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Mass this Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Lent (B) 10th March 2024

Today's Readings

2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23 God's persistent love and mercy in the face of rejection are revealed.

Ephesians 2:4-10 Through grace, not by our own efforts, we have been saved, so that we may live the good life God has always meant us to live.

John 3:14-21 Christ is the light of the world, come not to condemn but to save, and those who live by the truth come into that light.

Mass This Week

Saturday 9 th	6:30pm
Sunday 10 th	9:00am
	10:30am

Intentions

For Our Parishioners
Mothers
Italia Ricciardi (1st Anniversary)

Tuesday 12 th	6pm	Lent feria
Wednesday 13 th	9:15am	Lent feria
Thursday 14 th	9:15am	Lent feria
	7:30pm	Lent Penitential Service
Friday 15 th	9:15am	Lent feria

Stephanie Bewick (RIP)
Fr Vincent Crewe (RIP)
Penitents

Canon Digby Samuels (RIP)

The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Thomas Barry (RIP)

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

Please note that it is our intention to livestream the 9am Sunday Mass and most of the weekday Masses.

Our Parish **Lent Penitential Service** will be **Thursday March 14th at 7:30pm**. There will be three priests available for individual reconciliation and the opportunity for us as a community to open ourselves to the loving mercy of God.

Lent Lunches Please come and join us for the final Lent Lunch in the Parish Hall between 12 noon and 1:15pm on **Wednesday 13th March**. Lunch will consist of home-made soup, bread and fruit, followed by tea and coffee. The suggested donation is £5 and all proceeds from the lunches will go to CAFOD and Christian Aid. Everyone is welcome!

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2024. The Cardinal has expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports the Appeal, with whatever they can afford. So, please take a donation envelope today, for more information. You can use the QR code to make your donation online. Thank you for your generosity.

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for March For The New Martyrs We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

Holy Week. Sign Up sheets for volunteers (Sacristans, Greeters, Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Servers, volunteers for the foot washing on Holy Thursday and more) are in the Sacristy. Please sign up as soon as you are able.

Palm/Passion Sunday

Saturday 6:30pm Mass
 Sunday 9:00am Mass
 10:30am Procession and Mass

Monday of Holy Week 9:15am Mass
 Tuesday of Holy Week 9:15am
 Wednesday of Holy Week 9:15am

Holy Thursday 8:00pm Mass of The Lord's Supper *Watch by Altar of Repose in Martyrs' Chapel*
 10:45pm Night Prayer

Good Friday 10:40am Walk of Witness *starting at Queens's Rd Methodist Church*
 12 noon Children's Stations
 3:00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion
The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available after the Liturgy
 6pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday 8:00pm (GMT) **EASTER VIGIL**
Beginning in Garden (if dry!)

Easter Sunday 6:30am *Sunrise Service, East end of St John's Church*
 9am and 10:30am (BST) Mass of Easter Day

Ukraine Collection On Saturday 16th March from 10am-2pm there will be a collection for Ukraine at Tesco Extra, Royston, run by the Rotary Club of Royston. Tinned or dried foods are welcome, but no fresh food. Household cleaning materials and toiletries are welcome, as well as cooking utensils. Cash is also gratefully received. Thank you very much for your generosity.



Palm Sunday is drawing closer. We have offers of about 11 beds we will still need

a few more. So please if you could offer a weary Pilgrim or two a bath/shower, bed, evening meal and breakfast on their journey to Walsingham it would be greatly appreciated. They are hoping to get to Royston between 5:30 & 6:00pm. They will stop briefly to pop into church for prayers and a cup of tea, and are then eager to go off with their hosts. Normally they go to The Bull for a short while after dinner and then they're home and ready for bed! On Monday morning they meet in the Car Park by about 8.00am to attend Morning Prayers or Mass (tbc). The Organizers will give us any dietary requirements a little nearer the time. Last year a few of us met the Pilgrims as they came into Royston, at the top of Barkway Road, and we plan to do the same this year. It would be great if Hosts and other members of the Parish could join us to swell the numbers for the final part of the walk down into Royston.

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony - Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 25th May 2024 at 2:30pm

The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2024. If you are celebrating an anniversary and would like to attend the Mass, please give the following details to Sharon in the parish office: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email). ***This information is required by 10th April at the latest.***

Lenten Prayer

Prayer to Mary, Mother of the Church and Mother of our faith



Mother, help our faith!

Open our ears to hear God's word and to recognize his voice and call. Awaken in us a desire to follow in his footsteps, to go forth from our own land and to receive his promise.

Help us to be touched by his love, that we may touch him in faith. Help us to entrust ourselves fully to him and to believe in his love, especially at times of trial, beneath the shadow of the cross, when our faith is called to mature.

Sow in our faith the joy of the Risen One.

Remind us that those who believe are never alone.

Teach us to see all things with the eyes of Jesus, that he may be light for our path. And may this light of faith always increase in us, until the dawn of that undying day which is Christ himself, your Son, our Lord!

Pope Francis