



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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Twenty-seventh Sunday of the Year – Sunday 3rd October 2021

FORTHCOMING MASSES

Thursday 7th October 10am
Saturday 9th October 6pm
Sunday 10th October 10am

Mass intentions this weekend

Saturday 2nd October – 6pm

John Gannon RIP (Int of Kathy Keating)

Sunday 3rd October – 10am

Hannah Cohen RIP

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.

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

Please Continue to adopt the Hands / Face / Space approach

Following a review by the Parish Development Committee (PDC), there will be further changes to our procedures at Mass. These are:

- **One-way system to be removed**
- **Singing to resume at 10am Sunday Masses**
- **Mass books, hymn books and Newsletters available at entrance**
- **Collection basket will be at back of church for your kind donations as you leave**

It will still be necessary for you to:

- **Sanitise hands on entry and exit**
- **Wear a face covering, unless exempt**
- **Be aware of social distancing**

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.

MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

Many of you will have seen that Pope Francis has asked every diocese throughout the church to embark on a 'Synodal Path', to consider how to renew its mission after the pandemic. A Pastoral letter about how this will involve individual parishes is to be read at Mass this weekend.

Our second readings for the next seven Sundays are from the early part of the letter to the Hebrews. The author of this treatise does not name himself or the readers for whom he is writing, but scholars have inferred from its contents that he was writing for Jews who had been converted to faith in Jesus, but felt nostalgia for the worship at the Jerusalem Temple.

At the beginning of the letter the author declares that Jesus is superior to all who came before him in the revelation God made to Israel. The author quotes a passage from the psalms to present Jesus as the one who was lower than the angels for a short time, but is now crowned with splendour. Then, in the passage we read today, he emphasises that Jesus reached this exalted state only after tasting death for mankind. Jesus could be the pioneer of our salvation because he was of the same stock as the brothers he sanctified.

ST ANTHONY'S SCHOOL COMMUNITY AFTERNOON

Wednesday 13th October
1.45pm to 3.15pm

The senior members of our parish are invited visit the school for entertainment provided by the children. This will include singing and dancing performed by all the classes.

After the entertainment, tea and cakes will be served.

If you would like to attend please telephone the school office to book your place

Tel: 01923 226987

SECONDARY TRANSFER 2022

Certificate of Catholic Practice

Fr John will be available to sign forms for those applying to Catholic secondary schools from

6 – 8pm on Monday 11th October

It would be helpful if you are able to email us at

croxleygreen@rcdow.org.uk to let us know what time you wish to attend, to avoid unnecessary waiting.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022

Provisional plans for next year are now underway, and we invite parents of children who would like to make their First Holy Communion next year to register their interest.

Candidates must be 8 years of age (or older) during the current school year.

Weekly classes will take place at 4.30pm on Wednesday afternoons, commencing in January 2022, with proposed dates for the First Holy Communion Masses on Saturday 7th / Sunday 8th May.

All dates are subject to change if the Covid-19 situation changes.

Please contact:

croxleygreen@rcdow.org.uk
or Tel: **01923 445163**

CONFIRMATION 2022

We will soon be inviting candidates who wish to receive the sacrament of Confirmation to register their interest.

Further details will be announced soon.

THURSDAY CLUB

10am Mass each week followed by refreshments in the Hall

Whether you are retired, or just have some spare time on a Thursday morning, you are very welcome to join us.

Look forward to seeing you!

KEEPING IN TOUCH

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

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FLOWERS IN CHURCH

As things begin to return to a more normal way of life, we are asking for volunteers to join the flower rota. We are not seeking expert flower arrangers; though they would be very welcome. A simple vase of flowers brings a touch of beauty and colour to the church. Why not come along and try your hand. Help will be available if needed. If you are interested in learning more, please contact:
Louise – 01923 672799

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

Friday 1st October

Climate Crisis Appeal

By supporting CAFOD this Family Fast Day, you can help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis. CAFOD works with local experts to help people around the world to adapt to the changing climate and protect our common home. You can donate on the CAFOD website (cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis), or by using a CAFOD envelope – available at church.

You can also add your voice to the online [petition](#) calling for our Prime Minister to show leadership in tackling the climate crisis (cafod.org.uk/climate).

You can find out more about CAFOD's response to the situation in Afghanistan and Haiti at cafod.org.uk/emergencies

VOLUNTEER PASTORAL VISITORS NEEDED

West Watford Hospitals NHS Trust

Would you be willing to consider offering an hour or two each week to visit patients in hospital? Details on what is involved and required training available from:
westherts.spiritualcare@nhs.net

ASSISTED DYING BILL 2021

Message from Bishop John Sherrington

This October, an 'Assisted Dying' Bill will be debated in the House of Lords. If successful it will allow a terminally ill adult with less than 6 months to live, assistance to commit suicide. The Catholic Church teaches that this represents a crime against human life, we cannot directly choose to take the life of another, even if they request it. The Bishops therefore urge you to **PRAY** this Bill is defeated, **WRITE** to Peers and MPs expressing concern about this proposed legislation and **SHARE** our resources and those of our allies, in the weeks ahead with family and friends, especially via social media. Guidance on how to write to politicians can be found at parliament.uk/get-involved/contact-an-mp-or-lord/ Resources, which will be updated in the weeks ahead, can be found at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/life-issues/>

ST JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC SCHOOL Secondary Transfer

Open Evening and Open Morning events for prospective students and parents who are looking for Year 7 places in September 2022 will take place on the following dates:

Open Evening - Thursday
7th October - 6.00pm to 9.00pm

Open Morning - Friday
8th October - 9.00am to 11.30am

Details of our Open Events together with our Admission Policy and Supplementary Information Form (SIF) can also be found on our school website. *NB: Should there be any changes to these arrangements due to Covid-19, details will be announced on the school website.*

www.joa.herts.sch.uk
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CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HERTFORDSHIRE

COP26: A Global Response
Weds 12th October – 7.30pm
on Zoom

Led by Mollie Pugmire, who works as a campaigns worker for the global Methodist campaign, Climate Justice for All (CJ4A), in the run up to the United Nation's Climate Change Conference (COP26) being held in Glasgow from 1st-12th November 2021. Her team of campaign workers is made up of young people from Britain, Italy, Zambia, Fiji and Uruguay. Together, the CJ4A team are working to inspire people from all over the globe to take action and raise awareness before COP this Autumn.

You are invited to join on Zoom:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89085928707?pwd=STVsMHFpWVNlaFZTNjI3MjNybyS0UT09>
Meeting ID: 890 8592 8707
Passcode: 045627

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