



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF JESUS – Sunday 10th January 2021

MASSES

BOOKING REQUIRED

Saturday 16th January – 6pm

Sunday 17th January – 10am

This week's Mass Intentions

Saturday 9th January – 6pm
Intentions of Mrs Peffer

Sunday 10th January – 10am
McGovern Family intentions

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.

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.

WHEN ATTENDING MASS please

follow the directions of the Stewards. You will be asked to sanitise your hands on arrival and exit.

Face coverings are required in church, unless you are exempt.

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

MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

It was a great relief to learn that the new lockdown measures did not include any change to the regulations covering public worship, and we renew our thanks to the volunteers who have been keeping our buildings as safe as possible by serving as Stewards, Readers and Eucharistic Ministers. I also hope you are all still able to access the reflections on the Sunday readings I have been preparing for the Newsletters and E-Alerts. My renewed thanks to David Marston and Ursula for circulating them.

Our second reading today is from the Acts of the Apostles. This book includes several speeches that illustrate how the Christian gospel was first proclaimed by the apostles. The speech of St Peter at the house of the Roman centurion Cornelius is generally thought to be a standard summary of how the gospel was preached to devout pagans. We read part of it this weekend because it shows how the baptism of Jesus was the beginning of his ministry. Peter describes how Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit and power at his baptism, and then began his preaching and healing.

CAFOD

Make a New Year's Resolution to make a difference

CAFOD Westminster is looking for volunteers, who care about global poverty, to help us inspire others to act here, so we can tackle poverty and injustice across the developing world. Are you a people-person who would relish involving and encouraging others? Are you a good communicator who would enjoy speaking about our work in a Parish or School?

Please get in touch with us on westminster@cafod.org.uk or

Tel: 0208 449 6970 to find out more and book a place on one of our CAFOD online information sessions.

ROGER ROBINSON RIP

We are very sad to announce that Roger passed away earlier this week. I am sure you will join with us in keeping Mary and family in your prayers at this difficult time. Roger has been a well-loved and very dedicated member of the parish for many years, and he will be greatly missed.

Details regarding the funeral will be announced when these are known.

ZOFIA TATAREK-GINTOWT RIP

We were also saddened to hear of the recent death of Zofia. Many of you will remember her in her role as pharmacist at Wileyman's Chemist, Baldwins Lane, some years ago.

The funeral has already taken place, and her ashes are to be interred in her homeland, Poland, in due course.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Zofia's daughter Anna, and family at this sad time.

FR JIM DUFFY RIP

Following the recent death of Fr Jim, on 28th December, the funeral Mass will take place on **Monday 18th January at 1pm**, at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Rickmansworth.

Bishop Paul McAleenan will preside at the Mass, which will be live-streamed via www.churchservices.tv/rickmansworth, as attendance is limited to 30 people due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Following cremation at Chiltern Crematorium, Amersham, Fr Jim's ashes will be interred in his parents' grave in Glasnevin, Dublin, in due course.

STAY IN TOUCH WITH US by signing up for E-Alerts on the parish website, if you have not already done so.

Please get in touch if you have any queries.

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.