

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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PARISH PRIEST: Fr John Wiley

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – Sunday 3rd May 2020

Stay home, keep safe and stay well – our doors may be closed but spiritually we are together.

MASS ON-LINE

There are numerous opportunities to follow Masses and liturgies on-line. Details on parish website and at:

Diocese of Westminster

www.rcdow.org.uk

Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales

www.cbcew.org.uk

Each THURSDAY at 7pm

Mass will be celebrated for the NHS and key workers at one of the Cathedrals throughout the country, ahead of the 8pm clapping:

7th May: [Leeds Cathedral](#)

Bishop Marcus Stock

14th May: [Newcastle Cathedral](#)

Bishop Robert Byrne CO

21st May: [Shrewsbury Cathedral](#)

Bishop Mark Davies

28th May: [Middlesbrough Cathedral](#)

Bishop Terence Drainey

FR JOHN'S REFLECTION

This week's Gospel:

John 10: 1-10

This Sunday is **Good Shepherd Sunday**, when we read one of the much-loved passages in St John's Gospel, where Our Lord compares himself to a good or model shepherd and ourselves to the sheep of his flock. Because this picture of the good shepherd has been such a popular comparison for the role of the priest in the church. This Sunday has for many years been set aside as a day of prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. So this weekend let us pray for all who are considering whether they may have such a vocation; that God will help them make their decision with a healthy combination of generosity and realisation. Please pray also for the men and women in seminaries and novitiates. Those who have made a provisional judgement about where their vocation lies, and are preparing to make a permanent commitment to that vocation and to exercise it. Pray for those who have been given the responsibility for promoting or testing vocations; a difficult and often unrewarding task. Above all, do try to deepen your own sense of vocation, because it is only when this is present in all of us that more people will respond to the call to the priestly ministry and to the religious life.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The sick and housebound in our parish, especially Rita Murray, Joy McCann, Noreen Conroy, Maria Britter, Gladys Seear, Mary Casey, John Gannon, Leah Taylor, Bridget Doogan, and Fr Philip Cross.

Let us also remember the lately deceased, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time. May they rest in peace.

We also continue to pray for our key workers – the NHS and all who are working on the front line in very difficult circumstances.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Prayer of St Alphonsus

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the Holy Sacrament of the altar.

I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you

now and forever. Amen.

THE ROSARY

Live-streamed at 11.05am daily from Walsingham Shrine.

www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please remember our First Holy Communion children and their parents / carers in your prayers. May they continue to focus on preparing for their special day, which will be re-scheduled as soon as it is possible to do so.

FOOD BANK

Our local Food Banks continue to operate. For information please contact:

Supporter Care team on 01722 580178 or supportercare@trusselltrust.org

PARISH FINANCE

Many thanks for your continued support at this difficult time, and to those who are working behind the scenes to monitor and control the situation.

Planned Giving Envelopes

Grateful thanks to those who have posted envelopes through the Presbytery door. **However, we must now ask you to retain your envelope donations for the time being, as our G4S security banking service has been suspended until further notice.**

Forms for Bank Standing Order and Gift Aid are now available on the parish website, if you would like to consider changing to this convenient way of donating.

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

STAYING IN TOUCH

Remember to sign up for E-Alerts on the parish website.

Any queries please contact: stbede185@gmail.com

HELP & SUPPORT

Please continue to keep in contact with others by phone, emails and the various other social media methods available to us. Let us know if you hear of anyone who may need help.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Stations of Light for children

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/c/olourandshapeonline/274909913510776/>

RESOURCES FOR FAMILY CATECHESIS / SUPPORT FOR PARENTS

Stories of the Saints (also suitable for Confirmation candidates in considering Saints' names), liturgical calendar, prayer at mealtimes, the crowning of Mary and First Eucharist retreats at home

<https://catechistsjourney.loyolapress.com/>

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