



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

Thursday 29th July – 10am

Saturday 31st July – 6pm

Sunday 1st August – 10am

NO BOOKING REQUIRED

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.

CHANGES TO COVID-19

PRECAUTIONS IN CHURCH

Following the Government's removal of all restrictions on 17th July, and guidelines received from the Diocese, the Parish Development Committee (PDC) met with Fr John to discuss the way forward. As a result, the changes listed below will take place with effect from this weekend, 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• **Booking system and seating plans for Mass to be withdrawn.**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.**

NEW TO THE PARISH or CHANGE OF ADDRESS / TEL NO

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

MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

Warmest congratulations to the children who made their First Holy Communion last weekend, and to their families. We renew our thanks to Anna Borrill, our lead catechist, and to Louise, June and Edel in the catechetical team; to Ursula & Paul for their stewardship duties; and to Rob Phipps for his technical help throughout the course. Our thanks also to the Flower Team for their elegant work, and to Michelle Hussey for preparing the First Communion certificates so beautifully.

The second reading this weekend is our third extract from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians. Paul has already set out his understanding of the plan of God by which we become his adopted sons and daughters. Now he calls on his readers to live in a manner worthy of their place in this plan, and lists seven points of belief on which they should be united.

THURSDAY CLUB

By popular demand, we will be holding another meeting on **Thursday 29th July**, with **Mass at 10am** followed by refreshments in the Hall. Covid-19 precautions will be in place to ensure everyone feels safe. We look forward to welcoming those of you who would like to join us. Please get in touch if you need a lift.

Depending on how the rate of Covid infections progresses, we will review the possibility of resuming our meetings in the autumn.

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021

It was a delight to welcome the First Communion children and their families last weekend for their special Masses.

The church was beautifully adorned with floral displays, and we are grateful to Louise, Pat, Nathalie and Sue for their time and creativity.

PARISH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (PDC)

We are extremely grateful to the PDC; a small group of parishioners who have volunteered at past Parish in Council Meetings. It is through their tireless work, assisting Fr John, that the parish has continued to function during the pandemic.

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

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.

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.

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

**PROPOSAL TO FACILITATE A
MONTHLY MASS FOR THE SRI
LANKAN COMMUNITY**

We have recently been approached by a Sri Lankan Chaplain in the Diocese, requesting use of St Bede's for a local Sinhalese community to celebrate Mass on the first Sunday of the month. Consideration is currently being given to this possibility, and further details will be circulated as soon as a decision has been made.

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
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