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Mass this Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter (B) 5th May 2024

Today's Readings

Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48 We are all invited, regardless of our background, to discover a life of love in God.

1 John 4:7-10 Everyone who loves knows God because God is love.

John 15:9-17 Our joy comes from knowing that we have been chosen, called, and sent.

Mass This Week

			<i>Intention</i>
Saturday 4 th	6:30pm		Lois Stewart (anniversary)
Sunday 5 th	9:00am		For Our Parishioners
	10:30am	First Holy Communion	Philip Dorgan (RIP)
Tuesday 7 th	6:00pm	Easter Weekday	Eileen Cowman (RIP)
Wednesday 8 th	9:15am	Easter Weekday	Nicola Rorrison (anniversary)
Thursday 9 th	9:15am	ASCENSION OF THE LORD	Evangelisation in our Parish
	6pm		Our Openness to be Evangelisers
Friday 10 th	9:15am	Easter Weekday	Peace

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for our First Holy Communion Candidates

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.

First Holy Communion It is our joy this weekend to rejoice with the young people and their families. Please keep them in your prayers. Please note there will also be First Holy Communion Masses on the 12th and 19th May.

Ascension Day Mass will be celebrated in both the morning (9:15am) and the Evening (6pm) for Ascension Day.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Induction Another session to prepare people for this ministry will be held at 6:30pm, after Mass, on Tuesday 7th May. We still have a particular need for more ministers at the 9am Sunday Mass.

Thy Kingdom Come As in previous years we shall participate in the ecumenical and global initiative *Thy Kingdom Come*. Please use the time between Ascension Day and Pentecost to join in a Global wave of prayer for the Holy Spirit to empower our evangelising mission. Resources may be found at:

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>

Family Rosary Please come along and join us for a children led rosary, in front of Our Lady's statue, on Saturday 11th May at 5pm. This will be followed by a bring and share tea in the Parish Hall.

Parish Pilgrimage to Rome. Sign up sheet and information in the Sacristy. More details will follow once the airlines are able to give us a quotation.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place this year on Saturday, 21st September. We are intending to join with our friends in Letchworth again. Please sign up on the list in the Sacristy. The cost will depend on how many people are on the coach.

Are You A Tax Payer? If your tax status changed for 2023-24, or will change for 2024-25, please inform Lawrie Fernee on 01763 243395 or RoystonGA@rcdow.org.uk

Universe Catholic Weekly Newspapers are now available to purchase every week. They are available in the Sacristy and cost £3.50 each.

Save the Date On Saturday 22nd June, at 12 noon, ChAT (Churches Together) are hosting a BBQ at Royston Methodist Church. Everyone is welcome to attend. They will be providing sausages and burgers in rolls with onions and chicken drumsticks. The event is free to attend but donations are welcome. At this stage, they need to know numbers attending, so if you would like to attend, please contact them by **Saturday_15th June**, and advise them of any dietary requirements. The contact details are: Dave dave.aggett49@gmail.com 07968 138476 or Tracy tracy.aggett@btinternet.com 07815 148022

The Saint John Henry Newman Catholic School are looking for a **Lay Chaplain** to join their School from May 2024. This is a part-time (term time only) job working 32.68 hours per week, Monday to Thursday 8am to 3:10pm and Friday 8am to 2:30pm, though there may be opportunities for flexible working. Further Information can be found at www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view,lay-chaplain_93028.htm

Holy Fathers Prayer Intentions for May
For the formation of religious and seminarians We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

Gaza's parish priest Gaza's parish priest Father Gabriel Romanelli discusses the plight of the Christian community sheltering at the Holy Family Church in this podcast: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/podcast/gaza-priest-fr-gabriel-romanelli/> With former Middle East North Africa consultant, Dr Harry Hagopian, he talks about the humanitarian crisis in the Strip, the lack of food, water and medicine, the Pope's daily phone calls and pastoral concern for the people, the need for a lasting peace, what Catholics in England and Wales can do, the light of faith in the darkness, and much more.



“May is Mary’s Month” As Spring moves towards Summer, we rejoice with our Blessed Lady and pray with her, and invite her to pray for us.

Hail, holy Queen,
Mother of mercy,
hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope.
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve:
to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in
this vale of tears.
Turn then, most gracious Advocate,
thine eyes of mercy toward us,
and after this our exile,
show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus,
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!