



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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THIS PARISH IS PART OF THE WESTMINSTER ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE TRUSTEE CHARITY NO. 233699

Sixteenth Sunday of the Year – Sunday 18th July 2021

FORTHCOMING MASSES BOOKING REQUIRED

Saturday 24th July – 6pm

Sunday 25th July – 10am

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

At last we have reached the First Communion weekend! Our sincere congratulations to the children who are receiving this sacrament at the special Masses this weekend. We renew our thanks to Anna Borrill and the Catechetical Team, and all who have prepared the children. Our second reading at the parish Masses this weekend is again from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians. The restored Temple at Jerusalem had a great wall marking the border of the central courtyard, which no non-Jewish visitor was allowed to enter. In this passage Paul is comparing the work of Jesus to the destruction of this boundary wall. From the Jewish and pagan races one new people has been created, a single household founded on the apostles, with Jesus as the cornerstone.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021

Special Masses will take place on Saturday and Sunday this weekend, when 14 of our children will receive their First Holy Communion. Due to current restrictions it is not possible for parishioners, other than the immediate families of the children, to share in this celebration. However, please do keep them all in your prayers.

We are very grateful to Anna (Lead Catechist) and the catechetical support team, especially Louise, June and Edel, who have made it possible for the 2021 course to take place. Grateful thanks also to Rob Phipps, who has provided technical support throughout the course; to the volunteers who have officiated as Stewards, Eucharistic Ministers and Readers, and to Michelle for beautifully preparing the First Communion certificates.

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

ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL – GARSTON

Vacancy for Science Technician

Term time, plus 3 days.

Closing date for applications: 12noon on Friday 20th August.

Vacancy for Learning Support Assistant – 1 year fixed term.

Term time, plus 2 days.

Closing date for applications: 12noon on Friday 23rd July.

Interviews: Weds 28th July.

Further information and application packs available from:

Mrs J Arthur-Tinworth - 01923 673760 or arthurtinworth.j@stmichaelscatholichighschool.co.uk

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

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

(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.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

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

CHANGE OF ADDRESS / TEL NO

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

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.

CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES (CCRS)

The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies provides knowledge and understanding of theology and the Catholic faith. It is particularly helpful for parish leaders.

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

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