



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady – Sunday 15th August 2021

FORTHCOMING MASSES

Thursday 19th August – 12.30pm

Funeral of Margaret Aggett RIP

Saturday 21st August – 6pm

Sunday 22nd August – 10am

NO BOOKING REQUIRED

Mass intentions this week

Saturday 14th August – 6pm

Patricia Parslow (anniv)

Sunday 15th August – 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

DIAL-A-MASS - 01642 130120

(local rate call)

St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough.

MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

Rita Denyer RIP

It was a privilege to welcome several members of Rita's family to our church last Monday, albeit for the sad occasion of her funeral. Such reminders of the great contribution former members have made to the life of our parish should give us fresh inspiration for the work that awaits us now. For our second readings on the Feast of the Assumption we return to the document from which we read extracts at the beginning of each year; St Paul's first letter to the church he founded at Corinth. In a lengthy passage near the end of his letter Paul reminds his readers of the gospel he preached, that Christ was raised from the dead, and this resurrection was a first-fruit: it would be followed by the raising of all who believed in Christ. This would signal the defeat of death, the last enemy of man. Christ has drawn the sting of death, and the Christian shares in his victory.

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to the families of Fionn Hayes and Finley Gallagher who received the sacrament of Baptism at St Bede's last weekend. We welcome them into the family of God and into our parish community. May God bless them.

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

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

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

Following the recent lifting of restrictions, 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.

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.

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:
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