



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – Sunday 17th January 2021

MASSES

BOOKING REQUIRED

Saturday 23rd January – 6pm

Sunday 24th January – 10am

This week's Mass Intentions

Saturday 16th January – 6pm

Rosemary Johnson-Ferguson RIP
(Int of C McMahon)

Sunday 17th January – 10am

Roger Robinson RIP
(Int of C Conboy)

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.

MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

When we received a note about the meeting of our church leaders with the Government's Task Force, it was reassuring to learn that there was little evidence of viral transmission during public acts of worship, and, for the moment, these are not prohibited. We renew our

thanks to the volunteers who have been keeping our buildings safe by serving as Stewards, Readers and Eucharistic Ministers.

Our second readings on these first Sundays in 'Ordinary Time' come from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians. The city of Corinth was a major commercial centre, but the community Paul founded there had serious problems soon after he left. At the beginning of the letter, Paul dealt with several dangerous attitudes that were current among his converts. Here he is insisting that the freedom the Christian enjoys is not freedom to disregard sexual morality. The Christian's body is part of the human nature redeemed by Christ, and is a shrine for the Spirit of God.

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.

PARISH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (PDC)

The PDC is a group of parishioners (recruited at Parish in Council Meetings), who have volunteered to assist Fr John in the day-to-day running of the parish. They have been meeting regularly on Zoom throughout the Covid-19 pandemic to discuss and plan, and we are most grateful to them for their commitment and dedication.

Our next PDC Meeting is scheduled for 7pm on Tuesday 19th January 2021.

Responses to attend the last Parish in Council Meeting in Nov 2020 (open to all parishioners) was very low, so we have not as yet scheduled the next one. However, if you would like to take an active part in the parish, you are welcome to join us for the forthcoming PDC Meeting. **If you wish to do so, please contact Ursula for the Zoom link / ID & password.**

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.

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.

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.