



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – Sunday 16th May 2021

FORTHCOMING MASSES BOOKING REQUIRED

Saturday 22nd May – 6pm

Sunday 23rd May – 10am

This week's Mass Intentions

15th May at 6pm

Eddie & Bridie Hallissey (anniv)

16th May at 10am

David and Paul Turnbull RIP

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

Please keep our First Communion children in your prayers, as they continue with their preparation classes.

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

John Gannon RIP: On Thursday evening and Friday morning we shall welcome members of John's family and pay our tribute to his long record of service to the Catholic Church. As always, we thank everyone who will be ensuring that we can do this safely and within the slightly lessened restrictions now required. We hope to arrange fitting memorial Masses for John and many others when the restrictions are no longer in force.

The second reading this weekend is the last in our series of extracts from the first letter of St John. It comes just after the passage we read last week. The author is emphasising the two main points he has been making in the letter: that we must believe that Jesus is the Son of God, who came to save us by his death; and because God has shown his love for us in the coming of his Son, we should show our love for each other.

JOHN GANNON RIP

Please keep John and his family in your prayers. There will be a short service here at St Bede's, for the Reception of the Body on Thursday 20th May at 6.30pm. **The funeral will take place on Friday 21st May at 10.30am**, in accordance with Covid-19 restrictions.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Please do sign up for E-Alerts on the parish website, if you have not already done so. This is a good way to keep up to date with what is happening in the parish.

E-ALERT EMAILS

We have been carrying out checks and plan to update our current list of subscribers. ***If you receive a message from us, asking you to confirm you are receiving our E-Alert emails, please ensure you respond in order to be retained on our list.***

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/

ONLINE PRAYER EVENT

Wednesday 19th May at 7.30pm

A short service of prayer led by Bishop Paul McAleenan (Catholic Diocese of Westminster), to be facilitated by Rev Dr David Chapman (Chair of the Methodist District), with support by the Venerable Dave Middlebrook (Archdeacon of Bedford), and colleagues from across the churches. This will be followed by a time of open prayer. All are welcome! ***Please register for a Zoom invitation at:*** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/thy-kingdom-come-churches-together-prayer-evening-tickets-152846141925>

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.

CHANGE OF CONTACT DETAILS

Remember to let us know if you have changed your home address or contact telephone number(s), email address(s), etc. Please use a Registration Form, available in the church porch, or email the parish office.

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

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

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 – 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