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### Mass this Sunday: Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 6<sup>th</sup> October 2024

#### Today's Readings

*Genesis 2:18-24* God did not create human beings to be solitary creatures. We are part of creation; part of one another.

*Hebrews 2:9-11* Jesus is part of our human family, too. Having experienced suffering and death as all people do, Jesus now shares his divine life with us.

*Mark 10:2-16* Jesus upholds marriage as a sacred bond and affirms children for their natural qualities of trusting innocence and affection.

#### Mass This Week

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> 9:00am

10:30am

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> 9:15am** Weekday

*Please note change of Mass time*

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> 9:15am St John Henry Newman

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> 9:15am Weekday

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> 9:15am Weekday

#### Intention

For Our Parishioners

Special Intention (CO)

Jonathan Barber (RIP)

The Synod of Bishops

Patricia Brazier (RIP)

Peace

CAFOD

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for Peace

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.*

**October 7<sup>th</sup> Day of Prayer** Pope Francis has called for day of fasting and prayer on Monday, 7 October 2024, the first anniversary of the Hamas attacks in Israel. The Vatican News website has more detail at

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2024-10/pope-7-october-to-be-day-of-prayer-and-fasting-for-peace.html>.

Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, has also invited us to mark next Monday as a day of prayer, penance and fasting for peace in the Holy Land. penance, and to implore forgiveness.

You can read the Patriarch's message at

<https://www.lpi.org/en/news/a-day-of-prayer-fasting-and-penance>.

**Please offer a Rosary for Peace on Monday.**

#### **Servers, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers.**

Thank you to those who have recently volunteered. We always need more, please see Fr Philip if you can help.

**Children All Saints Party** - Saturday 2nd November 2- 5pm Church Hall, Come along for a fun filled afternoon, we'll have a fashion shown, games and crafts for the children and some good fun together. We invite children to come dressed up as their favourite Saint, and kindly ask for some bring and share savoury or sweet snacks (no nuts please).

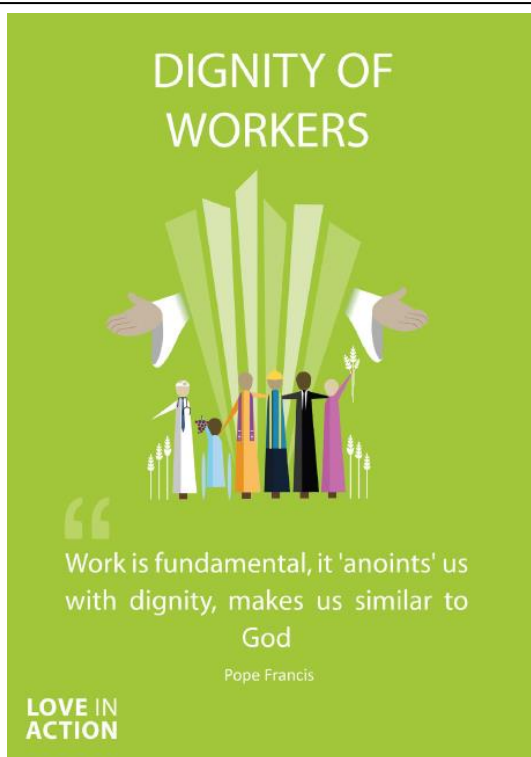
**School Transfer** If a school asks for proof of regular attendance at mass, please see Fr Philip after any mass to discuss the *Certificate of Catholic Practice*.

**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.

**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.

**The Light Party** is returning on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024 at Coombes Community Centre and they need at least 35 volunteers. They are also seeking volunteers for a prayer team who will be on site, praying for the event and the families who join them. Please contact Louise Bradley on 07742 927160 or [louise@louisebardleyva.com](mailto:louise@louisebardleyva.com)

**A Day With Mary** is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October (9:45am to 5pm). Further information is available at <https://www adaywithmary.org/> or <https://eventcatholic.com/>



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

**CAFOD Family Fast Day – 11<sup>th</sup> October** Daniel, a young man in Democratic Republic of the Congo, is carving a better future for his family with



carpentry skills he learned in a CAFOD-funded training centre. Give to CAFOD today and you'll fund training, tools, equipment and safe spaces so more people like Daniel can learn new skills and fulfil their God-given potential. Use the envelope or give online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](https://cafod.org.uk/envelope).

**Love in Action** please put in your diaries that there will be two follow up meetings on Thursdays 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> October 7pm. The first meeting will be a time of reflecting on the topics, the second, to formulate a practical plan of what feasible action or actions we can take.

#### **Clear & Simple Book Club**

"How to Have Conversations That Lead to Conversion" by André Regnier, helps parishioners have meaningful conversations about their faith with others. It's a response to Pope Francis's challenge in The Joy of the Gospel, for the Church to "dream of a 'missionary option'" that would create "a missionary impulse capable of transforming" her whole life. We shall read parts of the book together and discuss how we can use it. There will be two options from 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> October:

Registration for Wednesday afternoons (2-3pm): <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0uf-6srzMuHdTnmd1P4WYGzlvWJHTwiz86>

Registration for Thursday evenings (7:30 - 8:30pm): <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlqcu-tpjwjG905Hq-G30shho2Fm-mXCvau>

#### **Holy Fathers Prayer Intentions for October**

**For a shared mission** We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.