



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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Twenty-second Sunday of the Year – Sunday 29th August 2021

FORTHCOMING MASSES

Saturday 4th September – 6pm

Sunday 5th September – 10am

Sunday 5th September – 4pm

Sri Lankan Sinhalese Mass

Mass intentions this week

Saturday 28th August – 6pm

Odran Steed RIP (Intention of M Robins & Catenian Assoc)

Sunday 29th August – 10am

Colleen Casey (anniv)

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 joy to celebrate the First Holy Communion of Millie Fagan last Sunday, and we renew our congratulations to her and her family. Our Thanks once again to Anna Borrill and the Catechetical Team for their preparation work. We are now looking forward to welcoming all the First Communicant children and their families for their Mass of Celebration; sometimes called the 'Sending Forth Mass'. We have yet to arrange a date, and will announce this in due course. Our second reading is the first in a series from the letter of St James. This document reads like a set of sermon notes on the practical implications of our Christian faith. In the extract we read this weekend we are reminded to listen to the word of God and submit to it, and then put it into practice by caring for those in need.

CAFOD

FAITH IN ACTION DAY

Saturday 11th Sept – 11am to 4pm

Join this online event for a day of talks and prayers to learn more about this year's climate discussions, Pope Francis's call to action and how people in the Amazon region are leading the fight to care for our common home. The countdown is on. In a few months, the UK will host the largest gathering of world leaders ever to take place on British soil: the 'COP26' climate talks. Our government has a vital role to play in leading global efforts to tackle the climate crisis. But as citizens of the host nation and as people of faith, we have an important role to play too.

Details of how to join in:

<https://cafod.org.uk/News/Event/s/Faith-in-Action-Day-2021>

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Stay in touch with the parish by signing up to E-Alerts on the parish website.

BAPTISM

Congratulations to the parents of Austin Dior Qevani, who received the sacrament of Baptism at St Bede's last weekend. We welcome Austin into the family of God and into our parish community. May God bless him.

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.

ALPHA COURSE

Our Lady Help of Christians Church – Rickmansworth
22nd Sept to 8th Dec 2021

Face-to-face weekly sessions
7.30pm to 9.15pm.

An opportunity to explore or renew your faith in a friendly and informal setting, with videos to generate conversation and refreshments.

Contact Maria Crossland
07915 536240

chessvalleyalpha@rcdow.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 the family of Colleen Casey RIP, for their generous donation towards our floral displays in church, in her memory.

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.

**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

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