



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – Sunday 24th January 2021

FORTHCOMING MASSES **BOOKING REQUIRED**

Saturday 30th January – 6pm

Sunday 31st January – 10am

This week's Mass Intentions

Saturday 23rd January – 6pm

Mary Casey RIP

Sunday 24th January – 10am

Breda McMahon 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.

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!

FR JOHN'S REFLECTION

This is the weekend during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, and on Sunday evening this weekend we would normally be joining our friends from the Anglican, Baptist and Methodist churches in praying that we may be united in our witness to Christian truth. As we are

reminded how many churches remain closed for public worship, we should renew our thanks to the volunteers who keep our church safe by serving as Stewards, Readers and Eucharistic Ministers.

In our second reading this weekend we move to a part of St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians in which Paul is answering questions put to him by his converts, about marriage and celibacy. This extract sums up the belief on which his answers were based: that Jesus was going to return in glory very soon, to bring the age to a close, and the world as they knew it was passing away. Christians should therefore try to dissociate themselves from the anxieties of the pagans round them. It was only gradually that the early Christians accepted that the church had to prepare itself for an indefinite existence.

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.

At last Tuesday's meeting many topics were discussed, including **First Holy Communion 2021.**

We hope to be able to announce further details in the near future.

ROGER ROBINSON RIP

We now have details of the arrangements for Roger's funeral, which will take place at St Bede's on **Monday 1st February at 11.30am**, followed by cremation at West Herts Crematorium. In accordance with Covid-19 regulations, attendance must be restricted to 30 attendees. We know many parishioners would wish to attend, but we will not know until nearer the date, whether all available places will be required for family and close friends.

CAFOD

'BIG WALK FOR WATER'

Saturday 20th February

Everyone can take part by walking 10,000 steps on the day (or maybe walking 10,000 steps every day during Lent!), and inviting people to sponsor them through JustGiving.

More information on how to get involved next week!

Fabian Hiscock (our CAFOD parish representative and volunteer co-ordinator for Watford Deanery) has already signed up for both.

Here are his JustGiving links:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Fabian-Hiscock>

<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/cafods-walk-for-water>

In order to raise awareness of CAFOD's valuable work, Fabian will be giving a short presentation on Zoom on **Shrove Tuesday - 16th February at 7.30pm**. All are invited to attend. Please email Fabian for the Zoom link, ID & Password if you wish to attend. fhiscock@cafod.org.uk

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

8th Dec 2020 to 8th Dec 2021

Declared by Pope Francis, in his apostolic letter 'Patris Corde', on the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church.

<https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/news/st-joseph/>

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.