



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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Eighteenth Sunday of the Year – Sunday 1st August 2021

FORTHCOMING MASSES

Saturday 7th August – 6pm

Sunday 8th August – 10am

NO BOOKING REQUIRED

This Week's Mass Intentions:

Thursday 29th July – 10am

People of the parish

Saturday 31st July – 6pm

Adam Trevers (anniv)

Sunday 1st August – 10am

Pat Culverson (anniv)

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.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

and

PARISH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (PDC)

Our thanks go to all the volunteers who serve on these two committees, and assist Fr John with the running of the parish.

We welcome input from parishioners, and anyone wishing to be involved with the PDC is invited to let us know.

MONTHLY MASS FOR THE SRI LANKAN COMMUNITY

We are pleased to announce that Fr Ruwan Deshapriya, (Sri Lankan Chaplain based in Willesden Green Parish), will celebrate Mass for a local Sri Lankan Sinhalese community at St Bede's on the first Sunday of the month at 4pm, commencing 1st August. St Bede's parishioners are of course welcome to attend if they so wish.

CHANGES TO COVID-19

PRECAUTIONS IN CHURCH

Revised arrangements with effect from 24th/25th July.

- **Booking system and seating plans for Mass to be withdrawn.**
- Use of side aisles to be re-instated.
- Traditional ending of Mass to be resumed, with congregation approaching via centre aisle and returning to their seats after Communion via the side aisles.
- Fr John will resume administration of Communion, assisted by a Eucharistic Minister. One positioned at either side of the Sanctuary.
- Lighting of votive candles will now be permitted.
- Wall-mounted offerings boxes will be unsealed.
- QR codes will be displayed in the benches.
- 'Leave a Space' cards will be trialled to encourage safe distancing.
- Mass books available for use.

Remaining unchanged

- We will continue to have Stewards to monitor and guide.
- Use of alternate benches.
- Hand sanitisation on entry and exit.
- Face coverings requested.
- Communal singing remains suspended.
- Holy Communion under one kind.
- One way system to remain **for exit only**.

THURSDAY CLUB

We were very pleased to be able to arrange a Thursday Club meeting this week – the second one since the beginning of the pandemic.

We will be reviewing the situation in September, with a view to resuming regular meetings. Our thanks to Louise and her team for providing the refreshments after Mass and making this possible.

MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

This weekend we should pray for Fr Shaun Church on this final day as parish priest of Rickmansworth, Mill End and Chorleywood. Fr Shaun has been a good friend to our parish, and a very efficient rural Dean for the last three years. He is taking sabbatical leave to prepare a dissertation for a master's degree at Newcastle University, and we wish him every success. At the end of August we shall welcome Fr Andrew Gallagher as parish priest of the three parishes in the meantime. Our second reading is again from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians, and comes shortly after the passage we read last week. Paul has listed seven points of belief on which Christians should be united, and describes the different abilities we have as 'shares of grace' given to us to build up the church. But now he is telling his pagan readers that their conversion to belief in Christ requires a complete change in their behaviour. They must 'put on the new man', go through a renewal in their thinking that he compares to a spiritual revolution.

RITA DENYER RIP

We were sad to hear that Rita passed away peacefully on Weds 28th July. Many of you will remember Rita in her younger days, as a very active member of St Bede's who made a significant contribution to parish life. We send our sincere sympathy to her daughter Tina and the family. Please keep them in your prayers. The funeral will take place at St Bede's – details to be announced in due course.

NEW TO THE PARISH or CHANGE OF ADDRESS / TEL NO

Please fill out a card (in church porch), or email your details to us.

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.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

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

If you have already signed up but have not been receiving emails from us, please get in touch.

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

CAFOD

Work continues to provide vital support to poor and marginalised communities. Donations will assist with the distribution of PPE kits, promote Covid-19 & vaccine awareness campaigns, and set up safely run isolation & quarantine centres. Donations can be made online at cafod.org.uk/give

SAFEGUARDING

We are committed to improving the culture of Safeguarding in our parish, to 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?

Further information available from
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