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Mass this Sunday: Third Sunday in Lent (C) 20th March 2022

Today's Readings

Exodus 3:1-8. 13-15 The Lord hears the cry of his people's suffering and sends Moses to lead them to the promised land.

1 Corinthians 10:1-6. 10-12 Be vigilant in living the life of faith.

Luke 13:1-9 Jesus calls us to repent and patiently waits for our response.

Mass This Week

Saturday 19th 6:30pm

Sunday 20th 9:00am

10:30am

Tuesday 22nd 7:30pm Lent Feria

Wednesday 23rd 9:15am Lent Feria

Thursday 24th 9:15am Lent Feria

Friday 25th 9:15am **Annunciation of The Lord**

Intention

For the Housebound

For Our Parishioners

Steve Lappin (RIP)

For those preparing for Baptism

For those preparing for their First

Holy Communion

Health Care Workers

Donato & Caterina Erario

The Sanctuary Lamp burns In Thanksgiving (AT)

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

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 two 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.

CWL Coffee Morning Our coffee morning will be taking place after the Sunday morning Masses **next weekend** in the Parish Hall. We will be selling raffle tickets for our Easter Hamper Raffle, together with our Easter Bunnies and Chicks. There will also be a gift stall and cake stall. Please come and support us.

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

Leading Stations of the Cross 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.

Local Church response to the refugee crisis

This last week the Government suggested that under their proposals for responding to the crisis in Ukraine, Churches could have a role in caring for and hosting refugees. We do not yet know the details of this. However, *Churches Together in Royston and District* are forming a working party now in order to be ready when things are clarified. We are looking for a representative from our Parish to be on this working party. If you can help please let Fr Philip know.

Caritas Westminster has produced a useful briefing paper for anyone wishing to host a refugee.

<https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/ukrainian-refugee-response-1324.php>

Prayer for Ukraine Our Bishops' Conference has published some prayer resources at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/pray-for-peace-in-ukraine/> **Pope Francis** will consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on Friday, 25 March, during the Celebration of Penance that he will preside over at 5pm (4pm UK time) in St Peter's Basilica. Live coverage at:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/events/event.dir.html/content/vaticanevents/en/2022/3/25/celebrazione-penitenza.html>

Emergency Appeal for Ukraine The Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral and community organisations have united to work with accredited and registered Ukrainian charities to provide medicines, food and critical

services to support the most vulnerable to overcome the consequences and trauma of war. Donations can be made by cheque (payable to AUGB LTD - Central Appeal Fund and sent to Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family of London, Chancery Office, 21-22 Binney Street, London W1K 5BQ), directly to the central appeal fund (AUGB Ltd, Account Number: 80038237, Sortcode: 20-65-89, with reference HelpUkraine) or online: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/helpukraine> Alternately, donations can also be made to CAFOD, who are a member of the Disasters Emergency Committee at <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Ukraine-crisis>

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2022 HEAT or EAT? Help those facing this choice.

The effects of the pandemic are making daily life harder for all. 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. Please take a donation envelope. You can use the QR code to make your donation online. Thank you for your generosity.

School Lenten Fundraiser This Lent, St Marys are working (children and staff) , to complete the CAFOD *Walk Against Hunger* event throughout the month of March. Please visit their Just Giving page-

<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-marys-rc-primary>

Alternatively donations can be left at the school. Thank you in advance for your support

Missio Red Boxes It is time for red box holders to empty their box. Envelopes are available in the Sacristy and at the back of church. Please take one, empty your box and return to the Sacristy. Thank you for your continued support and prayer

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.