

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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PARISH PRIEST: Fr John Wiley

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT – Sunday 29th March 2020 RE-DEDICATION OF ENGLAND AS THE DOWRY OF MARY

Our Churches must remain closed during the Coronavirus pandemic, but we can continue to pray in our homes and use social media to stay in touch.

You may find these links useful:

Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/>

Vatican Media Live

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VJHI8bl0LWg>

Twitter

Hashtag #PrayForTheWorld

MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

Fr John would like to thank you for all your prayers and kind offers of help during this time of isolation. He wishes to assure you of his prayers for us all, and will continue to offer Mass every day. Let us continue to pray for each other during this difficult time.

HELP & SUPPORT

We are making every effort to identify and support those who live alone or are vulnerable with phone calls.

MAINTAINING OUR FINANCES

We are extremely grateful to all who regularly donate to the parish – many by Bank Standing Order which is providing a continual source of income. Your generosity is vital and very much appreciated.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The new sets of envelopes, commencing in April 2020 are now available and we will distribute these as soon as it is possible to do so. However, ***if you would like to change to bank standing order – a change that many parishioners have already made – please let us know and this can easily be arranged.***

Donating in this way is very convenient and dispenses with the need to remember to bring your envelope to Mass each week. ***Copies of the Bank Standing Order Form and Gift Aid Declaration Form are now available on the parish website.***

If you have any queries please **Contact: Ursula - 445163 or stbede185@gmail.com**

MASS ON-LINE

Please see list of parishes providing this service on Website – CORONAVIRUS CRISIS page.

KEEPING IN TOUCH IS VERY IMPORTANT JUST NOW

If you have not already done so, we invite you to sign up to E-Alerts on the parish website. Simply click on the E-Alerts icon on the right hand side of the home page, and follow the prompts. Once registered, you will be able to receive any group messages sent out from the parish office.

We will do our best to keep you updated.

Any queries please contact: stbede185@gmail.com

THE ROSARY

Praying the Rosary is something we can all do, either on our own, or with others in our household. There are also a number of websites offering this devotion on-line.

THURSDAY CLUB

Cancelled until further notice.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Meetings cancelled until further notice.

**Contact: James Garibaldi
07557 515860**

CAFOD GAP YEAR VOLUNTEERING

'Heading for a Gap Year? How about doing it with CAFOD?' You'll do placements in both the UK and overseas, and will meet a lot of very interesting people. Opportunities for 18-30 year olds to gain experience, develop leadership skills and spend a year in the service of others. Applications are now open for September 2020: <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/CAFOD-Gap-year>

CONFESSIONS

By personal arrangement only.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Cancelled until normal Masses are resumed.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Regrettably, preparation classes must be suspended for the time being, and we will in due course be re-scheduling the dates for the celebration of First Holy Communion. We will keep parents fully informed of the situation.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

The Lenten collection for CAFOD amounted to over £615, and as the Lenten Lunch raised £141, we now have a total of over £750 as our Lenten offering for CAFOD. As always, many thanks to all who contributed.

PARISH IN COUNCIL NOTES

These can be viewed on the parish website. Paper copies available on request.