



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT – Sunday 14th March 2021

FORTHCOMING MASSES BOOKING REQUIRED

Saturday 20th March – 6pm

Sunday 21st March – 10am

This week's Mass Intentions

Saturday 13th March – 6pm

People of the parish

Sunday 14th March – 10am

Bert Whitfield RIP

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.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2021

We recently received from the Diocese a document with directions on how the liturgies of the Easter weekend can be celebrated this year. We were relieved to find that most of these instructions were the same as the conclusions reached at a recent parish sub-committee meeting. Sadly, but not surprisingly, other traditional Holy Week events, such as the Good Friday Walk of Witness and Children's Stations of the Cross, will not be possible this year. Actions within the liturgies that involve close personal contact or present a risk of cross-infection, such as the Washing of Feet on Maundy Thursday and Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday, must also be omitted, although the meaning of these customs will remain very much in our thoughts. Subject to the availability of sufficient volunteer Stewards, Eucharistic Ministers and Readers, we hope to celebrate the following liturgies, which will be modified to comply with current restrictions.

- **Maundy Thursday: 1st April at 7.30pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper**
- **Good Friday: 2nd April at 3pm Liturgy of the Passion**
- **Holy Saturday: 3rd April at 8pm Mass of the Easter Vigil**
- **Easter Sunday: 4th April Mass at 10am**

BOOKING ESSENTIAL (see overleaf for instructions)

PARISH ACCOUNTS REPORT to 31 December 2019

This report has been posted on the parish website – Finance Report page.

Paper copies available on request. We are grateful to David Reilly, Chair of Finance, and the Finance Committee, who have been working hard in the background throughout lockdown to ensure the parish finances remain in order.

MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

As always, our thanks to everyone who has made, or is about to make a donation to CAFOD, or to the Lenten Alms collection for the Cardinal's charities. 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. But we would remind those of you who prefer to make your donation to either of these charities through the parish, to use one of the special envelopes for that charity. Both sets of envelopes are printed with a QR Code that can be scanned with a smart phone.

Our second reading is from a letter of St Paul from which we shall read many extracts later this year: the letter to the Ephesians. This letter reads like a definite statement of the teaching contained in Paul's other letters. Its main theme is the love of God for us his human creatures, which Paul compares to a free gift from a generous friend, and sums up the word we translate 'grace'. As the author of our first reading saw the love of God in the deliverance of the Jewish people from exile, so Paul sees the grace of God in the salvation brought by the death and resurrection of Jesus.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021

We would like to invite parents/guardians of children wishing to make their First Holy Communion this year, to register their interest.

Children must be 8 years of age (or older) during the current school year.

The Covid-19 pandemic has disrupted our plans considerably, and we will be able to organise an instruction programme once we know how many candidates wish to join. Please contact Ursula:

**croxleygreen@rcdow.org.uk
Tel: 01923 445163**

LENTEN APPEAL FOR THE CARDINAL'S CHARITIES

Special collection during Lent. Envelopes available in church.

CAFOD LENT APPEAL

See overleaf

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>

FR PHILIP CROSS 85th BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Fr Philip celebrated his 85th birthday on 9th March.

Many of you will remember him, as our former parish priest.

He continues to remember all in the parish in his prayers, and sends warm wishes via those of us who keep in touch with him.

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.

JIM SMYTH RIP

Please keep the Smyth family in your prayers, following the recent passing of Marion and Jim. Fr John will conduct Jim's funeral, at West Herts Crematorium on Wednesday 17th March at 9.20am, in accordance with current restriction

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

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

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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

There has been an SVP Group in St Bede's parish for many years, but sadly the number of members has declined in recent years. The pandemic has created an even greater need for help. We are being invited to take a look at what is involved, in the hope that some of us might be able to spare some time – even just a small amount of time can make a big difference!

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:

Monday 15th March – 6.30pm

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

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/shop/lenten-book

Tel: 01926 512980

THE PASSAGE NO NIGHT OUT

The Big Give online matched giving scheme

The Passage's mission and work is developing to cope with more people becoming homeless, and is raising funds through the **Big Give from 12 noon Tues 16th March – 12 noon Wed 24th March** to support **No Night Out**, a new initiative to take newly homeless people off the street straight away. Further details of the work is at www.passage.org.uk.

Double your Donation, Double your impact. This is a matched giving scheme for online donations. If someone (can be company, individual or trust) gave £10 online matched giving of £10 would bring the Gift up to £20 (and for individuals to £22.50 with Gift Aid with higher rate tax relief it may cost the donor less than £10). For more information contact Andrew Hollingsworth: andrew.h@passage.org.uk
Tel: 0207 592 1886

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