



## CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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### THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021

#### **FORTHCOMING MASSES BOOKING REQUIRED**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March – 6pm**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March – 10am**

#### **This week's Mass Intentions**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March

*John Hartnett (anniv)*

*(Int of Jennifer Jones)*

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March – 6pm

*Marion & James Smyth RIP*

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March – 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](http://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](mailto: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.

#### **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**

Many thanks to everyone who has already made donation to **CAFOD**, or undertaken fundraising initiatives. Donations can still be made at any time up to Easter, and there are details in this Newsletter of the various ways you can donate. Envelopes for donations to **Lenten Alms, for the Cardinal's charities**, are also available this weekend. If you would prefer to make your donation to either of these charities through the parish, we would ask you to use these special envelopes. Both sets of envelopes are printed with a QR code that can be scanned with a smart phone.

Our second reading today is again from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians, from an earlier part of the letter than the extracts we read a few weeks ago. Paul is reproaching his converts for allowing factions to form in the community, and for becoming conceited about the wisdom they think they possess. He declares that in the crucifixion of Christ, which he proclaims in his preaching, God has shown the foolishness of what the world counts as wisdom. His readers can only be truly wise if they make the cross of Christ the basis of their search for wisdom.

#### **JIM SMYTH RIP**

Following Jim's recent death, just one week after the passing of his wife Marion, we now have details for his funeral arrangements.

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. Please keep the Smyth family in your prayers. Fr John will conduct Jim's funeral, which will take place in accordance with current restrictions, at West Herts Crematorium on 17<sup>th</sup> March.

#### **LENTEN APPEAL FOR THE CARDINAL'S CHARITIES**

Special collection this week.  
Envelopes available in church.

#### **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](http://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](http://cafod.org.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice)

#### **CAFOD**

##### **'BIG WALK FOR WATER'**

**See overleaf**

#### **BOOK RECOMMENDATION**

**'Holy Week Voices from the Holy Land'** by Fr Richard Nesbitt & 15 Voices from the Holy Land. A book of poems & reflections for Lent & Easter.

Forewords by Cardinal Vincent Nichols and Archbishop Justin Welby. **£7.99** from

**[www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/sop/len-ten-book](http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/sop/len-ten-book)**

**Tel: 01926 512980**

#### **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](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/fabian-hiscock)

**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.ord.uk](mailto:kairos@rcdow.ord.uk)**

**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.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY****Turning your faith into action!**

The St Vincent de Paul Society would like to recruit more members to serve the increasing number of people in need throughout the Deanery. Even giving a little of your time can make a significant difference to someone needing help. To find out more, please join one of our information sessions on Zoom on:

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March – 6.30pm  
or Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March – 6.30pm**

To obtain Zoom link to the sessions, please email Brendan at [PresidentA22@svp.org.uk](mailto:PresidentA22@svp.org.uk) or call Siobhàn on **07929 490090**

**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](http://www.stanthonys.herts.sch.uk)  
**Please contact Elaine Harrold on 01923 226987 asap.**

**YEAR OF ST JOSEPH**

**8<sup>th</sup> Dec 2020 to 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021**

Declared by Pope Francis, in his apostolic letter 'Patris Corde', on the 150<sup>th</sup> 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