



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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Twenty-fourth Sunday of the Year – Sunday 12th September 2021

FORTHCOMING MASSES

Thursday 16th September 10am

Saturday 18th September 6pm

Sunday 19th September 10am

Mass intentions this week

Saturday 11th September – 6pm

Tony Britter and Joan Penrose (anniv)

Intention of Marie Britter

Sunday 12th September – 10am

Elza Stace (anniv – 35 years)

Intention of June Jones & family

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

This Sunday we shall have the pleasure of welcoming two regular members of our congregation into full membership through the sacraments of initiation. The baptism of adults at the Easter Vigil is now normal practice, but it is seldom that this happens at Mass on an ordinary Sunday. Our warmest congratulations to Anna and Ermal.

Our second reading this weekend is again from the letter of St James, and comes from the most discussed part of it; the part where the author insists that 'faith without works is dead'. St Paul had taught that it was by faith in Jesus that we Christians were justified, made 'right with God'. Several of Paul's letters include passages where he is exhorting his readers to show their faith in good living, but his teaching on justification seems to have been understood to mean that good behaviour does not matter. Our reading is a slight abridgement of the author's argument that we are justified 'by works, not by faith alone'.

CONGRATULATIONS

This Sunday at 10am Mass, we welcome Anna & Ermal, who are being received into the Catholic Church.

All are welcome into the Hall afterwards for refreshments.

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to the parents of James Dodd and Rafferty Halvey, who received the sacrament of Baptism at St Bede's last weekend. We welcome James and Rafferty into the family of God and into our parish community. May God bless them.

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

10am Mass followed by refreshments in the Hall

We are delighted to announce that Thursday Club will now meet each week, now that Covid-19 restrictions are now gradually being lifted.

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!

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

Tel: 01923 773881

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

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

We are gradually scaling down the precautions in church. However, we will continue to monitor the situation while the Covid-19 infection rate remains a concern.

We ask that you:

- **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

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.

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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

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.

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

KAIROS – via Zoom

Our Lady Help of Christians Rickmansworth

An opportunity to explore our faith with discussion and prayer time. Season 3 of these fortnightly faith group meetings, starts on Tuesday 5th October, continuing to 14th December.

If you wish to join please contact:
kairos@rcdow.org.uk

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/>

RIGHT TO LIFE UK VACANCIES

Right To Life UK are currently hiring for a number of positions across media, public affairs, digital and operations.

Staff urgently needed to fill positions in their Public Affairs team, to ensure that they have the right team in place ahead of their opposition making further attempts to introduce radical changes to abortion and assisted suicide legislation.

If this is of interest to you or if you know of anyone that would be suitable for one of the positions, please visit the link below to view the roles they are looking to hire for and learn how to apply.

www.righttolife.org.uk/jobs/

Contact: Daniel Turner
Operations Officer

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

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