



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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Twenty-third Sunday of the Year – Sunday 5th September 2021

FORTHCOMING MASSES

Thursday 9th September – 10am

Saturday 11th September – 6pm

Sunday 12th September – 10am

Rite of Christian Initiation

Mass intentions this week

Saturday 4th September – 6pm

People of the Parish

Sunday 5th September – 10am

Catherine Benham &

Christine Barrett (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.

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

We are gradually scaling down the precautions in church. However, we will continue to monitor the situation and 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.

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

MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

This weekend we are celebrating the last of the baptisms of the children whose baptisms were delayed by the pandemic. Next Sunday, at 10am Mass, we hope to celebrate the full Sacraments of Initiation for a couple who have been regular members of our congregation, but whose baptism has also been delayed until now. We congratulate all these new members of our community, and welcome them to play their full part in the life of the parish.

The second reading this week is our second from the letter of St James. This document is attributed to the relative of Jesus who became the head of the Christian community at Jerusalem and was executed in 62AD. Many scholars believe that the letter was compiled by an admirer of St James, perhaps thirty years after his death. We noted last week that the document reads like a collection of sermon notes, and the author's attack on social discrimination in the Christian community has been applied to many situations in church life.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA) – 10am Sunday 12th Sept

Next Sunday we will be welcoming Anna & Erial into the family of God and to our parish community, when they will be received into the Catholic Church during 10am Mass. **All are welcome to join us in the Hall afterwards for refreshments.**

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

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

THURSDAY CLUB – 9th Sept

We are delighted to announce that Thursday Club is being resumed. All are invited to join us for Mass at 10am, followed by 'socially-distanced' refreshments in the Hall. We look for seeing you!

BAPTISM

Congratulations to the parents of Arthur Rodriguez, who received the sacrament of Baptism at St Bede's last weekend. We welcome Arthur 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. website:

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

Many thanks for your compassion, generosity and prayers.

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.

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

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**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/Events/Faith-in-Action-Day-2021>

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

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

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

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

RETRouvaille**A Lifeline for Married Couples**

Support and advice for couples under stress during these challenging times. Details of forthcoming courses available from

info@retrouvaille.ie

www.retrouvaille.ie