information about the progress of the synodal pathway can be found at <https://rcdow.org.uk/news/pre-synodal-diocesan-gathering/>

Stations of the Cross It is good to have a variety of voices leading our devotions. If anyone or any group would be willing to lead the 9:45am Stations on Fridays in Lent, please sign up on the sheet at the back of Church. If you need help preparing stations, please see Fr Philip who can share some resources. It would also be good if we had volunteers willing to prepare a set of Stations with our children during Holy Week.

CWL Annual Review Meeting The CWL Annual Review meeting takes place on Monday night in the Parish Hall at 7.30 pm. All welcome.

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2022 HEAT or EAT? Help those facing this choice. This year, we celebrate 10 years of Caritas Westminster, the social action agency of the Diocese, working with parishes to restore hope, and enable people to lead a life of dignity. Funds raised in this year's Cardinal's Lenten Appeal will be shared between parishes and Caritas Westminster. The effects of the pandemic are making daily life harder for all. Price rises mean many families face an impossible choice: HEAT or EAT? The Church is responding, with thousands of people putting their faith into action by serving those in need. Cardinal Nichols has expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports the Appeal, with whatever they can afford. Just as a mosaic is made up of many different coloured pieces, each one unique, each person's contribution to this mosaic of hope will bring light into the lives of people across our Diocese. Please take a donation envelope. You can use the QR code to make your donation online. Thank you for your generosity.

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Lent Appeal; *Every child should grow big and strong* - Family Fast Day was Friday 11th March, a day when we eat simply and give generously to support mums around the world, with expert training in growing and making healthy food. Your small act of love this Lent will make a big difference to many communities affected by extreme hunger and children suffering from malnutrition. You can donate in church using a CAFOD envelope or by visiting the CAFOD website (cafod.org.uk/lent)

School Lenten Fundraiser This Lent as our main fundraiser, St Marys are supporting CAFOD and joining other schools around the country to help stamp out hunger. Around the world, 200 million children are at risk of malnutrition. By challenging ourselves to walk and get sponsored on Just Giving this Lent, we will be helping children to grown big and strong. To raise money, we're going to work as a St Mary's team (children and staff), to combine our traditional class Lenten Fundraisers to complete the *Walk Against Hunger* event throughout the month of March. If you wish to support us and kindly make a donation please visit our Just Giving page- <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-marys-rc-primary>

Alternatively donations in an envelope can be left at the school **or parish office labelled Just Giving St Mary's**. Thank you in advance for your support

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for March
For a Christian response to bioethical challenges We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

Our next steps

- The wearing of face coverings is now a matter of personal discretion: we continue to ask people to care for the more vulnerable and respect each other;
- In line with the guidance from the Bishops' Conference, the priest and ministers of Holy Communion will continue to wear face coverings during the distribution of communion;
- Holy Communion shall remain in one kind; and
- The peace may be shared physically but respect should be given to those who prefer to avoid contact. We would suggest that any not wishing to physically touch other people should simply grasp their hands in front of themselves and nod their head.