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Mass this Sunday: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 7th July 2024

Today's Readings

Ezekiel 2:2-5 Ezekiel is commissioned by God to speak to the disobedient Israelites. God tells him to deliver the message as commanded, even if they do not want to listen.

2 Corinthians 12:7-10 Paul says that when he is weak, he is strong in Christ.

Mark 6:1-6 Jesus teaches in the synagogue at Nazareth but the people reject him. He is amazed by their lack of faith, and he is only able to heal a few sick people because of their unbelief.

Mass This Week

Saturday 6th 6:30pm

Sunday 7th 9:00am

10:30am

Tuesday 9th 6:00pm Weekday

Wednesday 10th 9:15am Weekday For newly Ordained Priests and their Parishes

Thursday 11th **No Mass in Royston Fr Philip will be offering mass for the Parish in Ramsgate**

Friday 12th 9:15am Weekday Stella Maris

Intention

Those being Ordained Deacon today

For Our Parishioners

Fr Cedric Stanley RIP

For newly Ordained Priests and their Parishes

Stella Maris

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.

Change of Mass time Please note there will be no mass here on Thursday, as Fr Philip will be with the other priests of the Deanery in Ramsgate.

Praying with the Bible since prayer and bible both came up strongly in our survey for formation events, we shall have an afternoon on the topic of *Praying with the Bible*. This will involve some input but also a number of prayer experiences. This is part of our promise to provide opportunities for recollection for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers but the afternoon is open to everybody and all are welcome. It will begin in Church at 3pm on Saturday July 13th and will conclude with exposition

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.

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.

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. Please come along and join us!

Silver and Double Diamond! Fr Philip and Jane will have a delayed and anticipated Silver Wedding and Double Diamond birthday celebration on **August 18th**. We would like to invite all of you to celebrate with us. Please sign up on the list in the sacristy to help us get the catering right. And if anyone is willing to help with the day, please let us know.

Holy Fathers Prayer Intentions for July
For The Pastoral Care Of The Sick We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all

Love in Action After the summer holidays we shall begin a six week process following the *Love in Action* programme, thinking about the themes of Catholic Social Teaching and how to live them out in our community. There will be a short planning meeting in the Presbytery after Mass on Tuesday 16th July (~6:30pm). Please come along to find out more. NB the *Love in Action* programme is a parish process parallel to the Diocesan resources used in our schools.

Race For Life Thank you to everyone that sponsored us for the Race for Life in memory of our wonderful colleague, Nicola Rorrison, who lost her battle with cancer a year ago. Anyone that would still like to make a donation can do so by clicking on the link <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/louises-race-for-life-171529184378>

Living Catholicism Today summer course, 1st – 4th August (Stoneyhurst) How do we interpret the sources of Christian morality? Why is the Church 'obsessed' about human sexuality? What is the significance of the virtues? Part of the CHC's "Faith & Reason" series, this course will explore morality and the Christian life, with Dr Caroline Farey, Dr Andrew Beard and Stefan Kaminski. <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/faith-and-reason-series/>

*Whether or not the sun returns, summer is
always a time which can give us a bit of space,
to rest, to reflect, to give thanks.
Certainly Summer is a good time for us to
acknowledge our blessings and spend some time
in prayer.*

A Prayer to Begin Summer

For more light in the day, we thank you,
For gentle mornings, we thank you,
For nighttime conversations, we thank you,
For friends and family, we thank you,
For gardens and all manner of creatures, we thank you.
Help us, Creator and lover of our souls.
Help us love this earth.
Help us dwell wholeheartedly in our lives this day.
Help us pray as we walk, work, play, rest, and create.
Amen.

<https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/prayer-to-begin-summer/>