



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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PENTECOST – Sunday 23rd May 2021

FORTHCOMING MASSES BOOKING REQUIRED

Saturday 29th May – 6pm

Sunday 30th May – 10am

This week's Mass Intentions

22nd May at 6pm

John Gannon RIP

(Intention of the Thursday Club)

23rd 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.

MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

John Gannon RIP: John's family have expressed their gratitude to everyone for their prayers and support; enabling his funeral to take place safely, and within the current restrictions.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols has sent a full length Pastoral Letter to be read at Mass this weekend, on the subject of climate change and our care for God's creation. This is a subject to which we have already given much attention in our parish, and we welcome this statement from our church leaders. **The Pastoral Letter is also posted on the Homepage of the parish website.** But this Pentecost feast is almost the only Sunday when we are promoted to preach about the role and activity of the Holy Spirit in the church community. I have therefore included some notes about St Paul's teaching on this very important subject in my 'Reflections', which is distributed via E-Alert. My renewed thanks to David Marston and Ursula for circulating these each week.

CONFIRMATION 2021

Please pray for our 9 young parishioners who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this summer at Our Lady's Church, 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.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

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

E-ALERT EMAILS

We are delighted to report that the issues with the delivery of E-Alert emails appears to have been resolved. **If you have signed up, but are not receiving a weekly email from us, please let us know.**

CAFOD

We have received a letter of thanks from CAFOD, acknowledging receipt of £204, the proceeds of our recent special collection. Many thanks to all who donated, and to those who have sent donations to CAFOD online.

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.

Would you be willing to become a Parish Safeguarding Representative, to share the task of promoting Safeguarding in the parish?

If you require more information, or have any queries or concerns, please contact:

**Ursula Bartlett – 01923 445163
Parish Safeguarding Representative**

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.

COVID-19 STEP 3 GUIDELINES

On 17th May we moved into Step 3 of the Government's roadmap out of lockdown. Although this is an encouraging development, at St Bede's we will be retaining our current Covid-19 precautions for the time being. Any changes will be announced in due course.

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.

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 (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

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

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

We hope to deliver the new boxes of envelopes for 2021-22 this week. Apologies for the delay in issuing these, and thank you for your patience.