



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – Sunday 9th May 2021

FORTHCOMING MASSES **BOOKING REQUIRED**

Saturday 15th May – 6pm

Sunday 16th May – 10am

This week's Mass Intentions

8th May at 6pm

Mike Meara RIP

(Int of Margaret Kiely)

9th May 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021

Preparation Class will resume this Sunday at 4pm, followed by Mass for the children and their families.

CONFIRMATION 2021

We are delighted that 9 of our young parishioners will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this summer at Our Lady's, Rickmansworth.

We are very grateful to Fr Damian and his Catechetical Team, who are helping them to prepare for this important occasion in their faith journey.

MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

This Sunday we resume the course of preparation for our children who are making First Confession and Communion this summer, and we renew our thanks to our Catechists and the volunteers who are helping them. We must also thank Fr Damian Ryan and the Catechetical Team at Our Lady's, Rickmansworth, for including the teenage members of our parish in their preparation programme for the Sacrament of confirmation.

Our first reading this weekend is from a section of the Acts of the Apostles from which we read extracts two or three times each year; the account of the visit of St Peter to the house of the Roman centurion Cornelius. The speech St Peter gave there is generally thought to be a standard summary of how the Christian gospel was preached to devout pagans. The extracts we read today include only a small part of Peter's speech, but they describe how he came to realise that non-Jews could come to faith in Jesus and be baptised.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR EASTERN CHRISTIANS

The Sixth Sunday of Easter marks this annual day of prayer, which unites the Roman Catholic Church in Europe with dioceses of the Eastern Catholic Churches in union with the Bishop of Rome. Let us pray for peace in the world, especially in the Middle East. May the Christians in these lands be strengthened in their faith so that they may continue steadfastly to give witness to Jesus Christ.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

We have now received the new boxes of envelopes for 2021-22, and will be distributing these over the next couple of weeks. We apologise for the delay in issuing these, and thank you for your patience.

THY KINGDOM COME

Lighting up the world in prayer
13th to 24th May 2021

Pray with Christians across the world each day between Ascension and Pentecost. Pray for 5 people you know to come closer to the Lord. Pray for our families. Pray for those who have lost touch with the Church. Pray in any way you can. Check out these websites:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/thy-kingdom-come/> and

www.thykingdomcome.global/

for downloadable resources and ideas including Catholic daily prayer, a novena, Journey with Mary podcast and a prayer journal. New for children this year: Cheeky Pandas videos. Share your stories on social media and let's get everyone praying Thy Kingdom Come.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

10th to 16th May 2021

As part of this year's fundraising effort, you are invited to participate in the **CHRISTIAN AID ZOOM QUIZ on Saturday 15th May 6.45pm for 7pm**

You are asked to form teams of 6, and register your team name. Zoom joining details will be sent out on the day to your nominated team contact.

Please register by Wednesday 12th May Contact:

churchoffice@stmarysrickmansworth.org.uk ref: Christian Aid Quiz

Donations are requested to
www.christianaid.org.uk

JOHN GANNON RIP

We were very sad to hear that John passed away earlier this week. Many of you, especially Thursday Club members, will remember John, who moved to a care home in Hemel Hempstead some months ago. We hope to receive details regarding his funeral very soon. Please keep John and his family in your prayers.

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

As coronavirus brings devastation across India, CAFOD is working with experienced local Church agency, Caritas India, to provide vital support to poor and marginalised communities.

Donations to CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal will help Caritas India distribute PPE kits to frontline health workers, promote COVID & vaccine awareness campaigns, and set up safely run isolation & quarantine centres. Please keep praying for the people of India and all those affected by the pandemic.

You can donate online here:

cafod.org.uk/give

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

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Remember to let us know if you have changed your home address or contact telephone number(s), email address(s), etc.

Registrations forms are available in the church porch, or you can email the parish office.

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 particularly – btinternet. If you are already signed up, and have not been receiving our weekly emails, please get in touch.

COVID-19 VACCINE CONFIDENCE WEBINAR

Saturday 15th May: 10 – 11.30am

A webinar has been organised for the of Dioceses of Brentwood, Southwark and Westminster, with the co-operation of Hertfordshire County Council and Hammersmith & Fulham Council, and other local authorities. This will feature a panel of eminent medical experts led by Prof Kevin Fenton, Regional Director of Public Health London. The panel will share the latest information on COVID-19 vaccination. There will be an opportunity for participants to ask questions anonymously.

Details for joining the webinar:

<https://zoom.us/j/99627319556>

Passcode: 546617

ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL – VACANCY

Cover Supervisor

Term-time only, starting September 2021.

Closing date for applications:

midday – Friday 21st May 2021

Full details and application pack 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

SAFEGUARDING

We are committed to improving the culture of our Safeguarding approach, in order to build trust and confidence in the ways in which we ensure children and vulnerable adults are kept safe.

If you have any queries or concerns, please contact:

Ursula Bartlett – 01923 445163

Parish Safeguarding Representative

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