

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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PARISH PRIEST: Fr John Wiley

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR / SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE : Mrs Ursula Bartlett

PALM SUNDAY – Sunday 5th April 2020

Our Churches must remain closed during the Coronavirus pandemic, but we can continue to pray at home. We can also keep in touch with each other via the Internet, social media and phone calls.

Useful links:

Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales

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

Vatican Media Live

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5YceQ8YqYMc>

CONFESSIONS

By personal arrangement only.

MASS ON-LINE

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Virtual children's liturgy with CAFOD. Join Bronagh, Eileen and Martin at 10am each Sunday.

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>

Once you have registered you will be signed up for the next 12 sessions. If you can't join in live, a recording will be available to watch afterwards.

THE ROSARY

There are a number of websites offering this devotion on-line.

PARISH IN COUNCIL NOTES

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

THURSDAY CLUB

Cancelled until further notice.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY monthly meetings

Cancelled until further notice.

**Contact: James Garibaldi
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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.

MAINTAINING OUR FINANCES

Many thanks to those who have recently decided to set up a Bank Standing Order. We are extremely grateful to all who donate in this way, as this is providing a continuous source of income at this challenging time. Your generosity is vital and very much appreciated.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Many thanks also to our Planned Givers. The new envelopes are now ready and will be distributed as soon as it is possible to do so. **However, if you would like to change to Bank Standing Order, 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. **Forms for Bank Standing Order and Gift Aid are now available on the parish website.**

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

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

STAY IN TOUCH WITH US

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

HELP & SUPPORT

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

If possible, try to make phone to calls to anyone you know of who may live alone and not have internet access.

MEDITATION for this week

from The God Who Speaks – Sunday Meditations

The Passion of Jesus speaks about each one of us and invites us to identify with the characters. At this time of uncertainty we do well to reflect what role we play in this drama of our salvation. Who are we in this story? Are we the disciples who run away? Are we the crowds who betray Jesus? Or perhaps Simon, Joseph or the women who follow and assisted him? All of us have a role to play.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, out of love for humanity you mounted the wood of the cross while all along praying for those who assisted your execution. Give me courage to place myself in this story and strength to stand by you. Amen