



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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Nineteenth Sunday of the Year – Sunday 8th August 2021

FORTHCOMING MASSES

Saturday 14th August – 6pm

Sunday 15th 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.

MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

It was a great pleasure to welcome Fr Ruwan and some sixty members of the local Sri Lankan Sinhalese community to Mass at our church last Sunday. They will return for their next Mass on Sunday 5th September at 4pm.

During the next few weeks we shall be welcoming several children into the church in the waters of Baptism, during individual services on Saturdays and Sundays, mostly at midday. Let us keep the children and their families in our prayers.

In many of the letters of St Paul, his explanation of Christian belief is followed by words of exhortation to good Christian behaviour. This is the pattern in his letter to the Ephesians, from which our second reading is taken once again. Paul is telling his readers not to grieve the Spirit of God, but to imitate the example of Christ in their kindness and readiness to forgive each other.

FUNERAL OF RITA DENYER RIP Monday 9th August – 11am

The funeral Mass will take place at St Bede's, followed by burial at Woodcock Hill Cemetery, Harefield Road, Rickmansworth.

Some of you will remember Rita as a very active member of the parish in her younger days, and will be welcome to attend.

Please keep her daughter Tina and her family in your prayers.

NEW TO THE PARISH or CHANGE OF ADDRESS / TEL NO

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

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

SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

School Volunteer Visitor

Could you visit schools in your local area to deliver assemblies, promote CAFOD's work, and encourage young people to take action? No experience needed. Full support, resources and training provided.

School Volunteer Coordinator

CAFOD Westminster is seeking a well-organised and friendly person to help co-ordinate their school visits programme from September. This role would suit someone who is comfortable speaking to other volunteers and schools, and also in using spreadsheets and databases.

Further details available from:

Chris Driscoll – 07776 493162
westminsterschools@cafod.org.uk

CHANGES TO COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS IN CHURCH

Following the lifting of restrictions on 19th July, we have scaled down the precautions in church. However, we will retain the following safety measures while the Covid-19 infection rate remains a concern.

There is no longer any need to book for Mass.

However, we still ask you to:

- **Wear a face covering**
- **Sanitise hands on entry & exit**
- **Be aware of social distancing**
- **Use ONE-WAY system**

We look forward to welcoming you.

THURSDAY CLUB

Many thanks to Louise and her team for organising last week's meeting, with tea/coffee and cake in the Hall after 10am Mass. This was very much enjoyed by all who attended.

We will be reviewing the situation in September, with a view to resuming regular meetings.

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

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**