



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – Sunday 2nd May 2021

FORTHCOMING MASSES BOOKING REQUIRED

Saturday 8th May – 6pm

Sunday 9th May – 10am

This week's Mass Intentions

1st May at 6pm

*James & Marion Smyth RIP
(Int of Siobhan Parker)*

2nd May at 10am

*Neville & Penelope Ransley –
seriously ill (Intention of SOSJ)*

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021

No preparation class or 5pm Mass this week, as it is the early May public holiday weekend.

FLOWERS IN CHURCH

Many thanks to a very generous parishioner who has donated £25 towards church flowers.

We are also very grateful for the hard work and creativity of Louise McKenna and the flower team, for the beautiful floral decorations in church.

MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

I have regularly expressed the gratitude of the parish to the volunteers who have served as Stewards, Readers and Eucharistic Ministers at the Masses on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings. This week I want to mention my appreciation of the volunteers who have offered to help our Catechists to prepare our children for First Confession and Communion. Sincere thanks to all concerned.

Our first readings on the Sundays during the Easter season are from the book of the Acts of the Apostles. On the last two Sundays we have heard samples of the very early preaching of the apostles. The extract we read this week is from the narrative part of that book, and describes the reactions of the early Christian community to the dramatic conversion of the first great persecutor, Saul of Tarsus. A short period of tranquillity followed that event, but as the church made large numbers of non-Jewish converts, there would be a major controversy about how far they should be expected to conform to Jewish laws and customs.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

We hope to be able to distribute the new sets of envelopes very soon. Thank you for your patience. We are extremely grateful to all who regularly support the parish finances, by donating via bank standing orders, and in other ways. **A huge 'thank you' to you all!**

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

You could make a difference in our local community.

If you are willing to join a parish SVP group please get in touch. 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. **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

CROXLEY CHURCHES TOGETHER

The Churches Together Committee has continued to meet throughout lockdown, although it is not possible to plan any events for the time being. We will, however, be distributing 'It's Your Move' booklets to all the Year 6 primary school children in Croxley Green, as has been customary for many years. Our thanks to Fr John, David Reilly, Anna Morris and Ursula Bartlett, who represent St Bede's on this Committee.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Please do sign up for E-Alerts on the parish website, if you have not already done so.

We have been experiencing some difficulties with delivery to some addresses, in particular – btinternet. If you are already signed up, and have not been receiving our weekly emails, please get in touch.

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.

PRIESTS' TRAINING FUND

'The Priest is an ordinary man called to an extraordinary ministry'

If you have not yet had the opportunity to donate, your contributions will still be welcomed via the following website:

www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

Remember to Gift Aid your donation if you are a UK taxpayer, at no extra cost to you.

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 (now available in church) for this 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 MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL – VACANCIES

Assistant Finance Officer

Term-time plus 4 weeks, starting May 2021.

Closing date for applications: midday – Tues 4th May 2021

Cover Supervisor

Term-time only, starting September 2021.

Closing date for applications: midday – Friday 21st May 2021

Full details and application packs available from Viki Baker, Headteacher's PA, on **01923 673760** or **baker.v@stmichaelscatholichighschool.co.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

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**

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