



## CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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### FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021

#### FORTHCOMING MASSES BOOKING REQUIRED

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March – 6pm

#### PALM SUNDAY

28<sup>th</sup> March – 10am

*Palms will be blessed at the beginning of both Masses next weekend, but there will be no procession.*

#### This week's Mass Intentions

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March – 6pm

*People of the parish*

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March – 10am

*Holy Souls (O'Neill Intention)*

#### 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.

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

livestreamed from WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL

Good Friday – 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 6pm

#### 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>

#### EASTER OFFERINGS

##### by tradition for the Parish Priest

Donations will be gratefully received, using the special envelopes in church, or your own sealed envelope marked 'Easter Offerings' – please place in designated collection basket, or post through Presbytery letterbox.

Thank you

#### 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.*

#### HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2021

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

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL** (see overleaf for instructions)

#### WATCHING AT THE ALTAR OF REPOSE – Maundy Thursday

Current lockdown restrictions prevent us from allowing you to watch at the Altar of Repose.

You are therefore invited to join in prayer, paying a virtual visit to the Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament at Corpus Christi Church, Maiden Lane:

<https://corpuschristimaidenlane.org.uk/live/>

#### WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL

##### EASTER MASSES livestreamed:

<https://www.westminstercathedral.org.uk/masses>

**Maundy Thursday:** 1<sup>st</sup> April – 6pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Good Friday:** 2<sup>nd</sup> April – 10am,

12noon & 3pm

Solemn Liturgy of the Passion

**Holy Saturday:** 3<sup>rd</sup> April – 8.30pm

The Easter Vigil

#### 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](mailto:croxleygreen@rcdow.org.uk)

Tel: 01923 445163

#### 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 until Easter. Our thanks also to everyone who has volunteered to help at the liturgies of the Easter weekend. Full details of these are listed in this Newsletter.

Our second reading today is from a document from which we shall study several extracts next autumn: the epistle to the Hebrews. This 'epistle', part letter, part treatise, part sermon, presents Jesus as a perfect high priest, offering himself in a sacrifice that replaced those offered in the great Temple at Jerusalem. Jesus is shown as the ideal mediator between God and mankind, because he was the Son of God, and also human, like us in all things but sin. He offered up prayers to be spared his suffering, but it was only because he went through suffering obediently that he became the source of our eternal salvation.

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

Special collection during Lent. Envelopes available in church.

#### CAFOD LENT APPEAL

See overleaf

#### NATIONAL DAY OF REFLECTION

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

In accordance with a letter from the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales, we are encouraged to make Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March a day of prayer and reflection; remembering the sorrow of those who have lost loved ones, and all who have suffered through illness, stress, financial disaster or family tensions. We pray for their ongoing resilience and courage.

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## **NATIONAL DAY OF REFLECTION – Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

We will also give thanks for the generosity, inventiveness, self-sacrifice and determination shown by so many during a most difficult year.

Churches across the country are invited to be prayerful, one year on from the start of the first coronavirus lockdown. There will be **a minute's silence at 12 noon** followed by a ringing of church bells and later a **doorstep vigil at 8pm.**

A Churches Together in England news item with more information can be found at:

**[https://www.cte.org.uk/Articles/605509/Home/Coronavirus/National\\_Day.aspx](https://www.cte.org.uk/Articles/605509/Home/Coronavirus/National_Day.aspx)**

## **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.

## **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. Please get in touch if you are interested in getting involved. Even just a small amount of time can make a big difference! Further information available from **[www.svp.org.uk](http://www.svp.org.uk)** or call Siobhàn on **07929 490090**

## **CAFOD LENT APPEAL**

**Walk for Water**

**A message from Fabian Hiscock (our CAFOD Parish Representative & Deanery volunteer co-ordinator)**

CAFOD is most grateful for your support in all the parishes, at what is recognised as a difficult time for many people and with so many competing calls, at home as in other parts of the world. Whatever is donated is being put to good use, especially in places like Ethiopia, and (with the Disasters and Emergencies Committee of which CAFOD is a member) to support the international Coronavirus response. But the need goes on: even in the last few days fighting in the Tigray province of Ethiopia has affected the community of Hagos, one of the people featured as a success in the Lent appeal for water, and much of the good has been undone: the work is not complete, and our Lent donations are needed. It will, of course, be some time before they can be assessed, but the early signs are promising. Thank you for all your support at a time of great need.

There are about 2000 people across the country doing the daily Walk of at least 10,000 steps in solidarity with those, especially in Ethiopia, who have no access to proper water supplies. I'm one, and I expect there are others in your parishes, although I'm not aware them. People can still join in, even now, and CAFOD will be most grateful for any contributions they might raise. Here is the link: **<https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Walk-for-Water>**

## **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](http://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 16<sup>th</sup> March – 12 noon Wed 24<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:andrew.h@passage.org.uk)**  
**Tel: 0207 592 1886**

## **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