

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – Sunday 17th 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 applause:

21st May: [Shrewsbury Cathedral](#)

Bishop Mark Davies

28th May: [Middlesbrough Cathedral](#)

Bishop Terence Drainey

MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

The recent Government statement hinted that it may be possible to start the re-opening of our churches in early July, and we must consider the practical problems this will create. In the meantime, we must continue to be united in prayer, and I hope to continue to offer reflections on the Sunday gospel readings in the E-Alert emails. In our second reading today (1 Peter 3: 15-18) the author is writing about the Christian's response to persecution. This may take the form of torture or imprisonment, or the more subtle form of insults and social exclusion. But we should always be ready with answers to questions about the basis of our faith.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The sick and housebound in our parish. 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/

STAYING IN TOUCH

Remember to sign up for E-Alerts on the parish website if you have not already done so.

Any queries please contact:
stbede185@gmail.com

CAFOD EMERGENCY APPEAL

Covid19 has deeply affected us here at home, and efforts are now scaling up to prepare for the pandemic to hit poor countries, particularly in Latin America, Africa and the Middle East. This is going to have catastrophic effects on communities in places with no option for social distancing, no clean water and very little food or work opportunities. We are asked to help support CAFOD's work in poor communities across the world. Please follow the link below to find out what is being done, and how you can donate.

https://cafod.org.uk/coronavirus_appeal

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Let us continue to remember our First Holy Communion children and their parents / carers in our 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

ELASTIC FOR FACE MASKS

Sue Reilly has spare elastic available for anyone who may be considering making their own face masks. Please call her if you need some - **07745 797944.**

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/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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