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Mass this Sunday: Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 16th June 2024

Today's Readings

Ezekiel 17:22-24 In his image of a tree Ezekiel paints us a picture of the Lord who cares for his people and brings them to shelter and safety.

2 Corinthians 5:6-10 Paul writes of his longing to be with the Lord and his intention of pleasing him always.

Mark 4:26-34 Jesus tells us two parables to show us that, for the Kingdom of God, great things come from small beginnings.

Mass This Week

Saturday 15th 6:30pm

Sunday 16th 9:00am

10:30am

Tuesday 17th 6:00pm *No Mass*

Wednesday 18th 9:15am *No Mass*

Thursday 19th 9:15am *No Mass*

Friday 20th 9:15am *No Mass*

Intention

For Our Parishioners

Exams

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The Sanctuary Lamp burns for a private intention

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.

Welcome Fr Pat We welcome the Columban Priest Fr Patrick O'Beirne, SSC this weekend. Please pray for his work and the work of all missionaries.

Jury Duty Fr Philip has been summoned to Jury Duty. Please note that there will not be any weekday masses next week. Fr Philip will access emails but will be very limited as to time to do anything in response to them. Please be patient.

New Lectionary Pre-orders are now being accepted for missals containing the new translation. See the brochure in the Sacristy, <http://www.newlectionary.org/> or <http://www.rpbooks.co.uk/your-new-sunday-missal-esv>

Sacramental Programmes As we have concluded the '23-24 round of sacramental programmes, it is now time to look ahead. In the Autumn we will begin the next round of First Holy Communion, Confirmation and RCIA Adult Baptism and/or Confirmation and/or Reception into the Church. Over the summer we will collect names of candidates, and forms are available in the Sacristy. This is also the time to recruit more catechists and plan our programmes. If you are willing to help as a catechist, please see Fr Philip or e-mail him.

Parish Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome. Sign up sheet and current details in the Sacristy. More details, especially more accurate prices, 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 have now heard back from Letchworth regarding costs for the coach and pilgrim levy. Prices work out at £25 per adult and £15 per child aged 6 to 12 years (free for children under 6).

If your name is on the list in the sacristy, please confirm your commitment to attend the pilgrimage by emailing anitaclayson@hotmail.co.uk.

General Election Our Bishop's Conference have released resources to help us understand Catholic insights into seven key issues. A video has been released by Cardinal Vincent encouraging participation in the Election. These resources can be found at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/>

Race For Life On 30th June, eighteen members of St Mary's School staff will be taking part in the Cambridge 5K to raise money in memory of our wonderful colleague, Nicola Rorrison, who lost her battle with cancer a year ago. Every single pound you donate makes a difference to Cancer Research UK's groundbreaking work, so please sponsor us. Thank you!
<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/louises-race-for-life-171529184378>

Children's Fun Day Sunday 7th July (12pm to 4pm) in the parish hall. There will be food, drinks, bouncy castle, games and more. There will be no charge for this, but any donation to cover expenses will be welcome. We will require volunteers to help with various things. If anyone has a BBQ they are willing to lend for the day, any games we could borrow, or would just like to lend their time, please could you contact Anthony Ogwara on 07840 420585 or email anthony.ogwara@gmail.com
We look forward to you joining us!

Save the Date 1 Fr Philip and Jane will have a delayed and anticipated Silver and Double Diamond celebration on **August 18th**. We would like to invite all of you to celebrate with us. And if anyone is willing to help with the day, please let us know. *More details to follow...*

Save the Date 2 On Saturday 22nd June, at 12 noon, ChAT (Churches Together) are hosting a BBQ at Royston Methodist Church.. At this stage, they need to know numbers attending, so if you would like to attend, please contact them by **Saturday 15th June**, dave.aggett49@gmail.com 07968 138476 or tracy.aggett@btinternet.com 07815 148022

CAFOD Volunteers CAFOD is looking for contact people to enable others to support and hear about their work. Please contact Beata Rozycka at brozycka@cafod.org.uk
They are also looking for volunteers to visit local schools. Full training and support will be provided. See www.cafod.org.uk/Volunteer or contact the school volunteers coordinator Chris Driscoll by phone 07776 493162 or email westminsterschools@cafod.org.uk

Holy Fathers Prayer Intentions for June

For migrants fleeing their homes We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

A Prayer for Elections

Eternal God, Lord of creation,
as we look towards the upcoming elections
we ask that your Spirit of Truth be upon us.

Let us, your people, be guided by Gospel values
Of love of neighbour, truth, justice
and compassion towards all,
particularly the 'least' of our sisters and brothers.

Help us to choose political parties and candidates willing
to place the needs of the many before the profits of the few,
to put the wellbeing of the majority above the wellbeing of
the markets,
and the conserving of our common home ahead
of the cossetting of corporations that harm creation.

Amen.

Fr. Kevin McDonagh SSC