



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY – Sunday 27th December 2020

MASSES BOOKING REQUIRED

Saturday 2nd January – 6pm

Sunday 3rd January – 10am

This week's Mass Intentions

Christmas Eve – 5pm
People of the parish

Christmas Eve – 8pm
Private Intention

Christmas Day – 10am
Michael Murphy (anniv)

Saturday 26th December – 6pm
Elizabeth McKenna (anniv)

Sunday 27th December – 10am
People of the parish

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.



*Wishing everyone a
happier and healthier
New Year!*

FLOWERS IN CHURCH

Many thanks to Louise, June, Pat and Nathalie for their dedicated work to create the floral displays and decorations.

For those unable to visit church there are some photos in a supplement to this week's Newsletter, posted on the parish website.

Grateful thanks to the following parishioners who have donated towards the floral displays in church over Christmas.

Maryann Lowry

Pat Cheese – in memory of Nick Skinner.

We are also very grateful for an anonymous donation of £50 that has been sent to us. Thank you.

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.

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
Congratulations to everyone involved in organising our pre-Christmas celebration of Carols & Readings last Sunday. We are especially grateful to Rob Phipps for his technical input, and Stephen Hussey our organist. Communal singing was not permitted, but it was a joy to listen to the beautiful voice of soloist, Karen Lee.

With the sudden news of the new lockdown regulations, it reminded us of the new hope that the Christmas season should bring us all, though we had been relieved to learn that public acts of religious worship would not be prohibited during this time. We renew our thanks to the volunteers who have been keeping our church as safe as possible by serving as Stewards, Eucharistic Ministers and Readers.

Our second reading this Sunday is one of the passages from St Paul's letters that have come to be known as 'Household Codes'; passages near the end of the letter in which readers are encouraged to practise the Christian virtues in the daily routine of family life. Thought the structures and organisation of family living vary in different societies, these passages remind us that while charity should not remain at home, it should begin there! **In God's mercy, a happy and holy Christmas to you all.**

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS by tradition for the Parish Priest

If you would like to donate to the Christmas Offerings, please do so via the special collection basket as you leave church, or place your offering in a sealed envelope marked 'Christmas Offerings', and post through Presbytery letterbox. You can also donate via bank transfer (including the reference CHRISTMAS)

Sort code 40 05 20

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Croxley**

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HOW TO BOOK MASS

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

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!

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.