



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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32nd Sunday of the Year – Sunday 8th November 2020

NO PUBLIC MASSES during the current Covid-19 lockdown. But we will be open for PRIVATE PRAYER at the following times:

**SATURDAY 7th & 14th November
4pm to 5pm**

**SUNDAY 8th & 15th November
10am to 11am**

NO BOOKING NECESSARY

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.

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

The church is fully Covid-19 compliant, so we look forward to welcoming you to come and spend some time in prayer and contemplation. We will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, without Benediction.

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

Track & Trace

You will be asked for your name and a contact tel no on arrival, so we can maintain our statutory T&T record. These details will be securely destroyed after 21 days. Our Stewards will be on hand to guide you and answer any questions you may have.

PARISH IN COUNCIL MEETING on ZOOM - Tues 3rd November

We successfully addressed a number of topics at this meeting. The Notes of our discussions will be published shortly.

MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

We were very sad, though not surprised, to learn that the lockdown measures introduced in England during November would include the prohibition of public act of worship, despite the elaborate precautions we and many other religious communities have taken to keep our premises safe. There will therefore be no public Masses in our church on the remaining Saturdays and Sundays during November. I take the opportunity to thank everyone involved in providing these precautions, and the volunteers for their regular service as Stewards, Eucharistic Ministers and Readers. However, the lockdown measures to not preclude the opening of church buildings for private prayer.

Following discussions at the recent Parish in Council Meeting, it has been decided ***we will open for private prayer on Saturdays and Sundays for 1 hour, this weekend and next weekend, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (without Benediction).*** We will review these arrangements and make adjustments as necessary, depending on numbers attending.

For those who have asked for Mass Intentions, I shall be celebrating Mass in private on the Saturdays and Sundays during lockdown. I will include all Mass Intentions that have been booked during this period, on the dates reserved, and I will be happy to repeat the Intentions during public Mass once we are able to resume. Please let me know of a convenient date as and when we are able to do so.

Please remember to pray for the sick and housebound, and for those whose anniversaries occur, even though we are not able to announce their names at Mass. My Reflections on the Sunday readings will continue to appear in the Newsletter and in our E-Alert emails, and I renew my thanks to

David Marston and Ursula for circulating these.

May God be with us all in this difficult time.

In our second reading this weekend, we return to the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians. This extract is probably the best known passage in that letter, a passage that is often read at funerals. Even though not many months have passed since Paul was driven out of Thessalonica, some members of the community there have died, possibly as a result of persecution. Paul tries to console his readers by re-stating the Christian belief that the dead would be raised to life when Jesus comes in glory. He uses some vivid word pictures from contemporary Jewish writing to describe this second coming Jesus.

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND

We will continue to welcome donations if you have not already had the opportunity to donate. Please give generously to support our priests, who have given a lifetime of service, during their senior years and at times of illness. ***There are still a few special envelopes available in church. You can also donate with your smart phone, via the QR code on the poster which is displayed on the church door.***

VIRGIN MONEY GIVING

We now have the facility to receive donations to the parish via Virgin Money Giving. Simply visit the parish website, where you will find the details.

GET INVOLVED IN THE PARISH BECOME A VOLUNTEER

Many hands make light work! 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.