



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – Sunday 18th April 2021

FORTHCOMING MASSES BOOKING REQUIRED

Saturday 24th April – 6pm

Sunday 25th April – 10am

This week's Mass Intentions

17th April at 6pm

Frank Tracey RIP

18th 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.

SAFEGUARDING

The Catholic Church is striving towards a culture of safeguarding where all are safe from harm and abuse and are encouraged and enabled to enjoy the fullness of life in Jesus Christ through the prayerful, caring, nurturing, supportive and protective endeavours of the Catholic community. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility if we wish to contribute to a better society for all. If you have any queries or concerns, please contact:

Ursula (Parish S/Guarding Rep)

MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

Renewed thanks to the volunteers who are continuing to serve as Stewards, Readers and Eucharistic Ministers, including those who will be providing this service at the wedding of Lawrence & Shirley this Saturday. We may well be relieved that some of the restrictions have been lifted, but we must surely remember to respect the restrictions that remain. We congratulate Lawrence & Shirley, and wish them every blessing for their future, and also pray for the children who are starting their preparation for First Confession and First Communion this weekend.

Our second reading is again from the first letter of St John. It is from a part of the letter where the author is warning his readers not to imagine that their faith in Jesus means that their wrong doing does not matter. They must show their 'knowledge' of God by keeping the commandments, recognise their sinfulness, and be thankful for the 'expiation' brought by the death of Jesus.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

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.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021

This weekend, 13 children in our parish will begin their First Holy Communion classes. Please pray for them as they prepare for this very special event in their faith journey.

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.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK SALE OF BEDDING PLANTS

It will not be possible to run a stall this year, but you can still order bedding plants, and collect these by appointment, from the Methodist Church from Tues 11th to Fri 14th May. Delivery also available, for a small donation. To place an order, or find out more please contact

Eleri Davies

01923 236965 / 07903 240633

eleridavies99@hotmail.com

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

You could make a difference 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

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. 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

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

CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES (CCRS)

The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies provides parish leaders with knowledge and understanding of theology and the Catholic faith.

You can learn the course in person, by distance learning or online - details below:

Centres (in person learning)

<http://brs-ccrs.org.uk/index.php/course-centres>

Life-Light Home Study Courses (distance learning)

info@studylifelight.com

01844 351 514

CCRS Online (online learning)

ccrsonline@hope.ac.uk

0151 291 3055

For more information visit brs-ccrs.org.uk

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 Visitor. 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**