



## CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2020



*Wishing everyone a  
Happy & Holy  
Christmas, and a  
Peaceful New Year*

#### MASSES BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2020 – 4pm  
CANDLELIT CAROLS & READINGS

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 2020 – 5pm  
CHILDREN'S NATIVITY MASS  
*priority will be given to children  
and their families*

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 2020 – 8pm  
CHRISTMAS NIGHT TIME MASS

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

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> December – 6pm

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December – 10am

#### This week's Mass Intentions

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November – 6pm  
*Len Dey RIP*

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November – 10am  
Catherine Benham and  
Christine Barrett (anniv)

#### 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.

#### HOW TO BOOK MASS

Applications between 9am Mon  
& 6pm Weds each week please:

[croxleygreen@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:croxleygreen@rcdow.org.uk)

(Entitled MASS BOOKING)

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!**

#### FLOWERS IN CHURCH

Grateful thanks to the following  
parishioners who have donated  
towards the floral displays that will  
adorn the church over Christmas.  
Maryann Lowry  
Pat Cheese – in memory of Nick  
Skinner.

#### 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.

#### E-ALERT EMAIL ISSUES

It has come to our attention that,  
due to a technical problem beyond  
our control, some subscribers  
(particularly those with btinternet  
email addresses) have not been  
receiving our weekly emails. We  
are investigating this. Please get  
in touch if you have any queries, or  
wish to be added to our list.

#### MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

*It was a great joy to welcome  
Bishop Paul McAleenan back to  
our parish last weekend, and to  
have him lead our  
congratulations to David Wilkins  
on his retirement as a Reader at  
Mass, after well over 50 years,  
since lay people were first  
invited to read the non-gospel  
texts at Mass. There cannot be  
many people who have served in  
that ministry, in the same parish,  
throughout that time! David was  
presented with a Papal Blessing.*

As always, we renew our thanks to  
all the volunteer Stewards,  
Eucharistic Ministers and Readers,  
and especially to those who will be  
serving in these ministries over the  
Christmas period.

Our second reading this weekend  
is the conclusion of another of the  
letters of St Paul from which we  
have been studying several  
extracts earlier this year - his great  
letter to the Christians in Rome.  
Paul declares that he is  
proclaiming to the pagans a  
mystery that has been kept secret  
for endless ages, that has been  
predicted in the scriptures, and is  
now made clear by the eternal  
God, to whom we should all give  
glory.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.*