



## CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.rcdow.org.uk)

#### Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales

[www.cbcew.org.uk](http://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:

**28<sup>th</sup> May:** [Middlesbrough Cathedral](#)  
Bishop Terence Drainey

#### THY KINGDOM COME

##### 21st to 31st May 2020

Calling all Christians to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Christ. Follow this link:

<https://www.stalbans.anglican.org/faiith/thy-kingdom-come/#comments>

#### 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/courandshapeonline/274909913510776/>

#### RESOURCES FOR FAMILY CATECHESIS

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/>

#### MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

We are still awaiting more definite news about when we shall be able to re-open our churches here in England, and we must continue to be united in prayer. I hope many of you have been able to read my reflections on the Sunday gospel reading in the E-Alert emails. Our second reading for this weekend (1 Peter 4: 13-16) is often thought to be from a postscript to the main part of the letter, because the writer seems to be giving different advice to his readers from that which he gave earlier on. He says that they should regard the persecution they are experiencing as their opportunity to share the suffering of Jesus himself.

#### 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/](http://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](mailto:stbede185@gmail.com)

#### LATEST PARISH NEWS

The restrictions on gatherings during covid19 has meant it has not been possible for us to hold regular Parish-in-Council meetings at which we, the parishioners, assist Fr John, in an advisory capacity, with the running of the Parish. In order to continue to address important issues, it was suggested that meetings could be held via Zoom; now widely being used for social and business communications. With Fr John's agreement, a small group recently met to exchange brief updates on some liturgical and financial matters, and agreed some protocols to aid the running of a virtual meeting. We will share these matters with you in more detail as soon as practicable.

#### 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/coronavirusappeal>

#### 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](mailto:supportercare@trusselltrust.org)