



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – Sunday 31st January 2021

FORTHCOMING MASSES **BOOKING REQUIRED**

Monday 1st February – 11.30am
Funeral Mass for Roger Robinson

Saturday 6th February – 6pm
Sunday 7th February – 10am

This week's Mass Intentions

Saturday 30th January – 6pm
Roger Robinson RIP
(Int – Thursday Club)

Sunday 31st January – 10am
Roger Robinson RIP
(Int – K McGovern)

LIVE-STREAMED MASSES

The Sunday Obligation remains suspended at present, but Masses and other liturgies can be located online.

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?

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!

MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

Roger Robinson RIP

On Monday we will welcome many members of Roger's family and pay tribute to his long record of service to the parish.

As always we thank everyone who will be ensuring that we can do this safely, and within the severe restrictions necessitated by the pandemic. We hope to arrange a fitting memorial Mass for Roger's repose when the restrictions are no longer in force.

Our second reading this weekend is again from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians, and comes after the passage we read last week. Paul is still answering the questions put by his converts about marriage and celibacy. He restates his belief that the world as we know it is passing away, and his readers should be free from anxieties. Married people have commitments to each other, but the unmarried can devote themselves completely to the service of the Lord. Paul emphasises that he is giving advice, not laying down rules. His words have often been quoted to justify celibacy undertaken for the service of the gospel, but recent writers warn against using them to undervalue the vocation of marriage.

FUNERAL MASS FOR ROGER ROBINSON

Monday 1st February at 11.30am

followed by cremation at West Herts Crematorium.

We regret that due to Covid-19 restrictions, all places at this ceremony are booked. However, we do hope to arrange a Service of Remembrance & Celebration of Roger's life, once the pandemic is over.

CAFOD

'BIG WALK FOR WATER'

Saturday 20th February

See overleaf

KAIROS – Launching on

Tuesday 23rd February 2021

During the current pandemic we all need ways to CONNECT, increase our sense of BELONGING, and find ways to EXPLORE & GROW our faith.

Kairos (a Greek word used in the Bible, meaning 'favoured time', 'opportune time', 'God's time') is a new **programme of fortnightly meetings on Zoom**, hosted by Our Lady's Church, Rickmansworth. The purpose is to help us connect with others and increase our sense of belonging to a community of faith. **A typical meeting will last 75 minutes – beginning at 7.30pm**, and will include some informal social time in small groups, input on a religious theme or topic, discussion, and time for communal prayer together. Once the pandemic is over, there are plans to hold a quarterly social evening, where we can meet in person to enjoy each other's company, over food and drinks. If you would like to register, or have any questions, please contact the Kairos Communications team at kairos@rcdow.org.uk

ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Governors of St Anthony's are delighted to announce the appointment of Elaine Harrold as Headteacher. Elaine succeeds Pauline Wilson, who retired at the end of December after 20 years as Headteacher. We wish Elaine every blessing in her new role, and wish Pauline a happy retirement.

Are you seeking an outstanding education in a Catholic Primary school in the parish for your child? Due to families moving away, there are still a small number of places available for the current school year in Year 1. Information is available on the school's website: www.stanthonys.herts.sch.uk
Please contact Elaine Harrold on 01923 226987 asap.

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.

**CAFOD
'BIG WALK FOR WATER'
Saturday 20th February**

The world has changed during the last year. The needs of the poorest and least privileged communities on earth have, if anything, increased - greatly - and yet our ability to help them has reduced. CAFOD's strapline 'No-one beyond Reach' is both more realistic and more challenged than ever. CAFOD, providing as it does financial support to projects led by local people, has a new challenge for us this Lenten season. We're being asked to **Walk for Water**. Can we - will we - go the extra mile this Lent?

In many parts of the world getting water requires a walk. In one part of Ethiopia that walk is five hours each way, and CAFOD is highlighting one young man who has to do that every day - pretty well all day. Moving to water just isn't an option - there isn't now anywhere to go.

It's to communities like this that CAFOD seeks to bring a water supply. We can help that effort with effort of our own, in two virtual ways.

The challenge is to take 10,000 steps. You can hop it; skip it; slide it; run it; jump it; dance it; stamp it; stomp it. It doesn't matter how... And even better, do 10,000 steps a day for the 40 days of Lent!

A great idea for a Lenten Offering, or just keeping fit!

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

On Saturday 20th February we can join the '**Big Walk for Water**' virtual event at 2pm and do it together. (You can of course participate on another day to suit you)

- **Go to cafod.org.uk/walk**
- **Set up a JustGiving page (the webpage has links to help you).**
- **Choose a 5-mile (10,000 steps) route that suits you, within the COVID separation requirements, of course.**
- **Advertise your JustGiving page - the parish can help with that.**
- **Do your walk!**
- **Send some pictures or video to @CAFOD and #walkforwater, and tell your sponsors.**

If you decide to walk another 10,000 steps on each of the 40 days of Lent!

- Sign up to do that on the same page cafod.org.uk/walk. CAFOD will send you a diary to record your achievement.
- Advertise your page! Fabian Hiscock (fhiscock@cafod.org.uk), our parish CAFOD volunteer, can help you do that.
- Do your walking, record it - and tell people about it!

In these ways we can make a huge contribution to getting a proper water supply to those who really need it, and who have to spend so much of their time getting it.

**CAFOD PRESENTATION on
ZOOM - Shrove Tuesday
16th February at 7.30pm**

In order to raise awareness of CAFOD's valuable work, Fabian (our CAFOD parish representative and volunteer co-ordinator for Watford Deanery) will be giving a short presentation.

All are invited to attend.

Please email Fabian for the Zoom link, ID & Password if you wish to attend.

fhiscock@cafod.org.uk

Fabian has already signed up for both challenges!

If you would like to sponsor him, here are his JustGiving links:

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

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

**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/>

Prayer to St. Joseph

Hail, guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and
courage
and defend us from every evil.
Amen