



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

185 Baldwins Lane, Croxley Green, Rickmansworth, Herts, WD3 3LL

Tel **01923 231969** e-mail croxleygreen@rcdow.org.uk

website: www.parish.rcdow.org.uk/croxleygreen

Parish Priest: **FR JOHN WILEY**

Parish Administrator / Safeguarding Representative: Mrs Ursula Bartlett

THIS PARISH IS PART OF THE WESTMINSTER ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE TRUSTEE CHARITY NO. 233699

EASTER SUNDAY – Sunday 4th April 2021

FORTHCOMING MASSES **BOOKING REQUIRED**

Saturday 10th April – 6pm

Sunday 11th April – 10am

This week's Mass Intentions

Holy Saturday – 3rd April at 8pm

People of the parish

Easter Sunday – 4th April at 10am

In memory of Edward Joseph & Ann Fagan (Int of Teresa Barrett)

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.



MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

A Happy and Holy Easter to our parishioners, and to all reading this message. May we share the joy and peace brought by the resurrection of Our Lord.

Our warmest thanks to all the volunteers who have served as Stewards, Readers and Eucharistic Ministers, and so enabled us to celebrate the liturgy of this great feast within the restrictions necessitated by the current pandemic. Many thanks also to all who have prepared the church building and provided the beautiful flower arrangements.

Our second reading on Easter Sunday morning is from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians.

Colossae was a small city in the valley of the Lycus River in Asia Minor. In the letter Paul wrote to the Christians there, he stressed the unity of Jesus with God the Father, and his role in the creation and salvation of the world. All the powers that seem to control the material world have been defeated by the death and resurrection of Jesus. The new life we now share is hidden, but it will be revealed when Jesus comes in glory.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021

Many thanks to all who have registered their interest and returned application forms. We look forward to working with you to prepare your children for this very special event in their lives. Further details will be issued soon.

LENTEN APPEAL FOR THE CARDINAL'S CHARITIES

Special collection during Lent. Envelopes available in church.

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 Louise and the Flower Team for their creative skills; ensuring that the church looks beautiful over Easter, and for all special occasions.

CAFOD LENT APPEAL

Walk for Water

Many thanks to all who have supported this appeal during Lent. Some members of the parish, including Fabian Hiscock (our CAFOD Parish Representative & Deanery volunteer co-ordinator), have raised hundreds of pounds through sponsorship over the past 6 weeks – walking, walking and walking, in the hope that those in under-developed countries will no longer have to walk several miles a day just to collect clean water.

<https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Walk-for-Water>

RECLAIM OUR COMMON HOME

This year the eyes of the world will be on Britain as we host world leaders for the UN COP26 climate talks. Pope Francis has already said clearly that "Climate change is a global problem with serious implications. It represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day".

A campaign by CAFOD and others is to 'reclaim our Common Home', by petitioning the Prime Minister and by making sure our MP is fully aware of our concerns. This will be building up after Easter, when the petition can be signed using cards provided for the purpose as well as through the CAFOD website. We will also be hoping to meet Gagan Mohindra in a 'community meeting'.

Further details available from Fabian Hiscock at:
fhiscock@cafod.org.uk

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.*

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

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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

It is hoped that we will be able to revive the SVP Group in our parish. There are many ways in which we can help those in need in our local community.

As we approach the end of lockdown, over the coming weeks, we will be thinking of ways in which St Bede's parish can assist. This could be visiting a housebound neighbour, or helping at an organised event such as an afternoon tea or similar. Even just a small amount of your time could make a big difference!

If you are willing to help out please let us know.

Further information available from www.svp.org.uk

Tel: Siobhàn – 07929 490090

or Ursula – 01923 445163

**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 Croxley 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.

**ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC HIGH
SCHOOL VACANCY**

St Michael's is seeking a professional, enthusiastic & reliable full-time Examinations Officer.

Term time + 4 weeks.

For full details please contact

Mrs Josephine Arthur-Tinworth

on 01923 673760 or email

arthurtinworth.j@stmichaelscath

olichighschool.co.uk

Closing date: 15th April 2021

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