



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – Sunday 11th April 2021

FORTHCOMING MASSES **BOOKING REQUIRED**

Saturday 17th April – 6pm

Sunday 18th April – 10am

This week's Mass Intentions

7th April

Mary Barrett RIP

(Int of Nora & Tim McCarthy)

10th April at 8pm

Kathleen O'Leary RIP

(Int of Siobhan Parker)

11th April at 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.

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 welcomed until Sunday 18th April – via special envelopes, designated collection basket in church, or through Presbytery letterbox (please mark envelope accordingly). **Thank you**

MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

My warmest thanks to all who sent me cards and presents for my birthday and for Easter, and for your generous Easter offerings. It was a great pleasure to welcome so many of you back to the church last weekend, even though the Easter services had to be shortened. I hope you all had a very Happy Easter.

Our second readings at Mass on the Sundays of the Easter season are from the first letter of St John. At the beginning of this letter the author confirms that the Word of God who gives life was genuinely seen and touched by the apostles. In the extract we read today he declares that anyone who believes that Jesus is the Son of God already shares his victory over death. The believer has access to all the help he needs to keep the commandments, which are not asking the impossible. Three witnesses assure us that Jesus has come; the Spirit of God, through whom Jesus came into the world, the water of his baptism, at which he was shown to be the Son of God, and the blood he shed when he died to save the world. But the Christian also sees the evidence these three witnesses provide. We are brought into the church by the waters of baptism, nourished by the body and blood of Jesus, and guided by the Spirit of God dwelling in us.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to all who worked so hard to create the exquisite floral displays and other decor in church, and to those who were Stewards, Readers & Eucharistic Ministers. We are particularly grateful to Rob Phipps for his leadership and creative skills, which ensured everything ran smoothly over Easter. Also, to Gus McMahon who chanted the Exultet so beautifully at the Easter Vigil.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021

Many thanks to all who have returned application forms.

There will be a socially distanced Parents Meeting on Wednesday 14th April at 7.30pm

We look forward to welcoming you.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Apologies that this year's envelopes will be a little late being distributed.

Many of our parishioners have changed to Bank Standing Order during the past year, and we are assessing how many boxes of Planned Giving envelopes we need to order.

Letters and emails were sent out a few weeks ago, to all on the existing Planned Giving Envelope list, and we are still waiting for a few replies before putting in our order for the new sets of boxes. The pandemic has slowed down many of our normal procedures, but **if you have not yet responded, please let us know as soon as possible.**

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.

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. **Would you be willing to deliver envelopes in your own or a nearby street?** No knocking on doors involved. 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.

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.

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

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**

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

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Watford General Hospital

The Chaplaincy at Watford General Hospital are preparing to run a six-session chaplaincy volunteer taster training course. This could give you the opportunity to see if you might be suited to become a local Hospital Chaplaincy Volunteer. The training sessions are also designed to assist in providing holistic spiritual care ideas for individuals experiencing various health challenges in the community and the hospital. The taster sessions will take place on **Tuesday evenings via Zoom, 7.30 to 8.30pm – commencing Tuesday 11th May 2021.**

To register your interest please **contact Rev Anthony Curran**
anthony.curran@nhs.net