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### Mass this Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Lent (C) 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022

#### Today's Readings

*Joshua 5:9-12* The shame of Egypt is taken away but not the memory of Egypt, which will sustain the new life.

*2 Corinthians 5:17-21* The creation of humanity is not yet complete but it continues as an act of reconciliation in Christ.

*Luke 15:1-3. 11-32* The story of the prodigal son is not just his story. It is the story of a whole family; indeed it is the story of the family of humankind.

#### Mass This Week

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 9:00am

10:30am

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm Lent Feria

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> 9:15am Lent Feria

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> 9:15am Lent Feria

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> 9:15am Lent Feria

#### Intention

For Our Parishioners

Christina Heather (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

Alice Bristow (Anniversary)

Ukraine

Those in hospital

Health and Care Workers

The housebound

The Sanctuary Lamp burns In memory of Alice Bristow (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.

**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** Please join us for Lent Lunch in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, from 12 noon to 1pm. 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 **this weekend** in the Parish Hall. We will be selling raffle tickets for our Easter Hamper Raffle, together with our knitted 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** We are still short of volunteers to lead Stations on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April and to lead Stations for Children in Holy Week.

### **Holy Week is getting very close!**

This will be a much more normal Holy Week with far fewer restrictions than recently. We are very aware that many people will be on holiday this year, especially after the limits on travel over the last two years. We wish all travellers *bon voyage*, rest and recreation and a safe return.

However, we also have a very pressing need for many volunteers in the most intensive period of the Liturgical year. This really is every man woman and child to the pump time.

We need servers and readers and volunteers for the footwashing, eucharistic ministers, singers and musicians, cleaners, flower arrangers and more. There is a sign up list for liturgical volunteers on the noticeboard and online at:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qQRUSdTGs5ebjW-PjqKDz045HkiS\\_3OA4LLbfah3Uc/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qQRUSdTGs5ebjW-PjqKDz045HkiS_3OA4LLbfah3Uc/edit?usp=sharing)

If there is anyway you can help please sign up.

**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

## **Ukrainian Refugee Support**

*Churches Together in Royston and District* has set up a working group to coordinate the churches' response to the Ukrainian refugee crisis. Please pray about how you might be called to contribute to this work. Not all will be able to host refugees, but as a community of churches working with other organisations, we should be able to provide support for both host and refugee families in the months ahead.

This support will include provision of material goods, befriending, spiritual support, help with language skills, form filling and support with access to schools, health service, benefits. etc. There will be a great variety of needs and therefore opportunities for all who are able to contribute.

This means that those offering to host can seek to link with a refugee family, which can be done through various websites, knowing that this support network is being set up to help. We have contact with a church in Romania, which is willing to supply contact details of families wishing to come to the UK. If you think that you may wish to host a Ukrainian refugee or family, please get in touch to discuss it.

For those who may like to be part of the support network, please get in touch to register your interest, provide contact details and ask any questions you may have.

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### **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.