



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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Twenty-sixth Sunday of the Year – Sunday 26th September 2021

FORTHCOMING MASSES

Thursday 30th September 10am

Bridie Harrington RIP (Int of Margaret Kiely)

Saturday 2nd October 6pm

Sunday 3rd October 10am

Mass intentions this weekend

Saturday 25th September – 6pm

Tara O’Gorman (Int of Tom Keogh)

Sunday 26th September – 10am

People of the parish

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

As you will see in the Newsletter, we can now slightly reduce the restrictions on our public worship, and we may look forward to the season of Advent, when, if all goes well, further adaptations will be possible. We do thank all of you who have been serving so conscientiously as Stewards during the last few months. Even when ‘stewarding’ is no longer needed, we shall need volunteers to serve in what is now called the ‘Ministry of Welcoming’. Of course we are equally grateful to all who have been serving as Readers and Eucharistic Ministers.

The second reading today is our fifth and final extract from the letter of St James, and is one of the most vehement attacks on the rich in the Bible. It is the Biblical basis for the inclusion of ‘defrauding labourers of their wages’ in the list of ‘sins crying to heaven for vengeance’ in the old catechisms.

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.

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.

Fabian will be available at Masses this weekend with the CAFOD Contactless collection machine.

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

WORLD DAY FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

Sunday 26th September

Please pray for all whose lives are affected by terrorism and war. You can read the Pope’s message at:

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/migration/documents/papa-francesco_20210503_world-migrants-day-2021.html

There is also a range of resources at: <https://migrants-refugees.va/resource-center/world-day-of-migrants-refugees-2021/>

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!

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**

(some benches will remain cordoned off for the time being) Stewards will continue to be on hand to guide and advise.

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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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/](https://www.cbcew.org.uk/life-issues/) Resources, which will be updated in the weeks ahead, can be found at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/life-issues/>

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

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

LORETO COLLEGE St Albans Secondary Transfer OPEN EVENING

Tuesday 28th September – 6-9pm

Mrs Máire Lynch, Headteacher, will address parents at

6.15pm, 7.15pm, and 8.15pm.

Tours during the school day will

take place between 4th & 15th

October (by appointment only).

Appointments can be made from 29th September onwards.

Contact: 01727 856206

ST COLUMBA'S COLLEGE

Secondary Transfer Open

Morning - Sat 2nd October

9am to 12noon

Independent Catholic day school for pupils aged 4-18 in St Albans.

Whole School Open Morning on

Families can register for this event

by visiting the '[Visit Us](#)' page on

the school website, clicking on

'Whole School Open

Morning' and completing the

online registration form. Contact:

[admissions@stcolumbascollege](mailto:admissions@stcolumbascollege.org)

[.org](http://stcolumbascollege.org) or Tel: 01727 892076

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

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.