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### Mass this Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter (C) 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022

*Acts 15:1-2. 22-29* The leaders of the early Church allow themselves to be guided by the Holy Spirit in their decisions.

*Apocalypse 21:10-14. 22-23* John's revelation is of the Church as the new Jerusalem, a walled and gated city, but these are not built to exclude sinners or those we consider unworthy or outsiders. The temple is the body of Christ himself.

*John 14:23-29* At the Last Supper Jesus speaks words of inexpressible comfort. He promises that the Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Spirit, will find a home in us as individuals and as a community when we learn to keep his word.

#### Today's Readings

#### Mass This Week

			<i>Intention</i>
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	6:30pm		Eileen Fitzgerald (Intention)
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9:00am		For Our Parishioners
	10:30am		Evangelisation of The Peoples
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	Easter Feria	Ukraine
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	St Bede the Venerable	Catholic scholars
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9:15am</b>	<b>ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b>	Fr Tony Nye SJ
	<b>7:30pm</b>		Charlie Hennessy RIP
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY	Anne MacPherson RIP

The Sanctuary Lamp burns In Thanksgiving (AT)

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

**Parish Pastoral Council** Our next PPC will be at 7:30pm on Wednesday June 1<sup>st</sup> in the Sacristy. Among items for discussion are to be a review of the year so far, social events and fundraising and planning our Parish AGM and beginning to prepare for our Summer and Autumn activities.

**CWL Coffee Morning** The CWL will be selling refreshments after the Sunday morning Masses **next weekend** in the Parish Hall. There will also be a gift stall and cake stall. Please come and support us.

**Rosary Online** Over the past two years, a regular parish recitation of the Rosary has taken place online via Zoom. We plan to continue with this practice at 10:00 on Mondays. Please let Anita know if you would like to join so she can forward your details. [anitaclayson@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:anitaclayson@hotmail.co.uk)

**In Church** The Rosary will be recited publicly after Mass at 09:45am on Wednesdays (after the 09:15am Mass). All welcome.

**Congratulations** to Mary Robin Antony on her election as Mayor of Royston. We wish her every success in her new appointment.

**Children's liturgy** starts again this week during the 10:30am Mass on Sundays - term-time. It is aimed at children from birth through to Year 3, so that they can hear the Word of God proclaimed in a language more appropriate to their levels of understanding. If your child is below nursery age they will need someone with them. The liturgy usually includes singing, learning about the Gospel, prayer, and some sort of activity. We are looking forward to seeing you.

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Churches Together - Quiet Day - at Nicholas Ferrar House, Little Gidding** – we will be leaving Royston at 9.15am to arrive at 10am and aiming to car share. Fr Tony Rogers will be leading the day with a mix of quiet time and worship on the theme of 'Developing church life following the pandemic'. Cost will be £30 each to include tea/coffee/biscuits on arrival, courgette soup, roll, butter and fresh fruit for lunch and tea/coffee before we leave. To book your place, please contact Annette Guttridge by calling 01763 241818 or via email: [annette@guttridge.org.uk](mailto:annette@guttridge.org.uk) We need numbers by May 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Fire Wardens** Thank you to those who have already volunteered. We could do with few more people to cover every mass. Please sign up in the sacristy. Please see Fr Philip to arrange a further short training session.

**Churches Together in Royston and District - Ukrainian Refugee Support** We give thanks for our enthusiastic Working Group, volunteers and hosts.

As yet, we have not welcomed any Ukrainian refugees into our community. However, things are beginning to move.

- A Ukrainian family have settled in Buntingford and we are seeking to make links.
- Arrivals are imminent in Steeple Morden and Bassingbourn and will be offered support.
- A link between a Royston host and a refugee is awaiting completion of visa applications. When this happens, we will be seeking to furnish and equip a one-bedroom flat and provide other support.

The information we are receiving is that only a small percentage of refugees wish to come to the UK. Most prefer to remain closer to their own country in the hope of returning soon. Of those coming to the UK, many naturally prefer to go where there are already a number of Ukrainian families. This means that for Royston and district we may not be able to welcome many Ukrainian families. All the more important then, that we give them the best welcome and support we can.

Thank you for continuing to pray and, if you feel that you can contribute to this work in any way, or want to ask any questions, then please do get in touch.

Yours in Christ, Revd Jim Dagleish; 07972 617622, [james.dagleish@talk21.com](mailto:james.dagleish@talk21.com)

### **Bishops' Conference Plenary Statement *Returning to Mass at Pentecost***

Our Bishops have invited all Catholics to return to the normal practice of attending Sunday Mass in person from 5<sup>th</sup> June (whilst acknowledging there have always been dispensations from this obligation, such as for those who are ill or infirm). Part of their statement reads:

Since the beginning of the Covid pandemic, until the present time, we have shared with you our judgment that the situation of the last two years has meant that the Sunday Obligation has been impeded and has needed to be fulfilled in other ways. We thank God that this situation has now changed. The pressing challenges of the pandemic have lessened significantly. Most people have resumed the wide range of normal activities, no longer restricted by the previous Covid measures. We therefore believe that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply.

The full statement is on the board in the Sacristy and may be found at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/spring-plenary-2022-resolution-returning-to-mass-at-pentecost/>