



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT – Sunday 28th February 2021

FORTHCOMING MASSES BOOKING REQUIRED

Saturday 6th March – 6pm

Sunday 7th March – 10am

This week's Mass Intentions

Saturday 27th – 6pm

Joan Wiley (anniv)

Sunday 28th February – 10am

People of the parish

LIVE-STREAMED MASSES

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!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT with CAFOD

Meditate on Christ's journey to the cross, following themes of justice, poverty, mercy, friendship and hope.

<https://cafod.org.uk/News/UK-news/Stations-of-the-Cross>

MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

This second Sunday in Lent is the day when we normally take the special collection for CAFOD, and we renew our thanks to everyone who has already taken fundraising initiatives for CAFOD. You will see in this week's Newsletter; details of various ways you can donate. But if you prefer to make a donation through the parish, we would ask you to use the special envelopes, which are also printed with a QR code that can be scanned by a smart phone. The collection for Lenten Alms, for the Cardinal's Charities, is usually taken later in Lent. Envelopes for this will be available next weekend. Our second reading comes from near the end of the eighth chapter of St Paul's letter to the Romans. Paul is concluding his description of the new life enjoyed by the Christian in union with God's Spirit. God is 'for us', on our side, so it does not matter who is against us. In what is clearly an allusion to Abraham's willingness to sacrifice Isaac, Paul declares that God's readiness not to spare his Son, but giving him to benefit us all, proves his readiness to give us everything we need.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2021

Sadly our local World Day of Prayer service, written this year by the women of Vanuatu, is unable to take place on Friday 5th March, but please remember the people of Vanuatu in your prayers. It is hoped that it might be possible to hold the service at All Saints' Church, Croxley Green, in July, depending on the restrictions that are in place at that time.

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH US

Remember, you can sign up for E-Alerts on the parish website, to keep up to date with the latest news, etc.

JIM SMYTH RIP

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Jim, on 21st February – just one week after the passing of his wife Marion. Many of you will remember Jim, who helped to take up the collection at evening Masses. He also served as a member of the parish Counting Team for many years. We offer our sincere condolences to Jim & Marion's family, and ask you to keep them in your prayers. Fr John will conduct Marion's funeral, which will take place in accordance with current restrictions, at West Herts Crematorium on 2nd March. The arrangements for Jim's funeral are yet to be announced.

CAFOD LENT APPEAL

Walk for Water

Abdella lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. It takes him ten hours a day to collect water. He says his life is being wasted as he has no time for anything else. Please give today to reach vulnerable communities around the world with water and to provide other vital support. Please donate online at www.cafod.org.uk/give or by using one of our envelopes.

You can also easily give via text.
Text LENT 5 to 70460 to give £5
Text LENT 10 to 70460 to give £10
Text LENT 20 to 70460 to give £20

Or Telephone: 0303 303 3030 to donate over the phone.

**Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS.*

If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text LENTNOINFO to 70460.

For more information, please see our Privacy Policy: cafod.org.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice

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'**

It's not too late to take up this challenge as part of your Lenten offering, or just to keep fit!

The challenge is to take 10,000 steps.

You can sign up at:

<https://walk.cafod.org.uk>

Fabian Hiscock (our CAFOD Parish Rep & Deanery volunteer co-ordinator) is participating in this challenge.

If you are unable to take part yourself, you may like to sponsor him, using the following link:

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/fabian-hiscock

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/>

Novena Prayer to St Joseph from the Apostolic Letter of Pope Francis, 'Patris Corde' (With a Father's Heart)

Hail, guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed 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

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

22nd February to 7th March 2021

St Bede's became a Fairtrade parish a couple of years ago, through promoting the Fairtrade products and using them at parish events. We look forward to being able to further this cause, when it becomes safe to socialise once again.

We are delighted to hear that **Westminster has become a Fairtrade Diocese!**

You are therefore cordially invited to attend an online **Celebration and Social on Friday 5th March from 11am to 11.45am**

to hear a message of congratulations from Cardinal Vincent Nichols and to share stories of how the Award was achieved.

Register with Eventbrite

www.eventbrite.co.uk

To find out more about Fairtrade Fortnight and other events on offer, many of which this year focus on the urgent topical theme of tackling Climate Change please visit:

Westminster Justice & Peace Fairtrade

Fairtrade Foundation - Fairtrade Fortnight

PARISH ACCOUNTS REPORT to 31 December 2019

Throughout lockdown, our Finance Committee has been working hard in the background to ensure the parish finances remain in order. We are especially grateful to David Reilly, Chair of Finance, who successfully assisted Fr John in submitting our Annual Financial Return on time, in spite of the difficulties presented by the pandemic. **This report has been posted on the parish website – Finance Report page.**

Paper copies available on request.

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.**

KAIROS

Alternate Tuesdays – 7.30pm

hosted by Our Lady's Church, Rickmansworth on Zoom.

An opportunity to CONNECT, increase our sense of BELONGING, and find ways to EXPLORE & GROW our faith.

Further information from the Kairos Communications team at kairos@rcdow.org.uk