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### Mass this Sunday: Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

#### Today's Readings

*Wisdom 2:12. 17-20* People whose intentions are not good will put good people to the test.

*James 3:16 – 4:3* But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.

*Mark 9:30-37* Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.

#### Mass This Week

			<i>Intention</i>
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	6:30pm		Jo Smith and Family
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9:00am		For Our Parishioners
	10:30am		Mary Meehan (RIP)
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	Our Lady of Walshingham	Pilgrims
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	Weekday	Marilyn Ross (RIP)
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	Sts Cosmas & Damian	Health Care Workers
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	St Vincent de Paul	Carers

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for Migrants and their Families

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.*

**Safeguarding Support** We have arranged a visit from the Diocesan safeguarding team on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September (2-7pm) to ensure we are all up to date with DBS checks and so forth. All Catechists, those visiting the housebound and anyone who has contact with children or vulnerable adults, needs a DBS check every three years. Please let Fr Philip know if you can come somewhere during those times.

**AGM and PPC** Our PPC meeting has been postponed until Wednesday October 2<sup>nd</sup>. This will include the Parish Annual General Meeting. There are vacancies for two elected members to the PPC and spaces for the representatives of groups and ministries. Nomination forms are in the sacristy.

#### Sacramental Programmes - First Holy

**Communion, Confirmation and RCIA** Please can any more forms be returned to the Parish Office **by this Sunday** so that we can get the right number of books and other resources.

- The Introductory parents' meeting for First Holy Communion is on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30 pm**
- This will be followed by the first childrens workshop on Saturday **28<sup>th</sup> September 11:30 - 1pm**. Please ensure you are on time as this will start promptly at 11:30am
- The first Link Mass to welcome the children is on **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 10:30 am**.

**Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and other help at the Sunday Mass** We are facing a shortage of Eucharistic Ministers for the 6:30pm Mass. Please see Fr Philip if you can help. There will be *an introduction session for readers* at 5:45pm on Thursday (26<sup>th</sup> Sept). If anyone else would like to join us please let Fr Philip know.

**Servers** If there are volunteers to join our teams of servers, please see Fr Philip to arrange an introduction to serving.

**Red Boxes** The time has come to empty your *Missio* mission boxes. Envelopes are on the table in the Sacristy as you come in. Please pick one up, empty your box and return the envelope to the red box in the Sacristy as soon as possible. Many Thanks.

**School Transfer** If a school asks for proof of regular attendance at mass, please see Fr Philip after any mass to discuss the *Certificate of Catholic Practice*.

**The Saint John Henry Newman School** warmly invites parents of Year 6 pupils to an Open Evening on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September, 5:30pm to 8pm. Prospectuses and application forms will be available. The last tour will be at 7pm and the school will close to visitors once the final Headteacher's address starts at 7:30pm. There will be opportunities for parents to view the school following this Open Evening. Invitations for the Opening Evening are available in the Sacristy.

**The Churches Together Light Party** is returning on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024 at Coombes Community Centre and they need at least 35 volunteers to make this event possible. They are also seeking volunteers for a prayer team who will be on site, in an upstairs room, praying for the event and the families who join them. If you can help in anyway, please contact Louise Bradley on 07742 927160 or [louise@louisebardleyva.com](mailto:louise@louisebardleyva.com)

**Foodbank** The Royston Foodbank would be grateful for both gifts of food and household cleaning materials; eg bleach, washing up liquid etc. Please place cleaning items by the side of the food box in the Sacristy.

**Holy Fathers Prayer Intentions for September**  
*For the cry of the Earth* We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live

**The Leprosy Mission's 150th Anniversary** A Presentation by a director of the Leprosy Mission at 7.30 p.m. on 3rd October at the Royston Evangelical Church, York Way. The evening will include the local Bible Society's annual report, a Bring and Buy sale and Refreshments. Free-of-charge but 'Thanks' offerings for the Bible Society will be gratefully accepted.



### Love in Action

The Faith Sharing resources and more can be found at: <https://bit.ly/4dYtwjw>

Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.  
Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.  
Blessed are you who mourn now,  
for you will laugh.

Luke 6:20-22

### REFLECTION

When we think about our local community, who are the people living in poverty? In our global community, where are the people living in poverty? How do we treat them?

## OPTION FOR THE POOR



We're called to find Christ in the poor, to lend our voice, to be their friends, to listen

Pope Francis

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