



## CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2020

#### **MASSES BOOKING REQUIRED**

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December – 6pm

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December – 10am

#### **This week's Mass Intentions**

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November – 6pm

*Intentions of Catherine McMahon*

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November – 10am

*Intentions of Bishop Paul McAleenan*

#### **LIVE-STREAMED MASSES**

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

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.

#### **PLANS FOR CHRISTMAS**

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2020 – 4pm

CANDLELIT CAROLS & READINGS

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 2020 – 5pm

CHILDREN'S NATIVITY MASS

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 2020 – 8pm

CHRISTMAS NIGHT TIME MASS

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Dec 2020 – 10am

CHRISTMAS DAYTIME MASS

**PLACES MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE, and priority will be given to children and their families for the 5pm Christmas Eve Mass.**

#### **SEND US A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE** ✉

We are inviting everyone to send in a greeting or short prayer (approx. 20-30 words). These will be written on little cards and placed on the Christmas tree in church. You can send your message by email: [croxleygreen@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:croxleygreen@rcdow.org.uk) or phone: 01923 445163

*There will also be little cards available at church, for those who wish to write their own message.*

#### **THURSDAY CLUB**

We have heard from members of the Thursday Club, expressing how much they miss their meetings.

**Maria Gethings and Barbara Oates**, have asked us to pass on their Christmas Greetings. Let us pray that it will not be too long before we can meet once again.

#### **CONFIRMATION 2021**

We would love to hear from any of our young parishioners who have registered for Confirmation classes with Rickmansworth Parish, so we can keep in touch.

Registration is now closed, and those who have already applied will receive a Zoom invite shortly before the Parents' & Candidates' Introductory Meeting on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021 – 7.30pm. For further information, please contact **Fr Damian**: [rickmansworthconfirmation@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:rickmansworthconfirmation@rcdow.org.uk)

Tel: 01923 773387 Ext 4

#### **MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN**

**This Sunday we welcome Bishop Paul McAleenan back to our parish, to celebrate 10am Sunday Mass.** Our bishops have been celebrating Sunday morning Mass in the parishes of their areas during the pandemic, and have carefully observed the social distancing regulations during their visits. As always, we renew our thanks to the volunteers who are continuing to serve as Stewards, Readers and Eucharistic Ministers. For our second reading this weekend, we return to the letter of St Paul from which we heard extracts a few weeks ago, his first letter to the Christians in Thessalonika, in northern Greece. It was from this city that Paul had been driven by an angry mob, a few months before he wrote this letter. In these closing words of the letter, Paul is encouraging his converts to prepare for the coming of Jesus by staying faithful to their prayers and holding fast to what is good.

#### **CAFOD WORLD GIFTS**

Please consider giving a 'World Gift' for Christmas. There is a wide range of charitable gifts to choose from. By doing so you will be contributing towards education, animals and farming healthcare, emergency support and water supply for those who are desperately in need.

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

Paper catalogues available on request for those without internet.

#### **FORTHCOMING CAFOD EVENT**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec - 6pm**

CAFOD Advent Mass

Register to join.

#### **CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

Sadly, we must request that you do not leave Christmas cards in the church porch for other parishioners this year, as was customary, pre-Covid-19.

#### **HOW TO BOOK MASS**

**Please apply between 9am Mon & 6pm Weds each week**

Send an email to [croxleygreen@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:croxleygreen@rcdow.org.uk) with the words MASS BOOKING in the title bar, or phone 01923 445163

We need to know:

#### **Which Mass and No 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!**

#### **Track & Trace**

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

#### **ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Places available.

Contact: 01923 226987 asap.

Further information on:

[www.stanthonys.herts.sch.uk](http://www.stanthonys.herts.sch.uk)

#### **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.*