



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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THIS PARISH IS PART OF THE WESTMINSTER ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE TRUSTEE CHARITY NO. 233699

29th Sunday of the Year – Sunday 18th October 2020

MASSES

Saturday 17th October – 11am

First Holy Communion children & their families

Saturday 17th October – 2pm

First Holy Communion children & their families

Saturday 17th October – 6pm

People of the parish

Sunday 18th October – 10am

First Holy Communion children & their families

LIVE-STREAMED MASSES

The Sunday Obligation remains suspended at present, but Masses and other liturgies can be located on-line.

Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales website:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines/online-mass-directory/>

Our Lady Help of Christians:

www.churchservices.tv/rickmansworth

DIAL-A-MASS - 01642 130120

(local rate call)

St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020

This weekend 17 of our children will be making their First Holy Communion.

Their preparation course was cancelled in March, following First Confessions, due to the Covid-19 lockdown. However, classes were resumed at the beginning of September, and their special day has eventually arrived. We are very grateful to our Catechists, Louise and June, who have worked tirelessly to prepare the children, and to the parents for their support, during these very difficult times.

Thank you also to the volunteers who have worked in the background to make these celebrations possible, to Michelle for preparing the certificates, Stephen (organist), and the Flower Team for their beautiful floral displays.

HOW TO BOOK MASS

Applications to be made between 9am Mon & 6pm Weds every week

Send an email to

croxleygreen@rcdow.org.uk with the words MASS BOOKING in the title bar, or phone **01923 445163**

State the following information:

Time & date of Mass preferred.

Number of people (couples / families / groups from same household or bubble, can apply as one booking)

We will respond on Thurs/Fri to confirm your booking.

Face coverings are required in church, unless you are exempt.

Please wrap up warm, as we are required to keep church well ventilated!

PARISH IN COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 3rd November on Zoom.

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE

INVITED. If you would like to join the meeting please register your interest by emailing Ursula at croxleygreen@rcdow.org.uk

MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

Our dedicated volunteers continue to make it possible for us to celebrate Mass. Please remember when receiving Communion, to present your hands with your palms flat and arms fully extended. After receiving Communion, please make your way to the exit and maintain social distance from others as you leave.

Our second readings for the next five weeks come from what is generally thought to be the oldest document in the New Testament, the first letter of St Paul to the church in Thessalonica. This city in Northern Greece had been visited by St Paul during his second missionary journey, in about 50 AD. Paul had succeeded in founding a Christian community there, but jealous opponents had roused a local mob to drive him out of the city. Paul wrote this letter a few months later to reassure his converts and emphasise the teaching he had given them. In these opening words he writes about God the Father, Jesus the Lord and the Holy Spirit, and the great Christian virtues of faith, hope and love.

SECONDARY TRANSFER Certificate of Catholic Practice

Parents requiring a certificate for secondary transfer applications are invited to make an appointment with Fr John. We have appointments available **between 6pm and 7.30pm** on the following dates:

Monday 19th October

Tuesday 20th October

We will allow a 15-minute time slot for each appointment, which will take place in the Sacristy, and we request that only one parent attends. Covid-19 precautions will be in place.

Contact: 01923 231969

or Email:

croxleygreen@rcdow.org.uk

CHURCH FLOWERS

Our thanks to the Lowry Family for their generous donation towards the floral displays for the First Holy Communion Masses.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

Many thanks to all who have contributed so far. We still have some envelopes available at the church exit, or **you can still donate in the following ways:**

- **On-line at cafod.org.uk**
- **Text 70085 to CAFOD to donate £10. Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message.**
- **Text 70085 to CAFODNOINFO** (if you wish to donate £10, but do not wish to receive marketing communications)

Many thanks for your generosity.

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

Please get in touch if you are able to volunteer as a Steward, Reader or Eucharistic Minister (training available). **Contact: 445163 or stbede185@gmail.com**

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION – a prayer for all who are unable to receive Holy Communion in person

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.