



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – Sunday 14th February 2021

FORTHCOMING MASSES BOOKING REQUIRED

Saturday 20th February – 6pm

Sunday 21st February – 10am

This week's Mass Intentions

Tuesday 16th February

Michael Turner (anniv)

Saturday 13th February – 6pm

People of the parish

Sunday 14th February – 10am

Roger Robinson RIP (Int of Judy)

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 trying to resolve issues with btinternet email addresses.

Please let us know if you are not receiving our emails.

MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

Next Wednesday, 17th February, is

Ash Wednesday, and Cardinal Vincent Nichols has sent his Lenten Pastoral Letter to be read this weekend. It includes

suggestions about how we might keep Lent during this pandemic, and particularly how we might celebrate Ash Wednesday with a short service of prayer in our family household. **An outline of the service he proposes is set out overleaf – Ash Weds at Home.**

Our reading from St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians comes at the end of Paul's discussion of what seems to have been a sensitive problem in the community at Corinth: how Christians who were buying food in the market place should avoid food that had been used in sacrifices to pagan idols. Paul sums up by saying that Christians should always take care not to offend or dis-edify others. In this way they will be imitating Paul as he imitates Christ, and so give glory to God.

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 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.

There is still time to register or find out more from the Kairos Communications team at kairos@rcdow.org.uk

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

Many of us have something of a soft spot for CAFOD, and for the work they do overseas for some of the poorest and most disadvantaged people on Earth. But they've developed a lot in recent years, and not many of us have a clear and up to date understanding of what they actually do nowadays, or all the ways in which we can help. It's much more than just making a donation at Fast Days twice a year.

Our deanery CAFOD volunteer coordinator Fabian Hiscock will give a short briefing, open to all.

Please email Fabian on fhiscock@cafod.org.uk for the Zoom link, ID & Password if you wish to attend.

CAFOD

'BIG WALK FOR WATER'

Saturday 20th February

See overleaf

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

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY AT HOME

A short service we can hold in our family household, as suggested by Cardinal Vincent Nichols

- 1 Gather together and start with the Sign of the Cross.
- 2 Read the gospel for Ash Weds: Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18.
- 3 Say this prayer together:
Lord God, with all our hearts we beseech you, have mercy on your people, spare your people, strengthen all people in the struggle against the havoc of this pandemic.
Lord God, without you we are so weak and our courage is so limited. Give us your strength, give us your love, give us wisdom and skill to continue this fight.
Spare your people, O Lord we pray, comfort those who mourn, and gather into your kingdom all who have died. We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord, who died and rose to life, and now lives and reigns with you for ever and ever. Amen
- 4 Make the Sign of the Cross on each other's forehead, using appropriate words of your choice.
- 5 Pray together the 'Our Father' and 'Hail Mary'.
- 6 Conclude with the 'Glory Be To The Father'.
- 7 Give each other sign of peace, then make the Sign of the Cross.

So Lent may now begin!

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.

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

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... Or even better, do **10,000 steps a day for the 40 days of Lent!**

You can sign up at:
<https://walk.cafod.org.uk>

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.

Fabian (our CAFOD Parish Rep & Deanery volunteer co-ordinator) has already signed up for both challenges!

If you are unable to take part yourself, you may 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>

HOW TO GET INVOLVED
in the 'Big Walk for Water' virtual event at 2pm on 20th February. (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.

Walk for Water is also the theme for this year's **Lent appeal and Fast Day collection on 27th / 28th February.**

Further information available from <http://www.walk.cafod.org.uk/>