



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – Sunday 7th February 2021

FORTHCOMING MASSES BOOKING REQUIRED

Saturday 13th February – 6pm

Sunday 14th February – 10am

This week's Mass Intentions

Saturday 6th February – 6pm

Roger Robinson RIP

(Int – Pat Cheese)

Sunday 7th February – 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.

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!

PARISH E-ALERTS

We are still having issues with btinternet email addresses. Please check your spam box if you do not appear to have heard from us!

MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

Roger Robinson RIP

Mary and the family are deeply

grateful to everyone who

ensured that Roger's funeral

was held safely and within the

limits imposed by the current

conditions. They thank

everyone who has offered

condolences, including those

who could not attend the funeral

due to the restrictions, but were

praying for Roger's repose.

They look forward to a time

when the whole parish can join

them at a memorial Mass in

tribute to Roger's long record of

service to the parish.

In our second reading this week we

move to a part of St Paul's first

letter to the Corinthians, where

Paul is defending himself against

the criticism that he expects no

financial support in return for his

preaching of the gospel. He

replies that the preaching is itself

its own reward, but that does not

mean he can boast about it; it is a

duty laid on him by God. However,

his financial independence does

leave him free to be 'all things to all

men', and thus bring salvation to

as many people as possible.

CAFOD

'BIG WALK FOR WATER'

Saturday 20th February

See overleaf

A great idea for your Lenten

Offering, or just keeping fit!

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.

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

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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

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!

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](https://www.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](https://www.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.

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>

This is also the theme for the **Lent appeal and Fast Day collection on 27th / 28th February**. Further information available from <http://www.walk.cafod.org.uk/>

**ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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.