



## CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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### FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2020

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

**SATURDAY – 4pm to 5pm**

**SUNDAY – 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](http://www.churchservices.tv/rickmansworth)

#### DIAL-A-MASS - 01642 130120

(local rate call)

St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough.

#### MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

We are all hoping that the prohibition of public acts of worship will be lifted at the end of the present lockdown period. In the meantime, our church will be open again for private prayer this Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, and we renew our thanks to the volunteer Stewards for making this possible. I have so far received no requests for Mass intentions this weekend, so I shall offer my private Masses this Saturday and Sunday for the people of the parish.

In our second reading today we return to the letter of St Paul, from which we read extracts at the beginning of each year: the first letter of St Paul to the church he founded in the sea-port of Corinth. Near the end of the letter, he re-states the central truth he had preached to his readers, that Jesus Christ died for our sins, and was raised on the third day. In the passage we read today, Paul argues that the resurrection of Jesus was a first fruit; it will be followed at the end of time by the resurrection of all who believe in Jesus. God has given Jesus kingly authority over the people he redeemed, but after the general resurrection Jesus will do homage to God his Father.

#### CAFOD

CAFOD is very grateful for the donations made in our parish and from Catholics across the country. An excellent way to donate much needed funds is to consider giving a 'World Gift' for Christmas from a selection of 40 charitable gifts, ranging in value from £4 for a bee to £4,000 for an entire Health Centre! There is also an option to contribute towards education, animals and farming healthcare, emergency support and water supply.

<https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/World-Gifts>

Paper catalogues available on request for those without internet.

#### NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2020

During lockdown it's more important than ever to reach out to our young people. Resources for National Youth Sunday are available at:

[www.nationalyouthsunday.com](http://www.nationalyouthsunday.com)

#### CONFIRMATION 2021

Sadly, we do not currently have a volunteer Confirmation Catechist in the parish, so Rickmansworth Parish has kindly offered to accept a limited number of St Bede's parishioners to join their preparation course.

**Candidates must be 15 years of age this current school year (Year 10), commencing September 2020, or older.**

Those wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next year are invited to register their interest with Fr Damian at Our Lady Help of Christians Church in Rickmansworth, using this link: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/rickmansworth/confirmation-2021-draft/>

**CLOSING DATE: 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 2020**

**Contact: 01923 773387**

**[damianryan@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:damianryan@rcdow.org.uk)**

#### CHILDREN IN THE PARISH

Please ensure you keep your children engaged with their Catholic faith during these difficult times, especially if they are hoping to make their First Communion or require a Certificate of Catholic Practice for Secondary School next year. There are many ways you can keep in touch and get involved.

#### KEEPING IN TOUCH 📞

During these isolating times, we are planning to contact as many of our parishioners as we can over the coming weeks. If you know of anyone who might be in particular need of a call – please let us know.

#### PARISH IN COUNCIL MEETING on ZOOM - Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Available on the parish website.

Paper copies on request.

#### 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

We will collect names and contact nos, which will be kept for 21 days.

#### CHRISTMAS 2020

Provisional plans are underway for this year's Christmas Masses.

***Watch this space for further details.***

#### CHRISTMAS CARDS 2020

We have received some enquiries regarding the sale of Christmas cards in the Repository. Sadly, it is not possible to order or sell stock at the present time, due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

#### 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.*