



## CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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### Fourteenth Sunday of the Year – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2021

#### FORTHCOMING MASSES BOOKING REQUIRED

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July – 6pm**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July – 10am**

#### This week's Mass Intentions

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 6pm**

*John Bond (seriously ill)*

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July 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](http://www.churchservices.tv/rickmansworth)

**DIAL-A-MASS - 01642 130120**

(local rate call)

St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough.

#### MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

We were very sad to learn that Elisabetta Laconca passed away on 20<sup>th</sup> June. We offer our deepest sympathy to her husband

Domenic, and children Jeremy and Maria. The arrangements for the funeral are set out below.

Our second reading this weekend is the last extract we read this year from the letters St Paul wrote to the Christians at Corinth. It comes at the end of a passage in which Paul was defending himself against his critics by listing the suffering he has endured in his preaching.

Here he is saying that to stop him getting too proud he was given a thorn in his flesh. This may mean a physical illness, severe psychological stress, or simply constant opposition. Despite his prayers, Paul says, the Lord Jesus has refused to take this torment away, because his grace works best when human beings are weak.

#### ELISABETTA LACONCA RIP

We now have details of Elisabetta's funeral, which will take place in accordance with current Covid-19 restrictions.

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 4.30pm**

Reception of the Body into church.

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 12 noon**

**Funeral Mass** followed by burial at North Watford Cemetery.

Please keep Elisabetta and her family in your prayers.

**For anyone wishing to attend either of these services, please contact Ursula – 01923 445163 in advance, in accordance with current restrictions.**

#### CHANGE OF ADDRESS / TEL NO

Please remember to let us know if you change your contact details.

#### KEEPING IN TOUCH

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

#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021

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

#### CONFIRMATION 2021

Many congratulations to the 7 teenage members of our parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June, at Our Lady's Church in Rickmansworth.

We are grateful to Fr Damian and his catechetical team for preparing the candidates.

#### ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL – GARSTON

##### Vacancy for Science Technician

Term time, plus 3 days.

Closing date for applications:

12noon on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August.

Further information and application pack available from:

**Mrs J Arthur-Tinworth -**

**01923 673760 or**

[arthurtinworth.j@stmichaelscatholichighschool.co.uk](mailto:arthurtinworth.j@stmichaelscatholichighschool.co.uk)

#### YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

**8<sup>th</sup> Dec 2020 to 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021**

Declared by Pope Francis, in his apostolic letter 'Patris Corde', on the 150<sup>th</sup> 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

#### COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

These remain in place for now.

**Mass Books can now be provided for use during Mass** (to be collected in after Mass and quarantined until the following week).

**Bidding Prayers have been re-introduced during Mass.**

**Eucharistic Ministers may now say 'Body of Christ'** when administering Holy Communion, but recipients must still refrain from responding aloud.

#### HOW TO BOOK MASS

**Applications between 9am Mon & 6pm Weds each week please:**

[croxleygreen@rcdow.org.uk](mailto: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.

#### 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.*

## **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

## **CAFOD**

Work, in conjunction with Caritas India, continues 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](https://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](mailto:fhiscock@cafod.org.uk)**