



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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PALM SUNDAY – Sunday 28th March 2021

FORTHCOMING MASSES **BOOKING REQUIRED**

MAUNDY THURSDAY – 1st April
7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY – 2nd April
3.00pm Liturgy of the Passion

Holy Saturday – 3rd April
8.00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday – 4th April
10.00am

BOOKING ESSENTIAL (see overleaf for instructions)

This week's Mass Intentions

Saturday 27th March – 6pm
Angela Robins – anniv
(Int of Catherine & Claire)

Sunday 28th 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

DIAL-A-MASS - 01642 130120

(local rate call)

St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

livestreamed from WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL

Good Friday – 2nd April at 6pm

WHEN ATTENDING MASS

Face coverings are required in church, unless you are exempt.

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021

Plans for this year's preparation course are now underway. We will be looking at the most practical way to deliver the classes, incorporating all the necessary Covid-19 protocols.

Many thanks to all who have already registered their interest.

Please return your application forms as soon as possible.

CLOSING DATE for registering

is Weds 31st March. Children

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

Please contact Ursula:

croxleygreen@rcdow.org.uk

Tel: 01923 445163

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL

EASTER MASSES livestreamed:

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

Maundy Thursday: 1st April – 6pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday: 2nd April – 10am,

12noon & 3pm

Solemn Liturgy of the Passion

Holy Saturday: 3rd April – 8.30pm

The Easter Vigil

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/>

HOW TO BOOK MASS

Applications between 9am Mon

& 6pm Weds each week please:

croxleygreen@rcdow.org.uk

(heading: MASS BOOKING)

or phone **01923 445163**

We need to know:

Which Mass?

Number of people?

Social bubble information? We

will always confirm your booking.

MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

Renewed thanks to everyone who has made a donation to CAFOD or to the Lenten Alms collection for the Cardinal's charities. We would ask anyone who is about to make a donation to do so by next weekend, so that the offerings can be transferred to the charity by the requested date. 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 – but booking is essential for all of them.

Our second reading is from the letter of St Paul to his converts in the northern Greek city of Philippi. In the section we read today Paul is exhorting his readers to be humble and considerate by quoting a hymn to Jesus. The hymn describes Our Lord's acceptance of suffering and death in words that recall the Suffering Servant depicted in our first reading. During Holy Week we accompany Jesus on his journey through death on the cross to what the hymn calls his 'Raising on High'.

LENTEN APPEAL FOR THE CARDINAL'S CHARITIES

Special collection during Lent. Envelopes available in church.

CAFOD LENT APPEAL

See overleaf

MARY ROBINSON

This week we say 'farewell' to Mary, who has moved to Chorleywood. Mary and her family have been members of St Bede's parish for many years, and we will miss her. We do, however, look forward to arranging a Memorial Service of Thanksgiving for Roger, who passed away in January, when we are once again able to gather together. Please keep Mary in your prayers, and we wish her every happiness in her new surroundings.

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 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

Tel: 01926 512980

FLOWERS IN CHURCH

Many thanks to the anonymous donor who has generously donated £50 towards the cost of the Easter flowers in church.

We are also grateful to the Flower Team for their creative skills; ensuring that the church looks beautiful for special occasions.

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 or call Siobhàn on 07929 490090

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2021
9th to 15th May - CAN YOU HELP?**

The pandemic has meant that Christian Aid Week this year will face difficulties in raising funds for vitally important development projects. But there is still much we can do. This year the Croyley Christian Aid Committee are looking for people who could deliver envelopes in their own or a nearby street.

That's it! No knocking on doors.

If this is something you could do during Christian Aid Week please email Niamh:

murtagh.n@googlemail.com

to let her know your preferred road.

**THE PASSAGE NO NIGHT OUT
The Big Give online matched giving scheme**

EXTENDED FOR AN EXTRA WEEK, IN THE HOPE OF REACHING THEIR SET TARGET
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 – extended to 12noon Wed 31st 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