



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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Twenty-first Sunday of the Year – Sunday 22nd August 2021

FORTHCOMING MASSES

Saturday 28th August – 6pm

Sunday 29th August – 10am

Mass intentions this week

Saturday 21st August – 6pm

Christine Skinner RIP (anniv):

Intention of Pat Cheese

Sunday 22nd August – 10am

Millie Fagan - First Holy Communion

May Foley RIP: Intention of Colin

Conboy

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

Many children are being welcomed into the church in the water of Baptism during these summer holiday weekends, and this

weekend we shall celebrate the First Communion of Millie Fagan. Let us keep these children and their families in our prayers.

The second reading today is the last in our series from St Paul's letter to the Ephesians. It is a passage that used to be regularly read at weddings. Paul has already written much about the

grace of God, his love for his human creatures, which he showed by sending his Son to sacrifice himself for us. Now he is comparing the love of Christ for each of us in the church to the love of husband and wife. Then he draws the reverse conclusion; that even in the arranged marriages that were common among his readers, the love and respect should be so great that it gives everyone else a reflection of the love of God.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We are delighted to welcome Millie Fagan and her family for 10am Sunday Mass this week.

Millie was unable to receive First Communion with the rest of the 2021 class last month, so we offer our congratulations on her special day. May God bless her always.

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to the families of Aoife Monahan and Elizabeth Overton, 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.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Remember to stay in touch with what is happening in the parish by signing up to E-Alerts on the parish website.

CAFOD – RESPONDING TO MULTIPLE EMERGENCIES ACROSS THE WORLD

CAFOD is working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website:

<https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>.

Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you.

CAFOD SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

School Volunteer Visitor

Involves visiting local schools 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.

No 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.

MANY THANKS

We are grateful to Pat Cheese for her generous donation towards our floral displays in church, in memory of Christine Skinner RIP.

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.

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

MARRIAGE CARE

Volunteering Opportunity

Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation specialising in relationship support - providing counselling and marriage preparation throughout England and Wales. We are looking for volunteers who can spare just a few hours a week working from the comfort of their own home to help us support marriage and relationships.

Zoom Support: Are you an expert on Zoom and would you like to use your tech-skills to help us run marriage preparation courses, training or CPD events online?

Remote Secretary: Provide a vital service to counsellors and clients, taking last-minute cancellations calls and communicating changes as necessary.

For more information please visit:

www.marriagecare.org.uk

or email:

volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

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